standards for the educational well-being of the children of South Carolina.

UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENTS OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 17, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 3722, the Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments of 2004.

First and foremost, I oppose the way this bill was brought to the floor. There have been no committee hearings or markups. Instead, the bill was rushed to the floor under suspension so that no amendments could be offered to. the bill. There has not been any proper debate on this piece of legislation.

Studies have estimated that there are between 8–12 million illegal immigrants in the country. Hospitals throughout the country, but particularly in border states, are overcrowded and often cannot afford to provide vital services to their patients. The Medicare bill which recently became law provided for a total of $1 billion over four years to reimburse hospital expenses incurred by providing medical services to illegal immigrants. While the Medicare bill does not mandate the use of the reimbursement program, many hospitals depend on these funds simply to remain open.

The Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments will require further paperwork to be done by doctors and nurses in hospitals who are already overworked and overburdened. These doctors and nurses are not trained to enforce immigration law and should not be expected to do so. We should not use hospitals to fight the influx of illegal immigration but rather should provide more resources to law enforcement so that they can better enforce immigration laws.

This bill also has the potential to discourage illegal immigrants from seeking treatment for life-threatening conditions. Immigrant women who become victims of domestic violence may not seek help for fear of being deported. Pregnant women may not seek prenatal care or even go to the hospital for the birth of their children out of fear of being separated from their families and deported. It is likely that this bill will actually increase the cost of emergency services because illegal immigrants are more likely to wait until their conditions have worsened and require more expensive treatments.

Doctors and nurses create important trust-based relationships with immigrant communities which may be broken if this legislation is enacted. Discouraging immigrants from seeking medical assistance will have ill effects on our public health as well. Without proper treatment, communicable diseases such as tuberculosis are likely to spread and cause a much larger public health hazard.

I also have many concerns about requiring doctors and nurses to ask so many questions of their patients. It is not always possible or practical to ask such questions of every patient who enters the hospital; as a result, doctors and nurses might have to pick and choose those they ask, opening themselves up for accusations of profiling and possible legal recourse. This also may slow the delivery of medical treatment, as patients will have to provide documentation of their citizenship or immigrant status.

These are just some of the concerns this bill raises, and none of them has been adequately discussed. H.R. 3722 clearly is controversial and thus deserves to be properly debated on the floor, with amendments allowed to be offered. For all the reasons I've outlined, I must vote against suspending the rule and passing this bill, and I urge my colleagues to do the same so that H.R. 3722 can be considered under normal procedures.

POEM FOR A SOLDIER'S WIFE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I am going to read a poem written in honor of the wives of soldiers, specifically for Betty Calabrese whose husband, Master Sergeant Robert Calabrese, just returned from a tour in Iraq. The poem was written by Lt. Commander Don Flanagan, U.S. Navy, Retired.

ONE SOLDIER'S WIFE

If she could take the time today to sit and stare
She would find her emotions ranging from hope to despair So long ago her life was filled with daily chores
With joys and sorrows in and out like revolving doors.
In the early years of serving his country she was so proud And anyone can tell you she certainly said so out loud
As a member of the National Guard he was called up each year When he went to Vietnam and Kosovo she was filled with fear.
Fast forward to that terrible day in September 2001
She knew the dangers to him would increase one by one. The talk of terrorists became much more intense
Until President Bush said that we would help the people of Iraq in their defense.
Too soon the day came for him to go
And as a soldier's wife she knew the dangers would grow. The military promise of a limited tour did not come true. Time passed with no firm planning to do.
In mortal combat he has comrades to stand by his side But who really there for his worried and burdened bride? Although family and friends say that they understand They do not know unless a spouse had to fight for this land.
What does the war mean to you and me?
Only a distraction or an interruption of a program on TV.
Yet to her it is crying, despair, not knowing of a dead soldier and who it might be. In spite of all she rallied her church members to pray for all to return safely.
Is there anything we can say or do but Just realize how simple the challenges we go through. Let us now allow her an extra fault or two
And most of all pray God to help her in all she must face and do.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LEO LARGE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Leo Large and thank him for his exceptional contributions to his community and the State of Colorado as a Montrose County Commissioner. A two-term commissioner, Leo will always be remembered as a dedicated public servant and leader of his community. As Leo celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind a terrific legacy of commitment to the people of Montrose County and the State of Colorado.

Born and raised in La Juanta, Colorado, Leo is a lifelong farmer and rancher who served his country proudly from 1950 to 1953 in the U.S. Army. His intimate knowledge with agricultural issues and dedication to his community later took him into a career in public service. For 16 years he served as vice-president for the Montrose County Farm Bureau Board, represented District 9 for the Colorado Farm Bureau, and served as chairman of American Farm Bureau Natural Resources for 9 years. As a county commissioner, he served on the Montrose Airport Advisory Board. Some of the other numerous boards and committees Leo served on and or chaired include Club 20, C.S.U. Task Force, Society for Range Management Board of Directors, National Public Lands Committee, Water for Colorado Task Force, and the Region 10 Transportation Board.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Commissioner Leo Large before this body of Congress and this Nation, and to congratulate him on an outstanding career of public service. His selfless dedication to his community and the people of Colorado as a Montrose County Commissioner is truly remarkable. I wish him and his wife Mickie all the best in their future endeavors. Thanks for your service.

MALCOLM X WOULD HAVE BEEN 79 TODAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a revolutionary African-American leader, Malcolm X, who would have turned 79 today, May 19, 2004. Malcolm X is recognized in my community and several others as a hero. His contributions towards racial and social equality will never be forgotten, thus his legacy still exists today.

Malcolm X's life was cut short when his influence as a political leader was reaching its pinnacle. Although his ability to leave a clear institutional legacy was thwarted, his influence was and continues to be wide reaching. Malcolm's religious and social transformation is something to be recognized and emulated.

Malcolm X played a pivotal role in American and African-American history. He helped shape the course of the Civil Rights Movement and the path for equal social justice. Let

us never forget the positive legacy Malcolm X left behind. On this day, May 19, 2004 let us all wish Malcolm X a Happy 79th Birthday.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRANK DANIELS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today and pay tribute to Frank Daniels and thank him for his outstanding commitment to serving the people of Colorado as District Attorney for the 21st Judicial District. As he celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind a wonderful and strong legacy of dedication to the District Attorney's Office and the citizens of Colorado.

Appointed by Governor Ray Romer in 1993, Frank was elected three times to serve the position of District Attorney. In 1982 he graduated from Colorado University Law School, and from 1983 to 1993 he served as Deputy District Attorney and then Chief Deputy District Attorney for the 1st Judicial District. During his tenure in the District Attorney's Office, he handled thousands of cases of all varieties, including the well-known Blagg murder trial. He has also implemented many programs through the District Attorney's Office, including the Intensive Juvenile Diversion Program, Adult Diversion Program, and the Consumer Crime Program. A dedicated member of the community, Frank served as President of Mesa County Peace Officers Association, Western Slope Center for the Children, and the Grand Junction Gem and Mineral Club.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that District Attorney Frank Daniels has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his district and the people of Colorado in the District Attorney's Office for the 21st Judicial District. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service Frank, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTHWEST GUILFORD GOLF TEAM

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize the Southwest Guilford golf team for their terrific talent and teamwork which resulted in a state championship on May 11, 2004. It is my honor to congratulate the Southwest Guilford golf squad from the Sixth District of North Carolina for their victory and remarkable team effort in the state 3A golf tournament. Led by Head Coach Don Dixon and assistant Larry Rice, the Cowboys were able to work together and capture the title. Special congratulations to Matt Dowdy, Shawn Hardesty, Greg Williams, Will Duke, T.J. Christensen, Andrew Smith, Taylor Radison, Tyler Smith, Drew Hilliard, Andrew Chakasem, and Wes Swaim for their efforts.

As team leader Greg Williams told the High Point Enterprise, "We knew to stay more focused on golf this season, and not worry about having too much of a good time." The Cowboys dedication proved to pay off which should not only bring pride to Southwest Guilford, but to the entire Sixth District. T.J. Christensen, who played another vital role on the team, fought through injury with a broken bone in his hand to finish the year and contribute to the state championship. This was a clear example of the dedication exhibited by the Cowboys golf team.

Congratulations to Principal Arthur Legrand and Athletic Director Brendan Christen. This was a remarkable season of golf for the Sixth District. I am very proud of these young men and wish them the best of luck for the future. We are looking forward to more impressive play in the years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROY CRAIG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you today to pay tribute to the life of Roy F. Craig, an extraordinary American and distinguished scientist, who recently passed away at the age of seventy-nine. For the past twenty-five years, Roy enjoyed life on his La Boca Ranch outside of Ignacio, Colorado, where he took an active role in community issues, particularly land use. As his family and community mourn his passing, I believe it is appropriate to recognize the life of this exceptional man, and his many contributions to his community, state and country.

Roy F. Craig was born May 10, 1924 on his parent's homestead on the Florida Mesa. Upon graduation from Durango High School, Roy attended Fort Lewis College, but left his studies to serve in the Army during the Second World War. After the war, he resumed his studies and earned his doctorate in physical chemistry from Iowa State University. During his professional career he taught at the University of Colorado, founded the Four Corners Research Institute, and served as a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii and at Ponape, an island in the South Pacific.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize the life of Roy Craig. He dedicated his life toward the betterment of his community, state and nation, and he will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with his loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.

COMMENDING THE PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS OF THE TROOPS FROM EL SALVADOR IN IRAQ

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the brave troops from El Salvador who are participating in the peacekeeping operations in Iraq. Their bravery, honor, competence and professionalism are playing a critical role in the creation of a free and democratic Iraq.

The Salvadoran peacekeepers have been doing remarkable work delivering humanitarian relief and reconstruction assistance in Iraq. These peacekeepers have provided supplies, electricity, books, and playground equipment to impoverished schools as well as delivering aid to local farmers. However, Iraq remains a dangerous place for those who are contributing to the liberation of Iraq. The hazards of this important task were apparent on April 4, 2004 when the Salvadoran soldiers encountered armed resistance around Najif.

On April 4, 17 Salvadoran troops bravely stood their ground in the face of overwhelming opposition from the armed followers of Sheik Muqtada al-Sadr. In the face of mounting injuries and certain defeat, at one point fighting when 12 of the 17 were wounded and one had died, the Salvadoran soldiers never stopped fighting. Fortunately, a relief unit arrived to join the fight and rescue the Salvadoran troops.

The brave deeds of these valiant few will be remembered by all. Mr. Phil Kosnett, who leads the Coalition Provisional Authority in Najiv, described the Salvadoran troops as "the bravest and most professional troops I've ever worked with."

Tragically, PVT Natividad Mendez perished on the field of battle. He will always be in our hearts and prayers.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that we recognize the enormous efforts of every nation and every troop serving in Iraq. The world has arrived at a momentous turning point. If Iraq can become a stable democracy the world will have changed for the better. El Salvador and the Salvadoran troops in Iraq recognize the importance of this moment and are acting to ensure that Iraq is transformed from a terrorist state into a free and democratic nation. They will always have our profound gratitude.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUTH HULSEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Ruth Hulsey for her selfless dedication to her Pueblo, Colorado community. A lifelong coach and teacher, she is a pioneer in Colorado sports, helping to establish girls' high school athletics in school district 60 in 1971. It is Ruth's determination and love of sports and her community that enabled her to help shape the history of athletics in Colorado.

A lifelong native of Pueblo, Ruth graduated from Centennial High School in 1947. Although there were no female scholastic athletics programs at the time, she found a way to compete, as her marksmanship earned her a spot on the rifle team. While attending Colorado State Teachers College, she participated in hockey, soccer, basketball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. After graduating with a degree in physical education in 1951, Ruth began her teaching career at the Keating School in Pueblo.

Her dream for female athletics finally came to fruition after several years of effort and planning in 1971. That year she coached gymnastics, tennis, and track and field at Centennial High School, taking the relay team to the