

and a Racial/Ethnic Task Force in the Sixth Circuit, and the Standing Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan.

Judge Stevenson's departure from the bench will certainly mark a new chapter in her life, which will surely be as successful as her legal career. Though she plans to remain active in the Grand Rapids area, she plans to enjoy spending more time with her husband, Marshall Grate, and her many grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her service and in wishing her a long, happy retirement.

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HONORING SERGEANT RONALD D. SLOCKETT

**HON. NICK LAMPSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2007*

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand before you today to honor the memory of an admirable man and fallen officer, Sergeant Ronald D. Slockett of the Sugar Land Police Department. His memory continues to represent the many brave Americans who put their lives in the line of fire every day to keep our cities and states safe. It is for his unwavering commitment to his duty and dedication to serving his community that the Police Department will be commemorating his sacrifice with a 21-gun salute to be held on the steps of Sugar Land City Hall on July 2nd.

Twenty years ago, while the Nation was celebrating its Independence Day, Sergeant Slockett patrolled the streets. During a routine traffic stop, suspects in the car shot and fatally wounded the veteran policeman. The perpetrators were drug traffickers who were holding hostages in the vehicle with the intent to harm them. Sergeant Slockett's courageous actions that fateful night will always be remembered with admiration, and today, he is recognized as the only Sugar Land Police Department officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Those who knew him recalled his "humor and fast wit," and his "gift to make you laugh." His daughter described him "as a perfect father," while others expressed their respect for his bravery. Simply said, Sergeant Slockett's energy and dedication continues to inspire many in the field. I am proud to honor his commendable contribution as a fallen soldier safeguarding our families and homes.

TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM EXTENSION

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2007*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, providing health insurance to those working their way out of welfare is vitally important. However, pairing a program that actually helps American families with one that extends funding for abstinence-only education is truly insulting. To stay healthy, our adolescents must receive accurate information about protecting themselves from sexually transmitted infection. Federal funding should not be squandered on programs that are not medically accurate or scientifically proven to prevent disease and unintended pregnancy. This is especially true as we struggle to find funding to provide American youth with health insurance. Our children deserve better than this.

Politics often requires compromises. But make no mistake; my vote is a vote for working families, and not against proven programs to reduce unwanted teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. The Transitional Medical Assistance program will require future extensions, and I will continue to fight for programs that provide real information and protection for our children.

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TRIBUTE TO ANNE THERESA HAWK

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2007*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, It is my honor to recognize and pay tribute to Anne Theresa Hawk, who celebrated her 100th birthday on June 29, 2007.

Anne was born on June 29, 1907 in Cloverdale, OH. She spent her childhood on a farm in Gainesville, TX, where she attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. The eighth of nine children, Anne is the last surviving member of her family.

Chicago has been Anne's home since she was 22 years old and it is also the place where she met her husband and where they raised their beautiful family. A loving caregiver, she has selflessly dedicated her love and energy to her three children, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Over time, Anne has become quite a formidable scrabble player. She is also a writer, and she penned a memoir of her childhood in Texas called Hills Are for Climbing.

On behalf of the people of the Ninth Congressional District of Illinois, it is my privilege

to congratulate Anne Theresa Hawk on this momentous occasion. You are a true inspiration, an asset to the community, and a wonderful woman. I wish you continued good health and happiness.

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HONORING ST. JOSEPH HEALTH SYSTEM

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2007*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Joseph Health System, which has received a prestigious 2007 Great Workplace Award from the Gallup Organization recognizing the company as one of the twelve best places to work worldwide. St. Joseph Health System operates hospitals and clinics throughout California and is an important healthcare provider for residents of California's First District.

The First District is home to three of St. Joseph's hospitals: Redwood Regional Hospital in Fortuna, St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, and Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa. I have had a long and productive working relationship with these hospitals—as has my wife, Jan, who fondly recalls her days working in Queen of the Valley with Sister Ann.

These hospitals have been fixtures in the North Coast health care delivery system for decades. St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka opened in 1920 in response to the influenza epidemic. It was the first full-service hospital in that area, staffed by 18 Sisters and one lay nurse. Today, St. Joseph Health System is the second largest employer in Humboldt County.

Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa is recognized as one of the region's premier treatment centers. Founded over 40 years ago, today it specializes in cardiovascular medicine and a full range of cancer prevention, diagnostic, and treatment services.

St. Joseph Health System is one of the ministries of the St. Joseph Sisters of Orange, a religious order dedicated to social justice, education, and healthcare. In addition to the order's work at St. Joseph Health System, they are a sponsoring religious order of Loyola Marymount University and provide funding for Taller San Jose, a center for the empowerment and education of Latino young adults living in poverty.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we congratulate St. Joseph Health System for receiving a 2007 Great Workplace Award, and acknowledge the contributions they have made to the health of citizens throughout California and the other states in which they serve.