

Avinash is a Fellow in Cardiology at Montefiore Medical Center. It is clear that the apple does not fall far from the tree! He likes best to spend his leisure time with his family and friends in New York and to take "crazy vacations" like rock climbing and white water rafting.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Ramesh Gulrajani for his contributions to the medical field.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN—

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance, the oldest continuous Medical Alliance in the United States. The South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance was founded on September 20, 1910, in Hot Springs, SD, during the 19th Annual South Dakota Medical Association meeting. Eighteen wives of the physicians who attended this meeting saw the need to form The Ladies Auxiliary to the South Dakota State Medical Association. In 1975, the organization became known as the South Dakota State Medical Association Auxiliary, and in 1992, it was renamed as the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance.

As the mission of the organization sets forth, the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance has always strived to build healthy communities and to support the family of medicine through health promotions and legislative efforts. In their endeavor to make South Dakota's communities healthier and safer places to live, the South Dakota Medical Association Alliance has partnered with programs of the South Dakota State Medical Association, promoted health education, encouraged participation of volunteers in activities that meet health needs, supported health-related charitable endeavors, and supported the medical profession. I therefore, acknowledge their contribution to promoting healthy living in South Dakota, and congratulate the South Dakota State Medical Association Alliance on reaching this important milestone.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM SWEENEY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. William Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Harmony Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Sweeney served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way.

I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Sweeney is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

IN HONOR OF SISTER JULIE HYER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Julie Hyer, O.P., whose faith, benevolence and business savvy has served the County of Santa Cruz since 1985. As President and Chief Executive Officer she was instrumental in guiding Dominican Hospital for 22 years and Salud Para La Gente for the past two years, resulting in exceptional service and growth for both of these health care agencies.

At Dominican Hospital, Sister Julie sat at the helm of Santa Cruz County's largest health care facility when it implemented numerous programs such as their Infant Hearing Assessment program, Occupational Rehabilitation, and the ShareCare Health Plan for Older Adults, ensuring that patients are cared for through every stage of their lives. Other services, such as Dominican's Tattoo Removal Program which gives former gang members a chance to start a new phase of their lives, reflect Sister Julie's all-embracing approach to the health of our community.

Under Sister Julie's leadership, Salud Para La Gente, which translates in English as 'Health For The People,' has grown into the county's leading provider of health care services to the low-income families of Santa Cruz County. Salud has won awards for its many programs, including well-child visits, adolescent well-care, monitoring of patients on persistent ACE inhibitors, breast and cervical cancer screening, appropriate use of asthma medications, and diabetes screening. Salud won many grants, including federal stimulus funding this year, used to create new space that will house pediatrics, general medical practices, dental and vision facilities, as well as hire two more physicians.

The laurels of her tenure are as numerous as they are invaluable. They are the realization of Sister Julie's faith in action and a testament to the power of earnest and solemn goodwill.

Madam Speaker, for all that she has done and all that she will undoubtedly continue to do, I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes to Sister Julie as she goes to her next assignment.

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL 44TH REUNION

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I would like to call attention to the gathering in Baltimore,

Maryland of alumni from Jefferson High School over the weekend of June 5th, 2010 in honor of the class of 1966's 44th reunion.

Although the school officially closed in 1970, Jefferson High School got its start in a frame schoolhouse built for African-American students in York, South Carolina. From there, Jefferson became a Rosenwald school and the town's African-American public school in a racially segregated system. Although the system was called "separate but equal," Jefferson never had facilities or teaching materials equal to its counterparts, the white schools that I attended. The school district built a new high school for white students in 1950, but left black students to make the best of their old one. The students, teachers and administrators at Jefferson did just that and made the most of their circumstances.

Instead of gathering to dwell on what was lacking at Jefferson, the class of 1966 comes together to remember the teachers and fellow students who so impacted Reunion made clear that Jefferson lives on in the lives it made better. Hundreds of the alumni attending attested to better, more productive lives because of what they learned at Jefferson under teachers who cared, encouraged, and challenged.

IN APPRECIATION OF CRAIG M. RUSHING

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I announce the departure of a valued member of my staff, Craig M. Rushing.

For the past three years, Craig has professionally and enthusiastically served the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Colorado, first as Legislative Director, and then as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director. He successfully handled his duties with a wealth of knowledge of the legislative and procedural processes. His dedication and work ethic will be very difficult to replace.

Beginning his career on the Hill as a staff assistant for Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04), Craig has served constituents of Colorado for nearly eight years. It was during this time he met and married his wife, Ginger, in August of 2007.

Craig worked his way through college with several jobs and internships, including with the Colorado Right to Work and the Leadership Institute. Craig graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Craig is the son of Dennis and Kathy Rushing of Greensboro, North Carolina, and is brother to Amy Bregman and Betsy Bardi.

Craig is leaving Washington to take a position as Manager of Government Affairs at Lowe's Headquarters in Mooresville, North Carolina.

He has worked hard for the people of Colorado. His conservative and Christian values are needed today more than ever. I know God will bless him and his wife in their future endeavors.