

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 1995

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observation of World Mental Health Week. This week has been set aside to focus on the mental health disorders that affect millions of people all over the world. Researchers have concluded that nearly one in three Americans will experience a mental disorder during his or her lifetime. Mental disorders can strike cruelly, producing hallucinations, paranoia, depression, panic, obsessions and can even lead some to suicide.

Some people with serious mental illnesses experience moderate problems that respond well to immediate treatment. Others have severe problems that continue over a long period of time. The population affected with serious mental illness is a diverse group with different diagnoses levels and durations of disability. Therefore, the needs of this group can be very different. Because of these disorders, many individuals are unable to complete their education, maintain employment, or lead productive lives.

The realities of mental disorders demand the attention and cooperative efforts of those involved in the development and planning of necessary comprehensive health, social services, housing, and disability policy. Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognition of Mental Health Week.

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HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the people of Taiwan celebrated the anniversary

of the 1911 revolution in China which led to the overthrow of the last imperial dynasty and the establishment of the Republic of China under Dr. Sun Yat-sen. This was a critically important event in the history of modern China, and it is highly appropriate to commemorate this event as the watershed moment for the beginning of democracy in the Republic of China in Taiwan. We hope that one day it will also be commemorated as a turning point in the struggle for democracy in the People's Republic of China as well.

In a formal speech marking this important anniversary, President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan urged the Government of the People's Republic of China to respect the democratic system of government and the free market economic system that are now in place in Taiwan. President Lee said that China cannot resist the trend toward freedom and democracy, and that respect for Taiwan's democratic system of government is "the most important precondition for Chinese reunification."

The people and Government of Taiwan have made great progress in democratic development, and President Lee deserves particular commendation for his critical role in this process. Next March, the people of Taiwan will have the opportunity to participate in the first direct Presidential election. This development reflects the changes that have taken place throughout Taiwan in recent years. The evolution of a strong democratic tradition on Taiwan is something that all of us can welcome.

Mr. Speaker, I join in extending my warmest best wishes and heartiest congratulations to the people of Taiwan on their national day, and I wish them great success as they continue their democratic development. Government officials in Beijing should take note of the outstanding progress that has been achieved on Taiwan in a flourishing democracy.

TRIBUTE TO M. SGT. SUSAN A.
O'CONNOR

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to honor the retirement of M. Sgt. Susan A. O'Connor from the Air Force Reserve.

Master Sergeant O'Connor has served her country well. Enlisting in the Air Force Reserve on September 19, 1975, Master Sergeant O'Connor has spent her entire career at O'Hare LAP Air Reserve Station in Illinois. She served with distinction in the base operations field for 2 years and the command and control field for the past 18 years.

Master Sergeant O'Connor has performed vital command and control functions as Air Force Reserve units became involved in worldwide events, including Somalia, Haiti, Rwanda, Bosnia, and, of course, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. She also provided outstanding support as our units from O'Hare deployed for operational readiness inspections and the rotational deployments to Panama, supporting airlift operations throughout Latin and South America.

Throughout her tenure in the Reserves, Master Sergeant O'Connor has proven to be professional, knowledgeable, experienced, and dedicated. Her skills demonstrate a natural born leader and her positive outlook and work ethic are an inspiration to all. Her service to our country is greatly appreciated and respected.

Congratulations to Master Sergeant O'Connor on her retirement effective September 30, 1995 and good luck in future endeavors.