

IUPUI. The Clowes family also donated personal papers and mementos to the Indiana History Center.

Our community continues to benefit from the foundation's mission to support organizations and projects that build a more just and equitable society, create opportunities for initiatives, foster creativity and the growth of knowledge, and promote appreciation of the natural environment. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Clowes Fund for its dedicated efforts to improve our community.

WOMEN'S HEART ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, did you know that the rate of heart disease is increasing the fastest among young women, especially among African-American and Latina women, and that stroke is still considered a silent killer?

Young women need to better understand the risks and how to better prevent heart disease—in addition to spreading the word to their loved ones.

That is why I support The Ohio State University and the Women's Heart Alliance's new unique partnership to screen and educate college-aged women about their risk for heart disease and how they can prevent it.

Death rates from heart disease have been virtually stagnant in young women over the last two decades.

In the United States, heart disease kills more women each year than all cancers combined.

Yet, forty-five percent of women are unaware that it is their number one health threat.

Mr. Speaker, we need awareness, education and advocacy to tackle this epidemic.

Dr. Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, Associate Vice President for Health Promotion, Chief Wellness Officer, and Dean and Professor of the College of Nursing at The Ohio State University said it best, "We must act with urgency to teach young women how they can prevent heart disease by engaging in healthy lifestyle behaviors, such as 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week, 5 fruits and vegetables per day, no smoking, and stress reduction. They and their loved ones' lives depend on it."

Mr. Speaker, we cannot leave women's health to chance.

Heart disease is deadly, but it's also largely preventable.

Let's help educate young women in my district, across Ohio, and beyond about the risk factors of cardiovascular disease, so they develop heart-healthy behaviors long before the symptoms of heart disease ever develop.

TRIBUTE TO KATE LECHTENBERG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kate

Lechtenberg of Ankeny, Iowa for being awarded the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) Frances Henne Award. The AASL award is presented to a school librarian with five years or less experience who demonstrates leadership qualities with students, teachers and administrators.

When presenting the award, AASL officials said, "Kate Lechtenberg is our unanimous choice due to her impressive service record and obvious commitment to the field." Ms. Lechtenberg, Northview Middle School's librarian for four years, embraces diverse programming, active research and fosters a love of reading with her students and the instructors.

For nearly a decade as a literacy and English teacher, Ms. Lechtenberg became a school librarian, accepting a position at Northview Middle School in Ankeny, Iowa, where she provides a vibrant learning space for 850 students. Outside of school activities, Ms. Lechtenberg serves as the professional development chairman for the Iowa Association of School Librarians and as a member of the AASL standards and guidelines implementation task force.

Kate Lechtenberg makes a difference by serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring her accomplishments. I thank her for her service to the Iowa students and the community, wishing her all the best in the future.

HONORING DR. JOHN D. LEWIS, JR.

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Dr. John D. Lewis, Jr., of the Third Congressional District, and to express my sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones he has left behind, as well as to recognize his service and career.

Dr. Lewis joined the United States Army in high school and served in World War II from 1943 to 1946. Upon returning to the United States, he completed his education and entered Hampton University. Dr. Lewis continued to serve our nation by participating in the ROTC program, while studying biology. He became an officer in the military at Hampton and earned his bachelor's degree in 1951. After leaving Hampton University, Dr. Lewis was stationed at Camp Edwards in New Bedford, Massachusetts where he met Agnes Perry Alves, whom he married in July of 1952. Dr. Lewis served as an officer in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. He then joined the Army Reserves and rose to the rank of Major before retiring with honor and distinction in 1976.

Dr. Lewis continued his education while raising a family with Agnes in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He became a certified Physical Therapist in 1962, and then decided to pursue a career in Podiatry. He became a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine in 1969. He opened a practice in 1970, where he served members of the community. He and his family were very active in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, always giving back to others when possible. Dr. Lewis was known throughout his community as a hard-working, thoughtful and determined man who overcame discrimination and much adversity to obtain success.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have had Dr. John Lewis, Jr., as a selfless and dedicated member of their community, whose generosity and vivacious spirit will never be forgotten. It is with a heavy heart that I recognize his honorable service to the United States of America and commemorate his career and life, as well as the lasting legacy that he has left behind, before the United State House of Representatives.

THE MEDICARE DENTAL, VISION, AND HEARING BENEFIT ACT OF 2016

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce the Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2016. This legislation expands the Medicare benefit package to include comprehensive coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care.

The Medicare program commemorated its 50th anniversary last year, and there are many reasons to celebrate this important milestone. Thanks to Medicare, 55 million seniors, patients with End-Stage Renal Disease, and people with disabilities enjoy the peace of mind and security that comes with health coverage.

But there is still a tremendous amount of work that must be done to ensure that the coverage that Medicare provides truly meets the needs of all of its beneficiaries.

Unfortunately, many gaps continue to exist in Medicare's covered benefits. These gaps force beneficiaries to shoulder burdensome out-of-pocket costs and, in many cases, to do without the care they need.

One of the largest holes in the Medicare benefit package is the lack of coverage for dental, vision, and hearing care. In fact, not only does Medicare not pay for these crucial health services, but current law specifically excludes them from coverage.

This is a shortsighted and harmful policy that has serious ramifications for beneficiaries.

Lack of dental care is linked strongly with numerous health problems, including potentially fatal and costly conditions such as cardiovascular disease and oral cancers.

Similarly, untreated vision disorders—which are among the most common and costly conditions facing the elderly—substantially increase the risk of expensive hospitalizations due to injuries associated with falls.

And hearing loss, which is pervasive among beneficiaries, often leads to social isolation, depression, and cognitive impairments. Yet the majority of elderly Americans who need hearing aids do not have them—in large part due to costs.

It's time for Congress to recognize that Medicare must be expanded to address the full spectrum of beneficiaries' health needs. The Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act does just that.

The bill repeals the outdated statutory exclusions that prevent Medicare from providing coverage of dental, vision, and hearing services and related supplies.

It amends Part B to provide coverage of necessary health services, including routine