

secure more funding for research and clinical trials.

Since 1996, the Patient Advocate Foundation has advocated for patients who are working through the complexities of a serious illness while navigating through health insurance red tape, selecting the right treatment options for them and their family, while dealing with possible financial problems that arise due to the chosen method of treatment and addressing care giver stress. The Foundation gives hope to many patients and their families on a daily basis. Its number one goal is to get patients the necessary treatment after they are diagnosed with cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Through the Virginia Cares for the Uninsured program, VCUP, the Patient Advocate Foundation provides assistance to individuals who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness but do not have health insurance to pay for treatment or cannot afford treatment. The goal of the Foundation is to connect these individuals with doctors and facilities that will donate treatment services or accept reduced fees while ensuring the patient gets all necessary treatment. The advocacy efforts and community connections of Nancy and John, the executive board of directors, staff and volunteers at the Patient Advocate Foundation are often critical in making this happen.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Nancy Davenport-Ennis, president and CEO, the executive board of directors, the staff and volunteers of the Patient Advocate Foundation on the opening of the Foundation's new headquarters in Hampton, Virginia. The Patient Advocate Foundation's executive board of directors includes directors from Virginia as well as national directors including Admiral Deborah Parham Hopson, appointed to serve this year on the Federal Coordinating Council. Three national non-profit patient advocacy organizations are represented on the executive board of directors by Dr. Lovell Jones, co-founder of the Intercultural Cancer Council; Dr. Alan Balch of the Preventive Health Partnership, a collaborative of the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association and the American Cancer Society; and Venus Gines, executive director and founder of the Dia de la Mujer Latina, Inc. The Foundation's support is partially derived from national non-profit organizations in the United States including the American Cancer Society, Lance Armstrong Livestrong, the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Support over the years has also come from the Centers for Disease Control, the federal appropriations process, the Commonwealth of Virginia and by the Foundation's annual fundraiser in Hampton Roads, where it receives strong support from the business community.

Madam Speaker, with the assistance of 180 full-time employees in their national headquarters in Hampton Roads, a corporate foundation office in San Diego, California, and with satellite locations in Iowa, Florida, North Carolina, New York and Nevada, the Foundation successfully closed 55,364 cases of patients diagnosed with chronic, debilitating and/or life-threatening conditions just last year. The Foundation provides services in both English and Spanish with special national outreach programs to underserved populations, specifically, the African American community and the Hispanic and Latino communities. Additionally,

the Foundation serves the Asian population and Pacific Islanders.

Madam Speaker, access to quality, affordable health care is critical to the well being of our country, today and in the future. While we have accomplished a tremendous feat by passing the health care reform bill this year, we still have much more work to do in Congress and on Main Street U.S.A. I believe the work that the Foundation does is key to fixing our health care system not only in Virginia, but nationwide. It is imperative that we have organizations like the Patient Advocate Foundation to assist the chronically ill through the health care system by helping them get insurance coverage, medical assistance and medication.

Again, I commend the Foundation for all of the work that it has done for the citizens of the 3rd district of Virginia and wish it continued success in its new home.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAPLEWOOD CARE CENTER, AND THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOMESTEAD ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Volunteers of America on the 40th anniversary of the Maplewood Care Center, and the 15th anniversary of The Homestead Assisted Living Center. These centers provide a caring community through assisted living housing, short-term rehabilitation, long-term care and dementia care for senior citizens.

The Volunteers of America are a national, non-profit organization that has been active in Minnesota for 114 years. Providing quality community programs and services to those in need for over a century has made them a leader among Minnesota's human service organizations.

A dedication to caring for Minnesota's seniors led the Volunteers of America to open the doors of its Maplewood Minnesota Care Center in 1970. This quality center has provided my community with skilled nursing care for individuals with chronic diseases and for those recovering from illness or injury. In addition to participating in both the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Joining the Maplewood Care Center, on what is now known as the Volunteers of America Maplewood Campus, in 1995, The Homestead Assisted Living Center provides care and an atmosphere of independence for seniors. An on-site Dementia Support group provides support for families with loved ones with dementia.

I commend Volunteers of America for their commitment to Minnesota seniors and for their dedication to providing compassionate, quality care, and housing for those in need.

Madam Speaker, in honor of Volunteers of America, I am pleased to submit this statement.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD M. CUNNINGHAM

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Edward M. Cunningham. On July 19th, 2010 the cause of justice in America and Arkansas lost one of its faithful servants, Edward M. Cunningham of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

After completing special agent training in the FBI, Edward Cunningham dutifully served for over 30 years in law enforcement. He was also a United States Navy Veteran following his service in World War II. His stations would take him to San Francisco in 1951, Little Rock in 1964, Blytheville in 1967, and Jonesboro in 1971. These cities were made safer and their futures brighter by his work and dedication.

He would employ these many years of expertise in his tenure as Chief of Police in Jonesboro from 1979 until his retirement in 1987. Even after his retirement he continued his work by helping to educate the next generation of law enforcement agents by teaching Criminology at Arkansas State University.

A cancer survivor of 51 years, he pledged his time and efforts to encourage and support those battling cancer through his work with the St. Bernard's Auxiliary. Edward Cunningham was a magnanimous individual and a beloved member of his community.

I send Edward's family my deepest condolences for their loss, and hope they can find some comfort in the thought of the powerful and positive mark he left on the communities he served. I ask today of my fellow colleagues that we stand and honor the legacy of Mr. Edward Cunningham.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,258,280,104,675.66.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,619,854,358,381.86 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 36th anniversary of the Turkish invasion and continuing occupation of the