

APPRECIATION OF "100 WOMEN
WHO CARE"

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 12, 2007

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support and admiration of the goals and efforts of Illinois' "100 Women Who Care" organization.

These 100 local women have seized on the remarkable idea that a small group of individuals pooling their talent, energy, and resources together can exercise an exponentially greater ability to affect positive change in our communities.

The concept is simple. "100 Women Who Care" meets four times a year to select a worthy local charity to support. At each meeting, its members contribute the seemingly insignificant sum of \$100. But taken together, these 100 checks for \$100 amount to the very significant sum of \$10,000. This money has an incredible ability to impact the important community service work of local charities.

Already this year, "100 Women Who Care" has enabled Outreach Ministries in Carol Stream, Illinois, to provide two apartments for single, homeless refugee women and their children as they work to get back on their feet.

I commend the women of "100 Women Who Care" for their dedication to serving others. This organization is a wonderful example of how working together can have a huge impact on our local communities. I wish these ladies all the best for the future. Keep up the good work!

CHIROPRACTIC CARE FOR ALL
VETERANS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, since the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs' health care system, the Nation's doctors of chiropractic have been, until recently, kept outside and all but prevented from providing proven, cost-effective and much-needed care to veterans—including many in need of the health care services that doctors of chiropractic are licensed to provide.

A little history: Over the years, representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs have come before the House of Representatives Veterans' Affairs Committee and have insisted that chiropractic benefits are available to veterans and that no bias exists within the VA against the chiropractic profession. Access is becoming greater, and hopefully the bills I am introducing will not be necessary, but for all practical purposes, access to chiropractic care, until very recently, had been non-existent within the VA system. Chiropractic care was so seldom offered to veterans that it could have been fairly said to be a phantom benefit.

Because of the track record of neglect, in recent years Congress enacted 3 separate statutes seeking to ensure veterans access to chiropractic care (Public Law 106-117, Public Law 107-135 and Public Law 108-170). The

last of those statutes gave explicit authority to the VA to hire doctors of chiropractic as full-time employees. I'm proud to have worked with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to help advance those initiatives.

In addition, former VA Secretary Anthony Principi released policy directives before his departure regarding the true and full integration of chiropractic care within the VA, and it is beginning to happen, offered in more than 25 medical centers. But we must remain concerned until we see these policies firmly in place and working well in all VA treatment facilities.

As insurance, the enactment of the legislation I propose will guarantee the right of a veteran to obtain this important service at the local VA without the cost and stumbling blocks of going through potentially hostile gatekeepers.

I am proud to re-introduce a bill that former Congressman Jeb Bradley had introduced in the last session of Congress: H.R. 1470, the "Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act," and to reintroduce my bill from the last session: H.R. 1471, the "Better Access to Chiropractors to Keep Our Veterans Healthy Act (BACK Our Veterans Health Act)."

The first, H.R. 1470, requires that the provision of chiropractic services and care be phased in so that it will be provided at not fewer than 75 medical centers by December 31, 2009 and at all medical centers by December 31, 2011. Within five years, all veterans will have access to chiropractic care if and when they need it.

The second, H.R. 1471, is designed to provide veterans with direct access to chiropractic care at VA hospitals and clinics. The measure directly prohibits discrimination among licensed health care providers by the VA when determining which services a patient needs.

In developing these bills, I have worked closely with chiropractic patients, particularly our veterans, who know the benefits of chiropractic care and bear witness to the positive outcomes and preventative health benefits of chiropractic care. I also was pleased to work with the American Chiropractic Association (ACA), the nation's largest chiropractic organization and the national voice of doctors of chiropractic and their patients. I have been told by the ACA that there are more than 60,000 doctors of chiropractic and in excess of 25 million chiropractic patients across America. Some of these doctors certainly should be directly available to our veterans. Finally, I am a chiropractic patient myself and have been greatly helped by chiropractic care for physical problems caused by an automobile accident. I hate to think that veterans do not have this same opportunity for relief from pain.

A large number of all medical problems in the returning soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan—42 percent—are musculoskeletal injuries, which are injuries that are often directed to chiropractors. So the timing could not be better for passage of these bills.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting unimpeded access to chiropractic care throughout the veterans' health care system and help enact these measures.

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE
MARION BERRY TRIBUTE TO
DONALD LYLE WATERWORTH

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 12, 2007

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to a dear friend, Donald Lyle Waterworth Sr. Don is a man who exemplifies the definition of public service. He has dedicated many of his God given talents to serving our country and making his community a better place for all. Don Waterworth is an example of what it means to be a true American.

Don is a decorated war veteran, who served our country in both World War II and the Vietnam War. Some of his most notable honors from the United States Air Force include the Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Award, World War II Service award, and the Victory Medal.

Although Don has dedicated 30 years of his life to serving our country in the military, his commitment to serving others began at a young age. At the tender age of 6, Don volunteered to help his first grade teacher, Ms. Swanson with classroom chores. She later told his mother she had never had a student that was so helpful. After Don finished school, he volunteered with the United States Army and later joined the United States Air Force in 1953.

After he retired from the military, Don continued his service to our country in a different capacity. He immediately became a full-time volunteer and started his own non-profit organization called The Good Earth Association, which focused on restoring old farm machinery. While in Vietnam he organized a group to train troops in aviation skills so they could become pilots once they returned home from the war. While in Taiwan, he created a program to fund operations for crippled and disadvantaged children. The Freemasons recognized Don's lifetime of outstanding civic service and presented him with their most prestigious honor, the Solomon Award.

Despite his busy schedule, Don continues to give his time to a variety of organizations including the American Retired Military Association, Randolph County Food Bank, and The Randolph Chapter of the AARP. For over 20 years, Don has been a member of the local Masonic lodge and an observer for the Randolph County National Weather Service. He also worked for the Red Cross in Randolph County by helping families of dead or wounded soldiers get the resources they needed to care for their loved ones.

He has been married to his wife Elisabeth Waterworth for 35 years. They have 4 children, 1 foster daughter and 9 grandchildren. Don's commitment to our country through his decades of military and volunteer service is a remarkable achievement. I ask my fellow members of Congress to join me celebrating his extraordinary life on his upcoming 80th birthday.