

Lady, Mrs. Susan Allen, in the opening of the Face of Breast Cancer exhibit at the Regency Square Mall in Richmond, VA. This dramatic exhibition displays the photographs and life stories of 84 American women who have tragically become the victims of breast cancer. Of those portrayed, four were Virginians: Marianne Thatcher of Arlington, Lorraine M. Smusz of Buchanan, Kyong Ja Kim Pearce of Herndon, and Sharon Helen "Sherry" Kohlenberg of Richmond.

At the opening of the exhibit, the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, which together with the National Breast Cancer Coalition sponsored the exhibit, presented the 1996 Sharon H. Kohlenberg Healthcare Service Award to two outstanding individuals for their exceptional contributions in the fight against breast cancer. Those honored were Dr. Claire Carman, a surgeon from Tidewater, VA; and Katharine Spiegel, a nurse from the Medical College of Virginia.

Presenting the awards was Mr. Larry Goldman, husband of Sherry Kohlenberg, and their son, Sammy. In memory of Sherry, Mr. Goldman gave one of the most moving tributes which I have ever heard, and with his permission, I am today submitting it for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, not only to share with my Senate colleagues but indeed all of those who have loved ones or are themselves battling the scourge of breast cancer.

The tribute follows:

Sherry didn't want to be a "Face of Breast Cancer." When I met her, she was nineteen, I was twenty-one and we were students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she only wanted to be Sherry—happy, independent thinking, caring, life loving Sherry. She loved to just hang out with our friends, share a bottle wine, talk and laugh the night away.

School was important to her. Her interest and ability to master Romantic languages, and her interest in social justice led to her major in Iberio-American Studies. She also liked to get A's and would definitely stand up to a professor who had evaluated her work unfairly.

For her artistic outlet, Sherry was a photographer. She spent hours taking and developing photos that showed her perspective of herself and life. Each finished photograph had to have the perfect gradations of blacks and whites before it was matted as a finished work of art. These are a few of them. The hand-colored photo won first prize in the University of Wisconsin student art show.

Later in her life, Sherry saw a need and had a desire to enter what was at that time very male-dominated world of health administration. She decided to concentrate in the field of Risk Management, setting up policies that kept the costs of health care down so that no one in our society would ever be denied the health care that they needed. At the Medical College of Virginia, she defined the structure and policies of the Risk Management Department. Her warm, caring personality and sharp, quick intelligence made her the perfect person to balance complex issues between patients, doctors and more than once, lawyers. She understood, she cared and she was always fair.

Bright, artistic, professional, Sherry was also, of course, Sammy's mommy and my wife. We bought what was supposed to be our first house over in Lakeside, thinking we

would keep it for five years and move to another school district when Sammy was ready for first grade. Sam was suppose to be the first of three children. Sherry had the good job while I wrote, and took care of Sam but we had plans for Sherry to take some time off to spend with the children at some future date. Sherry had plans for a lifetime and when breast cancer started shattering her plans, she simply made more plans.

Sherry was never a victim of breast cancer. She was always a fighter and an advocate. She fought so that the fight against breast cancer would get the funding and attention that it deserved. She fought against policies that harmed women, against policies and attitudes that didn't go far enough in this war. When Sherry realized that the cancer was stealing her life, she didn't stop fighting. She fought for Sam, for me, for every person and family that was and will be forever battered by this horrible disease. She gave me the support I needed to finish my Masters and become a teacher. With her concern that she create strong memories for Sammy and that he would always know how much she loved him, Sherry contacted her friend, Hillary Clinton, and arranged a White House visit where Sammy met the President and Mrs. Clinton, and made sure that Sammy and I continued to be part of the "Faces of Hope" family. Sherry didn't even let the cancer stop her from taking a trip to Disney World and what she called "that smutzy Disney World" King's Dominion where Sammy remembers getting stuck in smurf mountain with his Mommy. Sherry made sure that the White House had the name and phone number of her close friend Mary Jo Kahn who she knew was an valuable resource in forming breast cancer policy. She cared and worried about all of us, not herself.

Sherry never wanted to be "A Face of Breast Cancer" and she wouldn't have wanted to have an award named after her, she wanted to live, but she would have been honored and proud of both. As a part of the "Faces of Breast Cancer" Sherry will continue being the advocate for breast health. And with this wonderful "Sherry Kohlenberg Healthcare Service Award" given by the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, Sherry will always be honoring those who continue the fight, and she would have been especially pleased when close friends like Kathy Spiegel, and those she would have wanted to know like Dr. Claire Carman, are honored. With these honors, Sherry is with us, her voice is heard, her strength supports us, her love is felt, as it always will be until this war against breast cancer is won. Thank you.●

TWIN CITIES-UPPER MIDWEST HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AWARDS

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I recently had the honor of attending the annual Twin Cities-Upper Midwest Human Rights Campaign Awards Dinner honoring Ruth and David Waterbury of Minneapolis, and the Northern States Power Co. The work of the Human Rights Campaign, which is dedicated to combatting discrimination, ensuring equal protection for all under our laws, and advancing the interests of gay and lesbian persons in the United States, is one of the most effective organizations of its kind.

The Brian Coyle Leadership Awards, presented to the Waterburys and Northern States Power, are dedicated to the memory of Minneapolis City

Council Member Brian Coyle, a community activist and inspiration to many, including to me. He was a friend of mine, and his work to end discrimination is a lasting legacy to the gay and lesbian community in my State, and across the Nation. As a long-time social and political activist myself, I was humbled that night to be in the presence of so many individuals who stand on principle, often in the face of terrific odds and in the face of anger, misunderstanding, bias and even, in some extreme cases, violence against themselves or their loved ones.

Ruth and David Waterbury are two such people. They have contributed much to our community, both as a couple and as individuals. As I have come to know this wonderful family over the years, I continue to be amazed at their tireless and selfless work on behalf of others. Both were board members of the Minneapolis-St. Paul chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and Ruth was president for the year just ended. David was chair of the Governor's Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Minnesotans. Ruth is a current board member of District 202. Each has been instrumental in establishing scholarship funds for gay and lesbian students at their respective alma maters, Yale and Carleton.

The Waterburys have also been involved in the good work of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, It's Time Minnesota, Plymouth Congregational Church, Interfaith Coming Out Celebration, Minnesota GLBT Education Fund, and the Human Rights Campaign. Additionally, in part due to their great efforts, my State of Minnesota enacted an inclusive civil rights law that is a model for other States to follow. Together they have been visible and effective advocates on behalf of the gay and lesbian community in our State.

If I might, let me include an excerpt from Ruth and David's biography that speaks to their commitment not only to the campaign for human rights, but to each other as well. "Ruth and David Waterbury have been advancing the civil rights of gays and lesbians since shortly after their daughter came out to them. Margery gave them literature to read and expressed hope that they would eventually be glad she was a lesbian. Ten years later, they have now fulfilled her hope and feel privileged to have taken the journey."

For many parents, it is sometimes difficult to accept differences in their children that they did not foresee or wish for. For many others, it is not easy to accept people who are different from themselves—whether it be because of their gender, race, religion or sexual orientation. But the Waterburys chose a path of acknowledging their daughter's orientation, embracing it, and working to help other parents confronted by the same issues. Because of people like them, there is much hope, and even reason for joy. Because of the actions of those like the Waterburys,

willing to fight to ensure that the most basic guarantee of our Constitution—equal protection under the law—is secure, there are role models for others to follow, from which others might take the torch and lead. I wanted to publicly salute them today here in the Senate, and thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of their daughter, and on behalf of gay and lesbian people in my State and throughout the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO LORI MOONEY, RETIRING CLERK OF ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

● Mr. BRADLEY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the public career of a very special woman. The Honorable Lori Mooney will this month retire from public service having completed 19 years of faithful and distinguished service as the first publicly elected clerk of Atlantic County.

Having been elected in 1977 as the first woman to serve in the position of county clerk, Lori Mooney made one promise at that time to the people of the county—to bring the operations of the office of the clerk into the 20th Century. To that end, she can take great pride in her achievements. She has managed, with the help of a highly professional, service-oriented staff, to raise the professional standards of the office from hand-written entries to the complete computerization of all records. She has consistently worked to meet the growing and changing needs of her county by recognizing the importance of easy, accessible service to the general public. From being the first to provide a satellite office in Atlantic City to her forward-looking efforts today in establishing a World Wide Web site and a "County Connection" at the Hamilton Mall, Lori has instinctively understood the dynamic of citizen contact and public outreach. She has truly incorporated and made real her own motto, "Always At Your Service."

Mr. President, as important as her work as county clerk has been, so too has Lori distinguished herself as a professional businesswoman having been the first woman appointed to the National Small Business Council for New Jersey by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966. And finally, her love and her energy on behalf of Democratic candidates both local and national make her one of the very few Democrats in the State to have been a delegate to the party's national convention six times.

Mr. President, I offer my warmest and most sincere congratulations to one of New Jersey's most beloved public servants whose public career should stand as an inspiration to all who respect honesty, unquestioned integrity and sound judgement in public office.●

THE JAPAN-AMERICA STUDENT CONFERENCE

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I would like to salute the efforts of a distinguished student organization that has been at the forefront of enhanced United States-Japanese cultural dialogue and understanding since 1934. I refer to the Japan-America Student Conference [JASC], which was founded 63 years ago by a group of conscientious Japanese and American students concerned about the cultural misunderstanding plaguing their countries' relations. The JASC continues to play a significant role in facilitating exchanges between American and Japanese university students.

Over the years, the annual JASC student exchanges have produced a remarkable collection of American and Japanese leaders in business, government, journalism, and academia, leaders whose familiarity with their counterparts' culture has been instrumental to their professional success. This year, as we celebrate the 63rd anniversary of student exchanges under the auspices of the Japan-America Student Conference, I commend its leadership and all its participants for their dedication to the cause of cultural enlightenment and enrichment in United States-Japanese relations.

As a completely student-designed and student-implemented program, JASC organizes an annual conference to promote its mission of "Pursuing World Peace through Education, Cooperation, and Personal Commitment." Conference locations alternate between Japan and America and typically involve 30 to 40 university students from each country who come together for a full month to live, travel, work, debate, study, and socialize in the host country. Intensive round-table discussions on topics of fundamental importance to Japanese-American relations complement field studies in which delegates meet with government officials, educators, business executives, journalists, and other prominent citizens of the host country. Homestays with local families allow visiting students insight into the customs of the host country, while Japanese-American sharing of rooms in dormitories ensures intimate cross-cultural links.

Following its tradition of consistently hosting outstanding Japanese and American students, this year's conference will focus on "Exploring Our Roles in the Emerging Asia-Pacific Community." Students will explore issues in culture, trade, philosophy, science, diplomacy, history, and politics in an attempt to understand the fundamental changes forming Japanese-American relations on the verge of the 21st century. Because 1996's Conference took place in the United States, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Kyoto will host next year's JASC from July 20 to August 19.

In accordance with JASC's standard practice, this year's participants were chosen by the organization's American

and Japanese student executive committees consisting of students from each country elected by their peers. Although the respective Japanese and American Executive Committees receive guidance and financial assistance from the Boards of Directors of JASC in Washington and the International Education Center in Tokyo, students in the two committees independently plan and manage the conferences.

Mr. President, JASC represents an effective and efficient means to address the intellectual deficit in Japan-United States relations. Although roughly 43,000 Japanese students are currently enrolled in American universities, less than 2,000 Americans are studying at institutions of higher learning in Japan. This gap must be reduced because we have as much to learn from the Japanese as they do from us. Therefore, I want to commend the Japan-America Student Conference for long dedication to improving ties between Japan and the United States.●

RETIREMENT OF LINDA COLLINS HERTZ

● Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, it is my privilege today to recognize the retirement of Linda Collins Hertz, a Federal prosecutor from Florida and a native of Georgia.

A graduate of Shorter College in Rome, GA, Ms. Hertz received her law degree from the University of Miami cum laude in 1973. After 6 years as an assistant attorney general for the State of Florida, she joined the U.S. attorney's office in the Southern District of Florida. In her 15-year tenure as the chief of the appellate division in that U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Hertz has overseen the filing of in excess of 3,000 briefs in the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. I have been told by her former colleagues that the judges of that court frequently comment that the briefs filed under Ms. Hertz' supervision can be counted upon to reflect the highest standards of appellate advocacy, and bear the mark of her commitment to candor, forthrightness and vigorous, but always fair, argument. Ms. Hertz' efforts to ensure that the positions of the United States are argued in a manner consistent with the highest ethical standards serve as a testament to her own high standards. Her coworkers further advise me that Ms. Hertz has consistently provided support to other assistant U.S. attorneys in south Florida and elsewhere, and her counsel is regularly sought on matters of great import and complexity. Ms. Hertz has been recognized by her colleagues and the Department of Justice for her extraordinary work through numerous awards like the Justice Department's John Marshall Award for the Handling of Appeals, and the U.S. Attorney's Vince Antle Award.

In sum, Mr. President, based on the record and based on the testimony of those who know her best I believe Linda Collins Hertz of Rome, GA, and