

HONORING JAMES LAPIN

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, James Lapin, an active member of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, is truly a giving person. Mr. Lapin really understands the importance of doing and not just talking about giving. This is something he demonstrated by donating a kidney to a woman through a match made by the Halachic Organ Donor Society.

At the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale he is a frequent participant in many of the Bayrit's programs and has been instrumental in continuing Abraham and Sarah's Tent, the innovative program at HIR that provides free Shabbat dinner every Friday. He also shows his concern for our youth by being a big brother in the Big Sibling program of the Jewish Youth Encounter Program.

James and his wife Ann are parents of Gavriella and Sarit and have lived in Riverdale since their marriage in 2001. He is a graduate of the BA/MBA program of the University of Judaism and now works for Columbia University.

For his true selflessness and good works, he is presented with the Andrew Zucker Community Service Award.

PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF JOHN W. McCARTER AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the appointment of John McCarter to serve on the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents is responsible for a variety of issues related to the Smithsonian Institution, including budgets, planning documents, proposed programs and construction, appointments to Smithsonian advisory boards, and legislative initiatives. Given the variety and importance of the Board's responsibilities in managing the public's most cherished cultural institutions, and given the recent controversies regarding Smithsonian leadership, we must support the appointment of members to the Board of Regents who will ensure that the Smithsonian Institution will fulfill its critical mission in perpetuity. That is why I am pleased to support John McCarter's appointment.

John McCarter has an accomplished history of service in both the public and private sector. Currently, he serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of The Field Museum, a jewel in the crown of cultural attractions in Chicago, and one of the greatest natural history museums in the world. The Field Museum attracts over 1 million visitors each year; its collection includes over 23 million specimens, a number which continues to grow due to its ongoing expeditions and research in 94 coun-

tries around the world; and its staff includes 72 Ph.D.s.

Under John's leadership, the Field Museum has undertaken a series of projects to rebuild and restore the museum. During his tenure the Museum has created several new permanent and traveling exhibits, including the "Tutankhamen and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" exhibit in 2006, which has toured to Philadelphia, London, and soon Dallas, to sold out crowds. The museum has also expanded its educational role in the community, establishing partnerships with science teachers in the community and organizing activities for inner-city schools.

A native Chicagoan, John previously was Senior Vice President of Booz Allen & Hamilton, Inc. Earlier in his career, he served as President of DeKalb Corporation, and was Budget Director of the State of Illinois under Governor Richard B. Ogilvie. John was also a White House Fellow during the administration of Lyndon B. Johnson, and is currently a trustee of the University of Chicago and a board member and former Chairman of Chicago's Public Television Station Channel 11. McCarter is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Business School, and also attended the London School of Economics.

It is my honor to support the appointment of John McCarter to the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents. John's service to the Field Museum, to the City of Chicago, to Illinois, and to the country, will make him an invaluable addition to the Board.

ST. MARY MEDICAL CENTER PROVIDES EXCEPTIONAL HEALTH CARE

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Mary Medical Center for recently being named among the top 1 percent of hospitals in the Nation. St. Mary is one of only 49 hospitals in the Nation to be recognized with the Premier-Care Science Select Practice National Quality Award. The award is given to those facilities with the best patient outcomes and operating efficiency.

St. Mary Medical Center, located in Walla Walla, WA, was founded in 1880 by the Sisters of Providence. At the time, it was the first non-military hospital in Washington State east of the Cascades. Today, the hospital continues its 120 year commitment to providing excellent acute care, attracting patients from throughout the region.

This is not the first time St. Mary Medical Center has been recognized as a top performer. In 2007, the hospital was named among the top 100 hospitals in the Nation by 2 independent research companies. The national attention St. Mary Medical Center has received is a testament to the exceptional attention and care they give to each patient.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend St. Mary Medical Center for setting the standard for clinical excellence, and for providing excellent health care to the Walla Walla community. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating the doctors and employees of

St. Mary Medical Center on this great achievement.

PAUL WELLSTONE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2007

**HON. WALLY HERGER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the record with respect to Mr. STARK's comments about Shasta Regional Medical Center. First, the hospital did not close. Second, the malpractice to which he refers occurred under the previous ownership of the hospital, then known as Redding Medical Center. The hospital did not have physician investment at that time. The individuals who were found guilty of fraud and malpractice were punished appropriately and are no longer affiliated with Shasta Regional Medical Center. The new ownership of that facility has performed an invaluable service to the local community by taking over a failing hospital and working to rebuild its reputation, and they deserve the thanks of every member of Congress for that service.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DEREK OWENS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Derek Owens, a veteran Cleveland Police Officer who will be remembered for his unshakable commitment to the Cleveland community.

Derek Owens was born in Cleveland and remained in the area for most of his life. He graduated from the University of Toledo and later returned to Cleveland to earn his social Work degree from Cleveland State University in 1995. Owens was well known and will be fondly remembered in the neighborhoods in which he served for 10 years as a police officer. He often volunteered for neighborhood block watches and was recognized for his approachability, sense of humor and dedication to helping the community, even during his time off-duty.

Owens is survived by his wife, Erika, daughter Sydni and son, Chandler.

Madam Speaker and colleagues please join me in honoring Derek Owens, a vital member of the Cleveland community and dedicated Police Officer. May his commitment to the community serve as an example to all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed rollcall vote Nos. 88