

an educational board trustee, attended United Association national conventions and New England Pipe Trade conventions.

Dave is also dedicated to his community and for many years, has served on the Democratic Town Committee, attended the Democratic State Convention and has been an elected town meeting member. Most recently Dave won a seat on the Town Planning Board.

Dave and his wife of more than 25 years, Rosemary, continue to live in Billerica. Their sons, David and Jeff, are now married, David to Gail and Jeff to Deb, and Dave and Rose are the proud new grandparents of David Philip Saviano, born to David and his wife, Gail, on May 21, 2010. An active member and leader of Pipefitters Local 537 for 39 years and a dedicated father and husband, Dave's commitment and hard work to his members and family earned him a new title at this stage in his life, retired grandfather.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the Floor of the House today, to join with Dave's family, friends and contemporaries to recognize and thank him for a career dedicated to the men, women and families of Pipefitters Local 537. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating David C. Saviano's distinguished career and wish him a happy and full retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
DR. EDNA SAFFY

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear, lifelong friend, Dr. Edna Saffy. We were students at the University of Florida in the 1970s and we worked together for 16 years at Florida Community College of Jacksonville. Everyone knew her as one of the great women leaders of our generation and she often led merely by example. For instance, she was one of the first women I know who did not take her husband's last name.

Dr. Saffy was a human rights activist, college professor and founder of NOW chapters in Jacksonville and Gainesville. Her public service to the Third District included mayoral appointments to the Duval County Hospital Authority, Jacksonville Human Rights Commission, advisory committee on LaVilla Cultural Heritage District and the Jacksonville Area Planning Board. She was active with numerous groups including Planned Parenthood, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society, Hubbard House, Karpeles Manuscript Museum and the American Association of University Women.

Dr. Saffy's influence spread far beyond Jacksonville, however. She was appointed by President Clinton to the Advisory Committee on the Arts of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts from 1995–2001, and by President Gerald Ford in 1976 as a delegate to the International Women's Conference. Active in Mideast peace groups and a member of the American Arab Institute, President Clinton invited her to witness the signing of the Mid-East Peace Accord in 1993.

Finally, she worked hard for the Democratic Party. Dr. Saffy was a member of the Duval

County Democratic Executive Committee for 35 years, was a Florida State delegate to all the Democratic National Conventions from 2000 and served as president of the Florida Women's Political Caucus.

Like the Apostle Paul, she fought the good fight, she finished the course, and she kept the faith. Now, it us up to us to carry on her work.

My thoughts and prayers are with her husband of 41 years, Grady E. Johnson Jr.. God has blessed us by allowing us to have Dr. Saffy in our lives.

TRIBUTE TO CHAMPLAIN VALLEY
PHYSICIANS HOSPITAL

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital of Plattsburgh, New York in the wake of the 100th anniversary of the admission of the facility's first patient on June 22, 1910.

CVPH was created in 1972 by the merger of Physicians Hospital with Champlain Valley Hospital. This association of private and charitable hospitals increased the level of access to quality health care for our community, and the CVPH Medical Center has remained the foundation of Plattsburgh's health for decades.

CVPH, through its board, management and employees, has proved their dedication to our community's health by instituting ambitious programs to expand their services. In their relentless mission to provide our region with education, awareness, and strength—in addition to the gold standard of health care for which they are known—the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital is a vital part of our community that cannot be replaced.

CVPH has always endeavored to find new ways to increase and expand the level of care it offers. From advanced cardiology services and mental health care to its community outreach efforts, our facility knows that the best approach to the overall health of an area involves every part of every individual.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital on their 100th anniversary, as well as my undying appreciation for the consistent level of service they provide our region.

A SALUTE TO DR. JAMES F.
"JEFF" KIMPEL

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Oklahoman devoted to being the best public servant ever for the people of the United States, working tirelessly to help save lives and protect property, Dr. James "Jeff" Kimpel, director NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Oklahoma. He is a close friend who will be retiring in Norman, Oklahoma this week. After 13

years of federal service Dr. Kimpel served the Nation and the people of our State and city and is recognized internationally as one of the worlds leading experts on weather and meteorology, having served as the past president of the American Meteorological Society in 2000. Jeff Kimpel will be sorely missed in NOAA and I know that I will miss his active participation day by day in all matters relating to meteorology.

Madam Speaker, Jeff Kimpel's impact in Norman, Oklahoma which is in the fourth Congressional District has been ongoing and direct on all matters relating to severe weather and weather related research and development. We have been considerably blessed with the location of the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman as well as the University of Oklahoma, and The Weather Center including many major weather private sector companies who advance the future of weather research in the United States. Dr. Kimpel has made a mark on weather forecasting that will be felt for decades to come.

Dr. Kimpel has been one of the main proponents of improving the connection of Doppler-radar systems, or NEXRAD, which would advance and improve radar resolution and increase the accuracy of rain, snow and other weather predictions. This program, which was created under Dr. Kimpel, has also generated forecast models and has largely improved the ability to predict tornados, windstorms, lighting, and other types of severe precipitation. These programs are extremely vital and important to Oklahoma in particular, but Dr. Kimpel has brought them into other regions that also deal with inclement weather and specific weather storms.

Madam Speaker, currently the upgrade of the current NEXRAD system for advanced notice of severe weather and tornados embodied in the Multi-purpose Phased Array Radar will ultimately improve the effectiveness and will also cut costs. Dr. Kimpel's tireless and diligent efforts to develop the Multi-purpose Phased-Array Radar technology have paid off and are being rewarded with amplified financial support for the upcoming 2011 Fiscal Year. Dr. Kimpel's successor will surely continue to work hard on this project and continue to work to create even more developments for this form of radar technology.

Madam Speaker, throughout his career, Dr. Kimpel has held important positions in several different organizations in the field of weather including a member of the National Research Council's Board on Natural Disasters of the National Academy of Sciences, an active official of the National Science Foundation including past chair of the Advisory Committee for Atmospheric Sciences, the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, the American Meteorological Society, and NOAA's U.S. Weather Research Program development team.

Dr. Kimpel's dedication goes above and beyond the field of meteorology and weather. He has epitomized and displayed leadership qualities that are very often hard to come by. He has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal while serving under the United States Air Force in Vietnam, has received the University of Oklahoma Student Association Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service to Students, and among many other awards and honors has been given the Oklahoma University Regents' Award for Superior University and Professional Service.