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60% of our case load of frail aging nursing home residents, most in their last years of life will lose services. (This is the population who are most intensely affected by severe emotional distress, or progressive dementia and in need of management consultation intervention).

60 to 70 social workers will be unemployed from our program. (I speculate about 200 to 400 additionally from other services in Massachusetts).

The assumption for this Medicare consolidated billing requirement, I believe, is that it is a cost saving device. In all actuality, in terms of mental health services, the costs will ultimately increase for Medicare. Programs, like ours, will be forced to employ only doctorate level psychologists who are exempt from this consolidated billing. Medicare reimburses psychologists at a higher rate than social workers for the same billing code.

In closing, I need to emphasis that our services are essential for the fundamental well-being of this population and that our social workers are the foundation of our services.

My staff and I thank you for your leadership in expending this so rapidly. I am available for contact if further efforts are needed.

Sincerely,

MURIEL ELLMAN,
Clinical Director, Extended Care Service.

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY: A NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my colleagues tonight to pay special recognition to this anniversary of the independence of Greece. This year, we join together again to honor the hard won independence of a land that will forever hold a special place in American culture. Also, I want to take this opportunity to thank Representatives BILIRAKIS and MALONEY for their efforts to organize the House's celebration of this event tonight.

Mr. Speaker, more than 2,500 years ago the people of Greece began to formulate the ideas that now serve as the foundation for our system of government, science, philosophy, law, literature, and art. The gift of Greek culture to the world, and the special debt this nation owes to Greece, is priceless. The Greek tradition that began in the mists of time with Homer led to the Golden Age and later to the intellectual and aesthetic enrichment of the Roman Republic and Empire, the European Renaissance, and our own nation's founding principles.

We also share with Greece the triumphant experience of fighting for and winning independence. In 1821, after nearly 2,000 years of foreign rule, the people of Greece rose up and declared their independence from the Ottoman Empire. After nearly a decade of struggle, the Greek people won their freedom. Their cause was celebrated throughout the democratic world at the time, and continues to inspire us today.

Greece has contributed to this nation in other ways. It is difficult to find areas of this country where Greek-Americans have not contributed to the betterment of their communities. In my own area of Southern California, the vibrant Greek-American community has enriched all our lives. Recently, I was honored to take part in the annual celebration of the Hellenic-American Council of Southern California. Through this and many other excellent organizations, the Greek-American community has made important contributions to the United States.

In the Second World War, Greeks fought with Americans to turn back Nazi and Fascist aggression. After that war, Greece remained on the side of freedom and democracy, serving as an early bulwark against the spread of communist totalitarianism. The assistance provided to Greece beginning under the Truman Doctrine and later continued within the NATO alliance continued the strong link between our nations. This cooperation continues today, as both nations face the instability in the Balkans and other threats to peace in the region.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my sincere good wishes to the people of Greece and those of Greek heritage on this happy occasion.

COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2589) to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 2589, the "Copyright Term Extension Act of 1997" and of the Sensenbrenner amendment.

H.R. 2589 will extend existing U.S. copyrights for another 20 years. It will also align U.S. copyright laws with those in many European nations and in so doing prevent American creations from falling into the public domain while the works of authors in other countries are still being protected.

H.R. 2589 will benefit our nation's authors, songwriters, and other copyright holders who would enjoy 20 or more years of ownership rights and profits from their works. It is important that we recognize the contributions of our artistic community in this way. Artists who are talented or fortunate enough to see their work released to the public are entitled to retain control over that work, or at the very least continue to share in the financial benefits associated with it. This basic principle of copyright law becomes no less valid because a time limit set decades ago expires.

Our rapidly developing society means that information—and in fact the artistic properties we deal with in this matter—are readily accessible and exploited once in the public domain. This bill adequately strikes a balance between the interests of the creators and of the consumers of artistic works.

I support any effort here to ensure better compensation of those artists who do not currently benefit from the collective bargaining agreement struck in the early 1960's. Of course we must respect that agreement and its limitations, but we must also provide for fair compensation of those artists whose work brings great profits to the copyright holders.

I also urge support for the Sensenbrenner amendment which will protect small businesses from the "double dipping" that would occur if small businesses had to pay fees already paid by radio and television stations. The amendment will not exempt small businesses from fees for playing compact discs or other recorded music. This amendment will protect our small—and often minority—businesses from the crushing burden of payment of these fees.

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY O. RAINER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 26, 1998

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, April 3, 1998 marks the conclusion of a remarkable term of service to Kentucky and our Nation. After a 34-year career, Jerry O. Rainer will retire from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the Deputy District Engineer for Project Management of the Nashville District.

During his tenure and under his leadership, this country has witnessed the construction of some of its largest public works, all bearing Jerry's combination of engineering skill, a drive to accomplish complex projects, a dedication to serving the customer, and an admirable public reserve.

The constituents of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District will remain in debt to Jerry for his stewardship of the massive flood control works now nearly complete along the Upper Cumberland River. Thousands of citizens now live and work without fear of being washed out of their homes and businesses, owing their newfound security to these projects and the people who prosecuted them under Jerry's day to day leadership

Kentucky's most revered statesman, Henry Clay, is remembered among other things for emerging early in his U.S. Senate career as a spokesman for a system of federally funded improvements to our Nation's infrastructure. Clay's American System was an ambitious program of roads and canals needed to nurture our young union into an economically self-reliant nation.

The work that Clay championed is not unlike that which Jerry has been critical in implementing during his career with the Corps of Engineers: the massive Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, the rehabilitation of Wilson Lock, the Piney Grove Recreation Area, the Upper Cumberland River Flood Prevention Project, and the new lock at Kentucky Dam. These and many other works are proof positive of the dedication and experience which Jerry has applied to the benefit of thousands of citizens living within communities served by the Nashville Corps District.

In recognition of his performance, Jerry is the recipient of no less than 21 service awards, including the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for outstanding leadership and management skills. And though a native of Mississippi and a life long Tennessean, we in Kentucky are proud to claim Jerry as one of our own.

The citizens of Kentucky and the House of Representatives thank and congratulate Jerry

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