

have done on behalf of women and children in my State.

WIC is a proven program that efficiently, effectively, and humanely helps children and families by providing food for pregnant women, breast-feeding women, and young children. Participants meet with a professional nutritionist who assess their nutrition needs, then issues coupons that may be redeemed at local supermarkets for products such as milk, infant formula, baby food, cereal, and other nutritious food. Unlike food stamps, the coupons can be used only for specific products—a coupon for a gallon of milk cannot be used to purchase snack food or candy, for example. The GAO says that for every \$1 spent on WIC, America realizes \$3.50 in savings on health care costs during the most important formative years of childhood. WIC means healthy mothers and healthy babies. In this, the most technologically advanced nation in the world, we cannot allow children to go to bed hungry.

In addition, WIC is a major Federal program that has endured none of the scandals that have plagued so many programs. It is most efficiently run. Yet this program has come under the threat of cuts repeatedly in recent years. I have had to fight to eliminate a cap on the number of participants and to restore cut funding in the last two Congresses. Further attacks on this program will not be left unanswered. Cutting WIC is literally a matter of taking food out of the mouths of babies.

I had the pleasure of visiting St. Joseph's recently to meet with both professional providers of services and the women who benefit from the program. It is clearly one of the best-run WIC clinics in existence and participants truly appreciate the assistance they receive. It shows that WIC funding is, in fact, well spent.

Founded in 1978, St. Joseph's is the largest WIC program in the State. With 19,000 clients per month, it serves residents of Bergen, Morris, and Passaic counties at 23 facilities across the tricounty area. Sites include hospitals, Health Department offices, community centers, Head Start programs and other social service agencies—locations where low-income mothers are present and able to learn of the services offered by the program. One clinic is located in a Paterson storefront and another is a mobile WIC on Wheels to enhance outreach.

In addition to its wide variety of locations, St. Joseph's takes other steps to make WIC services accessible. The main office in Paterson is open three evenings a week and the storefront office in Paterson is open Saturdays. If funding becomes available, extended hours may be offered at other locations as well. The staff reflects the cultural and ethnic mix of the programs participants, including speakers of Spanish, French, Italian, and Arabic. Outreach programs are conducted with Hispanic and African-American grassroots organizations and an Arab community liaison.

the clinic also promotes breast-feeding with a lactation consultant and two lactation peer counselors who visit new mothers in hospitals and follow up with telephone calls and home visits as necessary. Breast pumps and other supplies are offered at no cost.

The clinic provides a wide variety of other services, including immunization registry and referral; referrals to other health and social services agencies such as substance abuse and food pantries; and special education pro-

grams such as dental hygiene, child safety, and parenting. The clinic is also a training site for student nutritionists from Montclair State University and other colleges.

Nationwide, more than 7 million women, infants, and children depend on WIC for nutrition assistance. St. Joseph's is one of the most outstanding centers in that national network. This is one of the most efficient and effective programs our Government has to offer. And it is the type of program the government should offer—real help with real problems for people unable to help themselves. Never let us take the food out of the mouths of babies.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN J. GRADY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of John J. Grady, a constituent, a community leader, and a good friend who passed away this month.

Jack Grady, born in Springfield, IL, came to Washington to attend Catholic University. Although he returned to Illinois briefly, he called Montgomery County home for most of his life, and with his wife Patricia, raised his wonderful family here. He had a distinguished career in government and business, and he contributed to the community life of the entire Washington metropolitan area.

A former FBI agent, Jack also worked for the Foreign Operations Administration, first as the inspections division director and then in recruitment. He later became deputy to the Assistant Air Force Secretary and then deputy director of the International Cooperation Administration.

Jack was twice the recipient of the Air Force Exceptional Civilian Service Award and was presented the prestigious Arthur S. Flemming Award, given to the top 10 government workers under the age of 40. After leaving government service, he served as vice president of Carl M. Freeman Associates and head of its management company. In 1965, he founded Grady Management Inc., a firm that today employs 400 people and manages 12,000 apartments, as well as commercial buildings, in the Washington-Baltimore area.

Jack also served with dedication on the boards of the Apartment Home Council, the Apartment Owners and Builders Association, and the Century National Bank. A member of the John Carroll Society and the Knights of Malta, Jack also contributed his many talents and gifts to the board of trustees of Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring.

Above all, Jack was devoted to his friends and especially his family. My husband and I have precious memories of celebrating Pat and Jack's 50th wedding anniversary 4 years ago. The outpouring of love was moving and inspiring. Jack will "live on in love."

I offer condolences to his wife Pat, sons Kevin and John III, and his daughters Cheryl and Jan.

Mr. Speaker, I honor the memory of John J. Grady, a man who touched the lives of many people and a man who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FLORIDA MARLINS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Florida Marlins for having won the 1997 World Series Championship. Created by Wayne Huizenga, administered by Don Smiley, built by Dave Dombrowski, and managed by Jim Leyland, this young team achieved the top honor, to which 28 teams aspire, in just 5 years. By reaching the World Series in record time, the Florida Marlins is the youngest franchise ever to win the World Series and has thus assured itself a place in history.

Before this reason, the Florida Marlins had never been in the play-offs. Throughout the 1997 division series, however, they never trailed in games won. They initiated their quest by overpowering the San Francisco Giants and then went on to win the National League Championship Series by upsetting the Atlanta Braves. Then, in a dramatic, extra-inning, seventh game, they defeated the Cleveland Indians to become the 1997 World Series champions. Within 5 years, the Florida Marlins attained a monumental goal that has historically taken championship teams decades to accomplish.

The 25 players who achieved this feat are: Kurt Abbott, Moises Alou, Antonio Alfonseca, Alex Arias, Bobby Bonilla, Kevin Brown, John Cangelosi, Jeff Conine, Dennis Cook, Craig Counsell, Darren Daulton, Jim Eisenreich, Alex Fernandez, Cliff Floyd, Felix Heredia, Livan Hernandez, Charles Johnson, Al Leiter, and Greg Zaun.

The Marlins' victory was a victory for all Floridians. In a community as diverse as ours, people from different backgrounds have united in their admiration and pride for our baseball team. I applaud the athletic prowess of these men and commend the dedicated efforts of their coaches and manager. I know that the Florida Marlins will continue to give Floridians as a spirit of unity and strength in years to come and look forward to another championship season in 1998.

TRIBUTE TO BECK MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON ITS 183d ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church, a South Bronx landmark that on October 26, 1997, celebrated its 183d anniversary in a worship service. The theme for the service was "Standing on the Promises."

Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church was founded in August 31, 1814 as West Farms Presbyterian Church, in the West Farms School House on the west side of Boston Road. The present church, directly opposite the original building, was constructed with a legacy from Charles B. Beck and dedicated on October 29, 1905. Beck has seen the South

Bronx community through times both of glory and of decline. Happily, this venerable institution survives not only to see the renaissance of the Bronx, but to contribute to it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending best wishes to the Rev. Victor Aloyo, moderator of the Presbytery of New York and pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer, and to the congregation and administration of Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church on the occasion of this momentous celebration.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to honor those women who are forced to live with this disease and to their families who support them during their time of need.

While we stand here and recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I realize that in many families every month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Sometimes because a mother is fighting the disease;

Sometimes because an aunt is in remission from the disease;

Sometimes because a grandmother lost her life to breast cancer;

Or in my case, because my sister is fighting this silent predator.

As if it is not enough that today over 2.5 million women in America are living with breast cancer, we read story after story about the additional hardships these women are made to endure.

Some women are forced out of a hospital 12 hours after a radical mastectomy with tubes left in their back and no one to assist them;

Some women are denied reconstructive surgery following a mastectomy and are told that it is deemed cosmetic—an excuse that masquerades the truth that denying coverage is merely a cost-savings measure;

Some women who have already lost several family members to breast cancer fear they will lose their job or health insurance if they decide to be genetically tested in an attempt to save themselves;

Some women are denied access to the full menu of medical options of breast cancer treatment because their physician has been gagged by the health plan for which he works;

Some women are diagnosed with an advanced stage of breast cancer because of a prior false negative test result and no insurance coverage for a second opinion.

These are real stories of real women who not only had to fight breast cancer, but then had to fight a health care plan which practiced bottom-line medicine instead of patient-first medicine.

Breast cancer survivors must be treated with compassion and dignity, not as an accounting figure. This is why I introduced the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1997, H.R. 616. This legislation:

Ensures coverage for inpatient hospital care for women following a mastectomy, lumpectomy, or lymph node dissection for a period determined by the physician and patient;

Allows for coverage of second opinions for all cancer diagnosis for men and women, whether negative or positive;

Requires coverage of reconstructive surgery for breast cancer patients—including symmetrical reconstruction; and

Protects physicians from retribution for recommending longer stays.

One breast cancer survivor wrote the following about the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act: "It would be a wonderful feeling knowing that until there is a cure for this horrible disease women would at least be able to face breast cancer with dignity and peace of mind knowing that their health care plan would stand with them and not against them."

The experiences of the thousands of breast cancer survivors have made me realize that we should have no greater priority than empowering those with breast cancer the right and ability to play an active role in the management of their treatment. It is our obligation as leaders to ensure them that their medical treatment is in the hands of physicians, not insurance companies. It is a profound injustice when health care forgets about the patient, yet with regard to mastectomy recovery and breast reconstruction following a mastectomy, that is just what has been done.

Let's put the reality of this disease in perspective. When a woman is told that she has breast cancer, the feeling that immediately follows the initial denial is lack of control. My bill is a patient's bill aimed at providing patients, in consultation with their physicians, a greater degree of autonomy when deciding appropriate medical care and, therefore, taking back control of their lives.

Some people call the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act a mandate. How is this a mandate when I only ask that patients get what they pay for—health insurance. If health insurance can abandon you, ignore you, or even kill you, it isn't insurance.

Now, to be clear, all insurance companies are not so insensitive as to not provide these basic benefits and, therefore, all will not be affected by this legislation. But we have a responsibility to protect the doctor/patient relationship, ensuring that the medical needs of patients are fully addressed.

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act should be the top social issue for the 105th Congress. I ask my colleagues to join me in making that a reality.

Lastly, my heart goes out to the women struggling with this disease, for whom we hold this special order tonight.

BETWEEN PEACE AND TERROR

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about terrorism. The suicide bombings at the pedestrian mall on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem captivated my attention. Just days before the terrorist act, I had been there, in the exact spot of detonation.

In addition to the 3 Palestinian bombers, 4 innocent people died, more than 170 were injured. Three weeks prior, two Hamas members walked into an open-air market in Jerusalem, blew themselves up and killed 15 civilians. The total number of Israelis killed since the signing of the Oslo peace agreement in 1993 now exceeds 250.

While some may speculate on motives, I have come to my own conclusion: Suicide bombings on civilian targets are not meant to fulfill some thoughtful act of persuasion. They are designed to kill people—period.

My mission in Israel was sponsored by the United States—based non-profit American Israel Education Foundation. Five other Members of Congress made up our party. Our meetings with various Israeli and Palestinian leaders and officers, and United States Embassy officials, persuaded me that the Hamas terrorists didn't act alone.

The suicide bombers relied upon considerable help to plan, fund, and execute their terror. The bombings could have and should have been prevented.

My colleagues and I, who studied Israel together fired off a terse letter to Palestinian Chairman Yassir Arafat on September 8. "As members of the United States Congress who have supported our country's efforts to bring about peace in the Middle East, we are writing to express our collective outrage not only at the latest terrorist attack in Jerusalem, but at the indifference you continue to demonstrate at the brutal murder of innocent Israeli citizens," the letter read.

We supported our belief that Arafat had failed to fulfill the most fundamental commitments he had made to the peace agreements at Oslo. Because of that failure to take decisive actions against terrorism, the peace process is now on the verge of collapse. This is certainly not in the best interest of his own people.

Clearly, the peace process is seriously set back, perhaps mortally. By ending security cooperation with Israel and by resorting to inflammatory rhetoric, Yasser Arafat has left himself with only one option at this point: Comply with every term in the agreements he has made.

On her recent visit to the Middle East, Secretary of State Madeline Albright failed to press this point to a sufficient degree. There are plenty of issues upon which to measure the merit of further attempts to maintain Oslo, but the fact remains, that the PLO charter still calls for the destruction of Israel. Senior Palestinian Negotiator, Dr. Saeed Erekat looked me right in the eyes and assured me the pernicious clause would be removed by now.

If the United States is to ever expect the successful resumption of peace negotiations, it must demand specific responses from Arafat. The Palestinian Covenant must be amended, and the inflammatory rhetoric must end. Full security cooperation must be restored including the transfer to Israel of jailed terrorists accused of murdering Israelis and dramatic reduction of the Palestinian police force in accordance with the 1995 Oslo II agreement.

Moreover, the Palestinian Authority must take concrete steps to arrest and punish terrorists, confiscate their weapons and crush the underground network of support which makes terrorist attacks possible.

Unless the United States can pressure Arafat to honor the terms of past agreements,