

friend, Joseph Yankoski, a generous and dedicated community leader who will be greatly missed in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. As his family, friends and neighbors mourn the passing of Joe Yankoski, I want to take a few moments to remember his work and the difference he made in the community he served so faithfully.

For many years, Joe served as executive director of employment and training for Delaware County. As Joe led the agency through a time of transition and expansion, he was known for his straightforwardness and positive outlook in seeking solutions to assure that residents receive the training they need to find employment or to advance their careers. His inspirational leadership had a profound effect on helping people to better their lives. Even after his retirement, Joe continued to assist others as a consultant to the Delaware County Workforce. His life was centered around service to others.

Adding to his already extraordinary list of accomplishments in the community, Joe plunged himself into other areas of community service and involvement. He was a member of the American Legion Post 227, the advisory council for the County Office of Services for the Aging, an officer with the American Association of Retired Persons, a member of the Delaware County Retirees, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Navy League.

The example of Joe Yankoski's citizenship and dedication to duty will be his enduring legacy. Representative of the sacrifices of this great country is the proud and gallant record of his service in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He served on the USS *North Carolina*, USS *Catoctin* and the USS *Des Moines*.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering, a dedicated community leader and friend to many in the 7th Congressional District. I wish Joe's wife of 52 years, Nancy and family, my heartfelt condolences and may they find comfort in knowing that the many people he affected deeply value his dedication and generosity and the example of his life and work.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2004*

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I missed the vote on Agreeing to the Amendment to the Stark of California Substitute Amendment to H.R. 4279, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements (No. 161). I intended to vote "no."

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2004*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on May 12, I was unable to vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 637, providing for the

consideration of H.R. 4275 (rollcall 156); and on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 638, providing for the consideration of H.R. 4279, H.R. 4280 and H.R. 4281 (rollcall 157). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both measures.

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#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO NANCY SPENCE

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Nancy Spence and thank her for her extraordinary contributions to the State of Colorado as a member of the Colorado General Assembly. As a three-term member of the State House of Representatives, she will be remembered as a legislator with the utmost dedication and talent, and will continue to be known as a leader in the community. Let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado, are eternally grateful for all that she has accomplished in her tenure in the Colorado House of Representatives.

Representing the people of Arapahoe County in District 39, Nancy was first elected in 1998 after serving many years on the Cherry Creek School Board of Education. Nancy has used this background effectively in the State House, championing public education reform as the Chair on the Education Committee. She also has worked hard for a fiscally responsible government to reduce taxes for small business and the people of Colorado, and served on the Transportation and Energy Committee. Nancy's excellent legislative record has garnered her numerous awards, including the 2003 Student Voice Award by the Colorado Student Association for Higher Education, the 2002 and 2003 Guardian of Small Business award by the National Federation of Independent Business, and the 2002 President's Award from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry.

Nancy's efforts to better her community include extensive involvement with civic organizations. She is a lifetime member of the Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society; member of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, member of the WICHE Legislative Committee, and is a past member of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Higher Education.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that State Representative Nancy Spence is a person who has demonstrated an exceptional level of dedication and commitment to her life long pursuit of public service. It is her incredible devotion along with her passion for contributing towards the betterment of her community and the State of Colorado that I wish to bring before this body of Congress and this nation. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Nancy here today, and wish her and her husband Peter all the best in their future endeavors.

#### A TRIBUTE TO EVA COOPER

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 13, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Eva Cooper in recognition of her nursing services to the Brooklyn community.

Eva Cooper has worked at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital and Interfaith Medical Center for over 37 years. Eva is currently the Nurse Manager of four Ambulatory Care sites and the PCAP (Prenatal Care Assistance Program) Coordinator for the Medical Center. She began her career in health care as a Licensed Practical Nurse on a busy 40-bed surgical unit. Eva would always make every effort to give the highest level of patient care. On several occasions, when semi-private rooms were available some patients preferred to remain on the unit, because they were so pleased with the care they were given.

Upon receiving her diploma from the Brooklyn Jewish School of Nursing, Eva began working in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as a Staff Nurse. During her tenure on the unit she was promoted to Assistant Head Nurse in 1988 and to Manager in 1992. Eva was the Chairperson of the Baby Alumni Celebration for 3 years, which focused on the accomplishments of the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) graduates. When the St. Johns Episcopal Hospital and Brooklyn Jewish Hospital merged in 1983, Eva organized the smooth transition of the NICU.

In 1995, Eva was offered an opportunity to become the Nurse Manager of Ambulatory Care Services of the hospital-based Pediatric and OB/GYN Clinic and two community-based clinic sites. Eva regularly participates in community health fairs, stressing the importance of regular visits to the doctor, balanced nutrition and regular exercise. She spearheads the Reach Out and Read Program at Interfaith Medical Center. The Reach Out and Read Program is a national literacy program that advocates the distribution of books to all children, ages 6 months to 5 years, at each well-child visit. She organizes many events including Easter basket celebrations, Halloween parties and Christmas parties.

As the PCAP Coordinator, Eva advocates for the prenatal patients of Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights. The program provides insurance coverage for women, who are uninsured or underinsured, during their pregnancy and post-partum visits. Eva also organizes the Ambulatory Care Services quarterly Prenatal Open House Tours, which allows patients to view the Maternal Child Unit and introduces the staff responsible for patient care.

Eva has been recognized for her leadership abilities and unselfish commitment to patient care on numerous occasions: Nurse of the Year—1988, IMC Women's Auxiliary Recognition Award—1998, and Manager of the Year—2002. She is a member of several community organizations including Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Caribbean Women's Association and the Fulton Street Merchant's Association.

Eva earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Medgar Evers College, and a Masters Degree in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University. Eva currently attends Self-Realization Fellowship Church in New York.