

specific series of movements of the tongue, lips, jaw, and palate that are necessary for the production of proper speech. It is among the most severe of speech and communication problems in children.

While the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia endure an incredible and lengthy struggle. Although not life threatening it is life altering as families are left to cope with the emotional, physical, and financial challenges of having a child diagnosed with CAS.

Every child should be afforded their best opportunity to develop speech. With early intervention and appropriate therapy, most children with CAS will learn to communicate with their very own voices. These children, as well as their families, deserve our highest respect for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

The Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America (CASANA) offers information and support related to CAS on its website, www.apraxia-kids.org.

Let's use Childhood Apraxia Day to raise awareness about CAS and support the goals of Better Hearing and Speech Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF FRANK K. BERRISH

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank E. Berrish, who has served as

CEO of Visions Federal Credit Union for 38 years. Mr. Berrish, who will be retiring April 30th, 2013, has overseen the financing of over \$500 million in capital projects and has developed the Credit Union from \$24 million in assets to \$3.2 billion in assets. Visions Federal Credit Union has had a positive impact on businesses and customers in Upstate New York, much of that reputation can be attributed to Mr. Berrish.

In recognition of Mr. Berrish's service to the Credit Union, he has been inducted into the Credit Union House Hall of Leaders on Capitol Hill. Mr. Berrish is only the second New Yorker to receive this national honor.

I am proud to recognize Frank E. Berrish for his dedication to Visions Federal Credit Union and Upstate New York. It is a privilege to have such a successful business in my district and I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize Mr. Berrish today.

A TRIBUTE TO ANGELA CUPP-HOMMER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Angie Cupp-Hommer for being named a 2013 Hero of the Heartland by the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa recognizes Heroes of the Heartland by selecting everyday Iowans who have

done extraordinary things to help their neighbors and communities. The Iowans honored with this prestigious award displayed selflessness in a variety of courageous, charitable and thoughtful acts. The Heroes of the Heartland program not only showcases the heroes among us, but also helps raise crucial funds to ensure that the American Red Cross is prepared and equipped to assist those that need food, shelter, and comfort during emergencies and difficult times.

Angie Cupp-Hommer of Des Moines is a busy single mother to her four children Taylor, Cameron, Liberty and Carmine. On a typical day in March of last year, Angela came upon the aftermath of a vicious head-on vehicle collision. As she approached one of the vehicles to help, she found a four-year-old boy critically injured. Acting quickly, she climbed inside the wrecked SUV, pulled the child out and performed CPR until paramedics arrived. It's amazing to think of what can cause a person to act with such sudden bravery and selflessness, but Angie said of her actions: "It's just what you do." It is that instinctive willingness to help that makes her a shining example our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Cupp-Hommer's actions that earned her the title a "Hero of the Heartland" are a testament to the humble, hardworking and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Angie on a job well done, thanking the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa for their life changing efforts, and wishing all of those involved in the Heroes of the Heartland program continued success for years to come.