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TRIBUTE TO THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF GENESEE COUNTY 2006 HONOREES

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the organizations and individuals honored by the Child Advocacy Center of Genesee County for their service to the youths of our community that are the victims of child abuse. Genesee County will express its gratitude to these persons at a dinner today in Flint, Michigan.

The Child Advocacy Center of Genesee County was founded to react to allegations of child abuse. A multidisciplinary team responds by providing forensic interviews, medical evaluations, therapeutic intervention, and victim support/advocacy. Their goal is to provide these services to children and families in a safe and consistent manner.

This year the Child Advocacy Center is honoring the following Stars for Children. Four individuals will be recognized as Multi-Disciplinary Team Members: Detective Matthew Bade of the Burton Police Department, Detective James Santa of the Flint Township Police Department, Lieutenant Timothy P. Johnson of the City of Flint Police Department, Detective Diana Mills with the Mt. Morris Township Police Department.

Three persons have been nominated as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Trooper Ryan Pennell with the Michigan State Police, Detective Diana Mills of the Mt. Morris Township Police Department, and Detective Matthew Bade of the Burton Police Department.

There are three nominees for the Department of Human Services Worker of the Year: Jana Carroll, Adriane Laugavitz and Marie Putnam. All three are with the Genesee County Department of Human Services High Risk Unit.

Three Genesee County Assistant Prosecutors are nominated for the Prosecutor of the Year Award. They are Gerald Snodgrass, Andrea Legendre, and Gladys Christopherson.

Receiving the Board of Directors Award is Sheryl Thompson, Director of the Genesee County Department of Human Services. Detective Sean Murphy is the recipient of the CEO Award. Nancy Walsh-Clifford of the McLaren Specialty Clinic is the Social Worker of the Year. Marie Putnam of the Genesee County Department of Human Services High Risk Unit will receive the Outstanding Service to Children Award. The Ruth Mott Foundation is being honored as Foundation of the Year. The Corporation of the Year Award is being given to Genesys Regional Medical Center. The Child Advocacy Center Award will go to McLaren Specialty Clinic, Dr. Edwin Gullekson and Dr. Mischa Pollard.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating these individuals and organizations for

their service to the most vulnerable of our society, our children. They are to be commended for their work in providing on a daily basis, a safe, nurturing environment for children victimized by abuse and neglect.

TRIBUTE TO THE HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join all administration, staff, and the New Haven community in extending my sincere congratulations to the Hospital of Saint Raphael as they mark their 100th Anniversary. The Hospital of Saint Raphael is one of New Haven's leading employers as well as one of the largest providers of healthcare in Connecticut. As we commemorate this remarkable milestone, we also celebrate all that the Hospital of Saint Raphael has brought to our community and look forward to the innovations that are sure to come in the future.

Since its founding by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth 100 years ago, the Hospital of Saint Raphael has grown from a 12-bed facility to a 511-bed community teaching hospital. The Sisters came to New Haven at the request of a group of local physicians who asked that they administer a hospital that would be open to all—all members of the medical profession and any patient, regardless of race, creed, color, or economic status. The Hospital of Saint Raphael, named for one of the few archangels recognized by many faiths and who has been long revered as a patron of the sick and healing, has built on this original vision and has become a local leader in providing quality healthcare to all members of our community. In addition to meeting the general healthcare needs of their patients, the administration and staff have developed a myriad of outreach programs designed specifically to ensure that those most in need—those who are the most underserved—are educated about healthcare and have access to the care that they need. It is that special vision that has driven the success of Saint Raphael's and how they continue to make a difference in our community.

Over the course of my career I have been proud to stand with the leaders of Saint Raphael's—those like my dear friends Sister Louise Anthony, Sister Anne Virginie, and David Benfer—to work with them to bring both local and national attention to a number of healthcare issues facing our communities. Devoting their lives to the Sisters of Charity, Sister Louise and Sister Anne brought not only their compassion, but a unique dedication to the mission of Saint Raphael Hospital. Sister Louise began her time at Saint Raphael's as

a nursing student and retired as the chief executive officer. It was under the leadership of Sister Louise that the Hospital of Saint Raphael opened the first freestanding, self-contained radiation therapy treatment center in New England as well as became the first community hospital in Connecticut to perform open-heart surgery and open a coronary care unit. Beginning her career as associate administrator, then as president of the hospital, and finally as president and chief executive officer of the Saint Raphael Healthcare System, Sister Anne provided Connecticut residents with the highest quality health care. Today their outstanding leadership is followed by David Benfer who, during his tenure of six years, has enabled Saint Raphael's to further its reputation as a clinical pioneer in cardiac, cancer, orthopedic, neurosciences, and geriatric services.

The Hospital of Saint Raphael has been a long-standing champion of efforts to bring awareness to lawmakers of the seriousness of today's healthcare crisis as well as the plight of uninsured Americans. Saint Raphael's and its staff were also one of the leading advocates for and were instrumental in the passage state legislation which protects women from the dangers of drive through mastectomies. This is an issue which I have taken an active interest in at the federal level and I am grateful for the support I have received from the Hospital, its staff and its leaders. It is this kind of advocacy, compassion, and commitment to quality healthcare that has made Saint Raphael's such a success over the last century.

It is a privilege for me to rise today to pay tribute to the invaluable contributions the Hospital of Saint Raphael has made, not only to our community, but to the healthcare community as well. I am proud to extend my sincere congratulations to this outstanding institution as they celebrate their centennial anniversary. I have no doubt that in the years to come, the Hospital of Saint Raphael will continue to be a leader in the healthcare industry and a vigilant advocate on behalf of those most in need.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE FRANCES TYDINGCO-GATEWOOD ON HER INVESTITURE AS A FEDERAL JUDGE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 2006

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Honorable Frances Marie Tydingco-Gatewood, who was nominated by the President and sworn in on October 30, 2006 to serve as a United States District Court Chief Judge for the District of Guam. One of our island's finest jurists, Judge Tydingco-Gatewood has a distinguished career of service to our island in the judicial system.

Born on January 21, 1958 on the island of Oahu, Hawaii to Daniel J. and Francesca S.

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