

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM
DILLS MCKEE

HON. E. CLAY SHAW JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, this past week, Cashiers, North Carolina, lost an institution. With a memory that stretched across decades and generations, William McKee who served as Cashiers' resident historian and gatekeeper, slipped away from earth, just days short of his 90th birthday.

I first met Bill as a guest of his family's famous hotel; the High Hampton, Inn. As was his way, Bill turned guests quickly into friends. My wife Emilie and I were no exception and soon after our meeting, developed a personal friendship with Bill. When I mentioned to Bill that I might be interested in buying a lot in Cashiers for a family summer home, Bill quickly did a thorough background check to determine my merit as a potential resident. By the time I returned, Bill knew more about me than many members of my family. It seems I was acceptable.

It appeared no one was exempt from his scrutiny. In one of my favorite stories about Bill, years later when my brother-in-law wanted to purchase property in the area, Bill rang me up and asked, "Clay, you want him in here?"

Beyond watching over the area like a shepherd to his flock, Bill entrenched himself in the enrichment of his community. He was a trustee of the Cherokee Historical Society, and instrumental in the establishment and flourishing success of the Cherokee Historical Museum. He also served as a trustee and officer of the Highlands Biological Association, as well as Chairman of the Jackson County Morehead Scholarship Foundation. He was also a member of the Biltmore Forest Country Club, a former member of the Pen and Plate Club, and the Zeb Vance Debating Society.

If the measure of a man is his ability to affect the lives of others, few among us measure up to William McKee. The life he led touched so many others. Indeed, we will feel the ripples of his influence throughout this community well into the future.

As we remember Bill, let us remember the warmth he radiated and his gift for hospitality that made each of us feel right at home in his beloved home of Cashiers, North Carolina.

HONORING 2004 RN OF THE YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT ALLEN GILES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Allen Giles on the occasion of receiving the Central Valley Coalition of

Nursing Organizations' 2004 RN of the Year Award for Clinical Practice. A banquet honoring him and three other award winners will be held Friday, May 7th at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno, California.

Allen Giles consistently provides the highest quality care to all of his patients. He started his career with Community Medical Center in 1978 as a Registered Nurse and later became a clinical instructor. Allen is currently employed by Community Home Health as an RN. Allen demonstrates proficiency in assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating the delivery of patient care. He has a proven track record for accurate assessment and appropriate treatment plans, which has earned him the respect of the physicians and colleagues.

Allen is an expert in IV management. He is a Certified Registered Nurse in Infusion and provides IV infusion training to other health care professionals on his own time. Allen reviews IV cases to determine if additional staff are needed. He assists in introducing new technology to the Home Care field by reviewing new product literature, field testing of the product and practical application in the Home Care setting. He collaborates with members of the health care team to formulate, implement and develop techniques for nursing care. Mr. Giles is a genuine humanitarian. He attends case conferences even on his days off so that he can communicate an accurate summary of care to his team members. Allen truly cares for every patient and does so with courage and poise that only a leader in the field of nursing could possess.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Allen Giles for his excellence in the field of Clinical Practice. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Allen many years of continued success.

COMMENTING ON THE UPCOMING
ELECTIONS IN THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, just 200 miles off the coast of Florida lies the island of Hispaniola, an island that contains two politically diverse countries, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. While Haiti is slowly emerging from civil unrest and developing democratic institutions, their Dominican neighbors will once again exercise their right to elect their nation's next President on May 16th. Since 1966, a little less than 4 decades, the Dominican Republic has elected its President in free and fair elections, and 2004 will likely be no different.

Particularly in light of recent events in neighboring Haiti, it is important for us to recognize this notable moment of democracy in the Dominican Republic. I believe it is essential that we applaud these worthy developments in the

Dominican Republic as a noble example for other Caribbean and Latin American nations of the power and strength of democracy.

Relations between Washington and Santo Domingo are strong, and the Dominican Republic is an important ally in the global war on terror. Indeed, they have been a partner in the war against Saddam Hussein's despotic and terrorist regime and the Dominican Republic has also been a committed ally in the war against illegal drugs. Dominican officials have provided invaluable assistance to our immigration officials and have worked closely with our law enforcement agents to cut off the flow of illegal narcotics to our shores.

The Dominican Republic's democratic elections will impact the future of the island of Hispaniola, the greater Caribbean, Americans of Dominican descent, and the foreign policy of the United States. I sincerely hope that the Dominican Republic, its current government and the respective presidential candidates will continue to demonstrate their commitment to democratic stability, and the transparency of the electoral process.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I salute the Dominican people for their willingness and passion to support and promote a free and fair democratic process in their country, and for sharing our common ideals of liberty and the rule of law.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY FRANCIS

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resident of Vermont, Kathy Francis. I am not the first to recognize her merits. She has already been honored by the Vermont Foster and Adoptive Family Association as the Vermont Social Worker of the Year. In a week she will be recognized by the National Foster and Adoptive Families Association as National Social Worker of the Year.

We all know that our nation's future lies with its children. The young of today will be the adults of tomorrow. But being young is not always an easy or comfortable position: many children in America are at risk, and need adults—parents, relatives; teachers, social workers, families—to support and guide them.

Perhaps most at risk are those without birth parents. And it is toward these children that Kathy Francis has made a major, ongoing commitment. A child protective social worker for Vermont's Social and Rehabilitative Services Department for the past ten years, Kathy has worked overtime, and with great dedication, to make sure that the children she serves, and the families they are placed with, have support of every kind. That these children will move forward to live rich and productive lives, and that the families they live with will surround them with support and love (and will receive love in return), has much to do

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