

IN HONOR OF CAROL VUKELICH

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Carol Vukelich, a recipient of the 2005 Ratledge Family Award. I congratulate her for her noteworthy service to the University of Delaware and the community. The Ratledge Family Award is given only to those unique individuals who exemplify excellence in public service, and Carol Vukelich is deserving of this coveted award.

Ms. Vukelich has devoted the past 32 years as a proud member of the University of Delaware faculty. In addition to her faculty appointment as the Hammonds Professor of Teacher Education, she has served as the founding director of the Delaware Center for Teacher Education. In addition, she is the cofounder of the Delaware Writing Project and the Delaware Reading Project, both professional development programs designed to build teachers' skills as mentors to other teachers.

More recently, Ms. Vukelich has turned her attention to such worthy projects as the enhancement of middle and high school special education teacher content knowledge and the overall strengthening of Head Start teachers. Specifically, she is working to improve early language and reading skills.

Educators serve a critical role in our society, especially those who are as dedicated to improving their field of knowledge as Ms. Vukelich. The University of Delaware and the Ratledge Family deserve much credit for recognizing this dynamic woman.

I congratulate and thank Ms. Vukelich on her years of service and numerous contributions to the State of Delaware. Thank you Carol, for your exceptional career as an educator and for your tireless efforts at improving teaching.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CAROLYN
McLAUGHLIN

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Carolyn McLaughlin for her many years of outstanding service as the Executive Director of the Citizens Advice Bureau, a Bronx based social service organization that has helped countless families obtain a new lease on life.

Carolyn has always been dedicated to empowering the people of her community. After receiving her Masters in Social Work from Columbia University, she joined the Mt. Eden Senior Center and later the Vacation Camp for the Blind. In 1979, Carolyn made the Citizens Advice Bureau her home and has overseen CAB's progression from a small organization staffed by two people to one with 450 staff members, eight major divisions, and a budget of more than \$25 million.

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is a multi-service organization whose mission is to improve the well-being of low-income individ-

uals, families, and communities in the South Bronx and Northern Manhattan. CAB provides an array of services including: Early childhood education, after-school and summer camp programs for children, assistance for homeless families, crisis intervention, counseling and case management for persons with AIDS, senior programs, legal and citizenship assistance for immigrants and a wide range of teen programs.

Under Carolyn's strong leadership, CAB has enjoyed many accomplishments over the past 25 years. These accomplishments include: Merging with the Girls Club of New York, obtaining contracts for three Tier II family shelters, creating a Homeless Prevention program, developing a Homeless Outreach team and living room drop in center for homeless adults, launching the Homelessness Relocation Assistance Program for families leaving the shelter system and returning to permanent housing and developing a homeless outreach team.

Carolyn sits on the boards of the Non-Profit Coordinating Committee and the Mid-Bronx Senior Citizen's Council. She chaired the Bronx Cluster of Settlement Houses for two years and oversaw cluster-wide community building activities from 1997 to 2001. She also served on advisory panels commissioned on out-of-school time services and homelessness by Mayor Bloomberg.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Carolyn's unyielding service to the people of the Bronx. Her efforts have helped countless families enjoy a higher standard of living and given them hope that there is a brighter tomorrow. Dr. King once stated that, "Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Carolyn, along with the entire staff of Citizens Advice Bureau need simply point to the long list of individuals they have helped to empower in the City of New York.

I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Ms. Carolyn McLaughlin and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Wilma on the State of Florida, I was unable to attend votes on Thursday, October 27, 2005 due to a visit to the State with President Bush and other delegation Members. While I am disappointed I was not able to be present, I am asking, that you include the following intended votes in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I would have voted nay on H.J. Res. 65, the Schiff Amendment to H.R. 420, as well as the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 420. I would have voted yea on H.R. 3945, H. Res. 368, Final Passage of H.R. 420, and the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3047.

Again, I apologize for my absence and thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. HERBERT K.
ABRAMS**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Herbert K. Abrams, a life-long Champion of health care for all.

Dr. Abrams has been a particular example to me. He arrived in Tucson in 1968, about the time I was marching in the streets with other Chicanos asking for better health-care and recreation facilities. Within a few years, he had shown those of us in the protest movement that a big heart, intelligence, patience and persistence could convince a government to respond to the needs of the people. I will forever be grateful to him for that quiet leadership.

Dr. Abrams was hired by Dr. Monte DuVal, founding dean of the University of Arizona's College of Medicine, to create what became the Department of Family and Community Medicine. He also acquired federal funding for the El Rio Santa Cruz Neighborhood Health Center.

In each case, he prepared a foundation for growth.

In the early 1970s, he organized family practice clinics in what were then the small towns of Marana, Benson and Casa Grande. Today, his philosophy of taking medical care to those outside metropolitan areas is vested in the department's Rural Health Program, which supports rural clinics and family practice by young doctors.

Back in Tucson, the clinic Dr. Abrams helped create has shortened its name to El Rio Health Clinic, but expanded its service to 11 locations. El Rio was designed to serve the poor; it continues with that emphasis today, but is open to all with a sliding fee schedule.

Through the years, he also has been a significant supporter during difficult times for E1 Pueblo Clinic and the Pima County-owned Kino Community Hospital, now known as University Physicians Healthcare (UPH) Hospital at Kino Campus.

His impact on medical care has been recognized with the naming of two buildings in his honor. One is the College of Medicine building that houses the department he founded. The other will be visible next fall when construction is completed on the \$28 million Herbert K. Abrams Public Health Center on the Kino Campus.

Dr. Abrams came to Tucson already a recognized health-service pioneer. He had spent the preceding 16 years in Chicago, where he established the Martin Luther King Neighborhood Health Center and the 40,000-member Union Health Service, an early-day health maintenance organization that last year celebrated its 50th anniversary.

More than 60 of his scientific papers have been published. Many of them examined occupational medicine, and he has performed specific research on farm workers and pesticides and on the use of the short-handled hoe.

Dr. Abrams is known internationally, having worked, consulted or performed research in China, Japan, Australia, the United Kingdom, Israel and Papua New Guinea. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health