

osteoporosis. Cardiovascular diseases are the leading killer of postmenopausal women, and breast cancer is the second killer among cancer in women. Colorectal cancer is responsible for at least 4 percent of the deaths of women aged 50 to 79 and is the third-leading killer among cancer in women. Osteoporosis is the condition resulting from a weakening of the bone after menopause. The information provided by the Women's Health Initiative will lead to breakthrough treatments for these diseases and improve the lives of women in Texas and across the Nation.

The Baylor Clinical Center has recruited 3,300 women for an observational study to gather information regarding risk factors for these diseases. The Baylor Clinical Center will also recruit an additional 2,100 women for a clinical trial to research whether diet and hormone replacement therapy help women lead healthier lives. Information gathered from this clinical study will help women to make informed decisions about which therapies to use to prevent disease and stay healthy.

I also want to highlight the efforts of Dr. Jennifer Cousins, director for the Center for Women's Health, to bring this critical WHI study to the Houston area. I believe Dr. Cousins is critical to the success of this study and she should be commended for her hard work.

I am honored to have worked closely with Dr. Cousins and Baylor College of Medicine to expand the WHI's study to ensure even more women benefit from their groundbreaking research. I look forward to continuing to work with Baylor and the Women's Health Initiative to further expand this study and provide more funding for the National Institutes of Health [NIH] and the Office of Women's Health, which funds this important program.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Women's Health Initiative at Baylor College of Medicine for 3 years of excellence and innovation in medicine and wish to congratulate the 2,000 study participants who will participate in a birthday party on Thursday, October 23, 1997. I look forward to even greater successes as they work to ensure healthier lives for women in the 21st century.

#### HONORING RALPH LISTON

#### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 9, 1997*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to rise today in memory of Ralph Moody Liston, a prominent member of the Wills Point, TX, community who died recently at the age of 73.

Ralph Liston was a successful farmer, rancher, and businessman. He owned a propane company, exterior design company, and lumber community. As a farmer, he was once named Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year.

Ralph also was active in his community. He was a longtime member of the school board, served as election judge, Chamber of Commerce president, chairman of Van Zandt County Building Committee and a member of the Farmers Home Administration Board. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 422 and was active in the Methodist Church, where he served in various capacities through the years.

I felt a special kinship to Ralph—in that I was always told by my mother that we were both named after the same distant relative—Mary Katherine Moody. I knew his wonderful mother and dad as Cousin Mary and Cousin Jim. It seems that part of our family came to Texas from Arkansas. Ralph carried on the great tradition of love of family and success in business and faithfulness to his church—a tradition handed down through the years. I will miss him.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Helen; sons, Rickey and Ralph Moody Jr.; daughters, Linda Wehr and Teena Liston; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sympathy to his family and many friends in Wills Point and Van Zandt County. As we adjourn today, I would like to take this opportunity to pay my last respects to this great citizen—Ralph Moody Liston.

#### TRIBUTE TO HENRY B. GONZALEZ

SPEECH OF

#### HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 7, 1997*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, today it is with great pride yet with heartfelt sorrow that I ask members to join me in honoring our colleague, HENRY B. GONZALEZ, on 36 years of service in the U.S. House of Representatives.

At the end of this year, HENRY B. GONZALEZ will take his leave of this body. A great void will be left in our ranks when he is gone. His towering presence, financial expertise, and willingness to take a stand for causes large and small will be sorely missed.

Although the country and this Congress have changed dramatically since HENRY B. GONZALEZ assumed his congressional seat in November 1961, he has always remained true to this country, to his beloved 20th Congressional District in San Antonio and to this Congress.

Like so many of us, HENRY B. GONZALEZ dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. I was extremely blessed to follow in his footsteps first to the Texas State Senate and then to the U.S. House of Representatives.

My relationship with HENRY B. GONZALEZ began long before we served together here in the U.S. House. In a way, we served together in the Texas Senate although he had left that body two decades before I set foot there in 1983.

In the chamber of the Texas Senate hangs a painted portrait of HENRY B. GONZALEZ who served from 1956 to 1961. As a young senator, I remember looking at his portrait and the paintings of other famous Texans that hang there including Stephen F. Austin, the father of Texas; and Lyndon B. Johnson and Barbara Jordan who both served the State and the Nation with distinction.

I always considered myself fortunate to be serving in the State legislative body where HENRY B. GONZALEZ broke new ground for improved race relations in Texas. In 1957, HENRY B. GONZALEZ proudly and bravely stood on the senate floor to fight and filibuster nine bills that would have expanded the then common practice of segregation.

After 36 hours HENRY B. GONZALEZ and his allies had successfully stopped seven of the segregation bills. He was subjected to fierce personal and professional attacks, but refused to retreat or surrender. His determination to do what was right for all Texans began the process of tearing down the wall of racial separation that existed in the State.

I never had the privilege of serving with him in the Texas Senate. But when I saw the portrait, I always tried to adhere to the principles he brought to office—honesty, integrity, and loyalty. His reputation, then as now, is that of a legislator who would fight for all people no matter their race, color, creed, or religion.

It was Texas' loss and the country's gain when HENRY B. GONZALEZ resigned his senate seat to make a successful run for the U.S. House of Representatives.

On November 4, 1961, HENRY GONZALEZ took his congressional seat and immediately found his calling on the House Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs. Although the name of the committee has changed through the years, his commitment to consumers, small business owners, and taxpayers has never wavered.

He served as Banking Committee chairman from 1989 to 1994. Under his leadership the panel conducted more than 500 hearings and moved 71 bills through the legislative process. During his tenure laws were passed that protected bank depositors, made credit available to small business owners, cracked down on financial fraud and other crimes, and made housing more accessible to Americans.

Despite the long hours and hectic schedule of a Congressman and committee chairman, HENRY and his wife of 57 years, Bertha, raised eight children. Henry and Bertha now have 21 grandchildren and 3 great-granddaughters who will continue to bring joy in the years to come.

It has been a great privilege to serve with HENRY B. GONZALEZ and to work with him on so many issues of importance to Texas and the United States. Although HENRY B. GONZALEZ is heading home, he will always be remembered for his selfless service and willingness to fight for principle.

I ask Members to join with me in honoring HENRY B. GONZALEZ for his many contributions in the past and for his success in the future. HENRY B. GONZALEZ may be leaving this House, but he will never be forgotten either here or at home.

His portrait will hang in the Texas State Senate and his memory will remain in the hearts of his many friends and colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives. Goodbye, Mr. Chairman.

#### HONORING IRENE V. SHUMAN

#### HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 9, 1997*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding citizen of the 11th district on her 80th birthday. On October 22, 1997, Irene Shuman will celebrate her 80th birthday surrounded by many family and friends. Irene has been a member of the Glen Forest community for the past 42 years where she is known to and loved by everyone in the neighborhood.

Irene is known as the ombudsman of the Glen Forest community and is often called the mayor of Glen Forest. She knows all of the children's names, she can tell you who lives where, and she knows everyone from the surrounding neighborhoods that work with the Glen Forest Civic Association. Irene's love for people has helped Glen Forest remain a tight knit community where the people look out for one another and work together to make the neighborhood a better place to live. She has been the keeper of the oral history of Glen Forest for more than 30 years and has passed on neighborhood legends to successive generations of children.

Irene is and has been involved in every aspect of the Glen Forest community. She has been active in community affairs since the early 1960's. For 15 years, she held the community rummage sale that raised money for the neighborhood pool. People would donate items for the sale throughout the year and Irene would sort and price them for the annual event. She has also run the summer program for Glen Forest for 28 years. This duty includes the opening and closing pool picnics for which she buys and prepares 100 chickens. Irene has always done this because she believes it brings the community together. This is also why she has worked tirelessly to improve the community pool for the past 25 years.

Irene has mowed the pool lawn for the past 24 years and she is the oldest licensed pool operator in Fairfax County. Irene has maintained the pool by painting the bath houses inside and out every year as well as tarring and repairing the roof. Many in the community do not even know that she has done all of this, even though she hates to swim. Irene was also a mainstay of the Garden Club for the 20 years of its existence. Every year, no matter the weather, she sold Christmas wreaths to raise funds for the Garden Club.

Irene's many accomplishments include work outside the Glen Forest Civic Association. She has worked with all of the Mason District supervisors to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for the past 30 years, including myself when I held that position from 1979 to 1991. Irene often appeared before the Board of Supervisors to testify about issues affecting the community. She has held the Membership Chair for the Civic Association for the past 10 years and has worked ceaselessly to keep the Glen Forest neighborhood a nice place to raise children. Irene helped keep Glen Forest Street from becoming a through street from Route 7 to Carlyn Springs Road so parents did not have to worry about speeding traffic when their children played outside. She also rid the neighborhood of a pornographic book store by going down to the store to confront the owners and customers.

I know my colleagues will join me in saluting a woman who has made her neighborhood a beautiful and better place to live. Irene Shuman is a remarkable individual who has an energetic spirit that inspires those around her to become involved. I share the celebration of her 80th birthday and her lifetime of civic achievements.

IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER AS  
NATIONAL MEDICAL LIBRARIANS  
MONTH

### HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as National Medical Librarians Month, and to honor the more than 5,000 medical librarians working in hospitals, academic health centers and libraries across the country for their role in improving the health of all Americans by increasing access to health care information.

As a former librarian, I can appreciate the specialized skills needed in today's electronic information age to access, filter and evaluate the most up-to-date medical information for the medical community and for the general public. The ability of medical librarians to maneuver quickly through the wealth of health care information on the Internet, and to identify the most credible, relevant and appropriate sources of information for each request, underscores the increasing importance medical librarians will play in the future.

Studies show information provided by medical librarians improves patient outcomes. Physicians report a reduction in mortality, hospital admissions, surgery, and hospital acquired infections due to information obtained by medical librarians. They say information from the medical librarians allows them to make more accurate diagnoses, reduce unnecessary tests, select more appropriate drugs, and give accurate and current information and advice to their patients.

As we celebrate National Medical Librarians Month, I also honor the longstanding partnership between the medical library community and the National Library of Medicine [NLM] at the National Institutes of Health. For over a century, medical librarians have benefitted from the extraordinary work being done at NLM, the world's premiere medical library. Through access to NLM's state-of-the-art medical databases and telemedicine project sites, medical librarians are able to provide doctors and patients, often in underserved rural and urban areas, with the most current and accurate health-related information.

Mr. Speaker, as we move into the 21st century, it is clear that the advancement of telecommunications technology will continue to revolutionize the delivery of health care in America. I believe by being wired to the world, medical librarians will lead the health care industry in this revolution.

During the month of October, I ask all Members to join me in saluting this county's medical librarians for their role in keeping America better informed about health care and encouraging more active participants in the health status of this country.

### HONORING BENNY MARTIN

### HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the man whom Country Music

Magazine has called the "World's Greatest Fiddle Player," Mr. Benny Martin.

Benny recently added another honor to his very long list of impressive accomplishments when his hometown of Sparta, TN, dedicated new city limit signs which designate the town as the "Home of Benny Martin." When you look at everything Benny Martin has done over the course of his distinguished musical career, it's easy to see why Sparta is so eager to call him a native son.

Benny began his musical career in his childhood more than 50 years ago, and he became a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 1946. Since then, he has performed in person on at least three continents on some of the world's most prestigious stages, including Buckingham Palace in London, Carnegie Hall in New York, and of course, the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville. Benny has also performed on many television shows, including "The Steve Lawrence Show" and Dick Clark's "American Bandstand."

But perhaps the most important impact Benny Martin has had is on the musical heritage of the great State of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I think my home State of Tennessee has the richest musical heritage of any State in our Union. From old-time mountain bluegrass in east Tennessee to the soulful blues of west Tennessee, from the Grand Ole Opry in Music City to Elvis Presley in Memphis, Tennessee's musical roots run deep.

Mr. Speaker, Benny Martin and his fiddle have a very prominent place in that rich history, and I'm proud to call him a Tennessean, a constituent, and like the residents of Sparta, I'm also proud to call him a native son.

SISTER JOHN MARIE SAMAHA  
HONORED FOR COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 9, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the work of Sister John Marie Samaha of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Sister Samaha entered the Sisters of the Holy Family on July 2, 1943. Sister Samaha began her ministry at a day care center, and soon afterward served as religious instruction teacher at various locations in northern California. In 1960, she became supervisor of religious instruction for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. In 1967 she became supervisor of religious education for the Sister of the Holy Family. From 1970 to 1975, Sister Samaha served as the superior of Holy Family Convent in San Jose, and from 1975 to 1979 she was the vice president of the Sisters of the Holy Family Community.

Sister Samaha is currently pastoral associate at St. Joseph Parish in Mission San Jose. She has cared for the sick and visited the terminally ill. She has planned activities for seniors, and helped families deal with the death of loved ones. She has encouraged a spirit of family among parishioners, and assisted the needy with food, rent, and bill payments.

Through groups like the Tri-City Homeless Coalition, the Centerville Free Dining Room, Second Chance, SAVE, and CAUS, Sister