

dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Caroline for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

REMEMBERING CHARLES DELESLINE FOSTER

● Mr. SCOTT. Madam President, I wish to acknowledge and honor Mr. Charles DeLesline Foster, the first African American to graduate from The Citadel in Charleston, SC. This year, on November 5, the school is celebrating the 50-year anniversary of his matriculation into the school.

Although Mr. Foster is no longer with us, we still remember and honor his legacy. After graduating from The Citadel in 1970 with a degree in business administration, he went on to serve our Nation as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and became an explosives expert working at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. In 1973, he left the Army and became the manager for a moving company in Texas.

Mr. Foster was an American hero who served his country and became a significant part of our State's history. I wish I could be there with the community to celebrate such a historical moment. But it is truly an honor to recognize Mr. Charles Foster, a true trailblazer, and his story can serve as an inspiration to us all.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. VEGE RAO

● Mr. SCOTT. Madam President, after serving pediatric patients and their families for 38 years, Dr. Vege Rao will be retiring from Marion Pediatrics.

Dr. Rao, a loyal, dedicated, and passionate physician became the first pediatrician in Marion County when he opened his pediatric practice in 1978. He chose Marion County due to high infant mortality rates and the great need for pediatric services in the community.

Dr. Rao has served as a pillar to this rural community, as evidenced by the generations of families he has provided health care to over the years. Many parents of today's patients were initially patients of his themselves. Dr. Rao's legacy will forever be defined not just by his work but by the people he touched in this community, some of the State's most vulnerable and underserved populations.

I wish to recognize both him and his wife, Sochetha, for epitomizing the very best of the Palmetto State. I wish Dr. Rao well on his retirement; he has earned it.●

RECOGNIZING LARSON CHIROPRACTIC

● Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam President, from time to time, I will be coming for-

ward to recognize a small business from Alaska that has made contributions to our community.

This month, I wish to recognize Larson Chiropractic, a small business in Wasilla, AK, that does big things. Larson Chiropractic exemplifies the things that small businesses can do to benefit a community, a State, and our country.

First, let me say that small business truly is the backbone of our economy and our communities, and we should be doing all we can do in DC to support small businesses and the entrepreneurship and innovation that creates them. Small businesses owners and those who work for them have ties to the community. They know community needs, and they work to fulfill those needs.

Larson Chiropractic is a family business committed to improving the health care and lifestyles of Mat-Su Valley residents. Dr. Dan Larson started the company in 1991, and now his son, Dr. Kris Larson, owns Larson Chiropractic and Back in Action Physical Therapy. The company is fully Alaskan-owned and operated, and though it is small, the effect on the local community is anything but.

Larson Chiropractic focuses on family-oriented chiropractic health care that emphasizes effective pain relief without the use of drugs and promoting wellness care through prevention, specializing in sports treatment. Their community service centers around their commitment to the area high school athletes. The business is also heavily involved in the annual food drive during Hunger Action Month.

Dr. Kris Larson volunteers countless hours at high school sporting events, dealing with injuries on scene, free of charge and, preventing the need for expensive treatment and recovery time later. The staff have also become regular fixtures at sporting events throughout the region, donating time and resources to sporting programs in each high school.

Even retired founder Dr. Dan fills in at the clinic when needed and during September assists student athletes and coaches from Wasilla High School every Friday night. From football season, he transitions into basketball season, often traveling with the teams to make sure they are always ready to compete.

Dr. Dan also started the Doc Larson Roundball Classic Tournament at the school to give athletes exposure to new people, more basketball, and to give back to the community. Larson Chiropractic and Back in Action Physical Therapy staff a therapy room at Wasilla High for the entire tournament, providing free care to all athletes present, no matter where their team is from.

Finally, Larson Chiropractic cares about the community beyond sports medicine. For Hunger Action Month, the business hosts a food drive to help residents of the Mat-Su Valley, covering the cost of admission to the

Wasilla High varsity football match-up for anyone who donates two or more food items and continuing the drive in the clinic's lobby and waiting area.

They also educate their patients, placing "Real People, Real Stories" displays inside examination rooms providing the stories of community members who suffer food insecurity and how food drives help to ensure brighter futures for those in need.

Larson Chiropractic cares about the community and cares about the community caring about the community. They have demonstrated a tireless, selfless drive to give back and an inspirational enthusiasm. Their commitment to creating better lives for the residents of the Mat-Su area has benefited this Alaskan community for many years and hopefully will continue to do so for many more.●

REMEMBERING DAN SOSA, JR.

● Mr. UDALL. Madam President, I wish to commemorate the life of Justice Dan Sosa, Jr. On September 4, New Mexico lost an accomplished jurist, combat veteran, and champion of the Hispanic community. It is with great sympathy and respect that I honor this beloved Las Cruces.

Justice Sosa dedicated his long life to serving others. And thanks to news coverage of his life, I am able to share some details about his background and history. Shortly after enrolling at New Mexico A&M, he enlisted in the Air Force. When he returned home from World War II with 35 successful combat missions under his belt, Justice Sosa finished his undergraduate degree and spent a year teaching at Mesilla Elementary before enrolling in the University of New Mexico Law School. It was there that he met and married the love of his life, Rita.

After graduating from law school, he returned to Las Cruces to start his own practice. He served as an assistant district attorney and city judge before being elected district attorney of Dona Ana, Otero, and Lincoln Counties in 1956, becoming the first Hispanic to ever serve in that position.

Justice Sosa's efforts to break down barriers for fellow Hispanics went far beyond his personal trailblazing. After completing two terms as district attorney, in 1965, he helped found the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, or MALDEF, an organization aimed at protecting the legal rights of Hispanics in America and promoting educational opportunities.

Justice Sosa is best known for his tenure on the New Mexico State Supreme Court. He was appointed to the court in 1975 and left as its chief justice in 1991. He remains one of the longest serving justices in the State court's history.

Throughout his storied career, Justice Sosa never forgot about the Las Cruces community he called home. In fact, he passed away in the very same adobe house he was born in on November 12, 1923. His commitment to the