

REGARDING H.R. 5068, ALLOWING
UNINSURED WOMEN TO OBTAIN
TREATMENT FOR OVARIAN AND
UTERINE CANCER

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2002

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, Congress passed the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act (P.L. 106-354) to help low-income, uninsured women with breast and cervical cancer.

Before passing this act, low-income women could receive free mammograms and pap smears through the CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. However, women who were diagnosed with cancer could not obtain financial assistance for treatment. The government found diseases that could kill these women, but it did not help them obtain the medical treatment they needed.

P.L. 106-354 corrected this problem by providing federal funds to treat any breast or cervical cancer detected by the CDC's early detection program.

Congress passed P.L. 106-354 so poor women suffering from breast and cervical cancer could focus on dealing with their illness rather than paying for expensive medical bills. The law allows these women to obtain medical coverage for cancer treatments and medicine.

My bill, H.R. 5086, amends the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act to include ovarian and uterine cancer. It will provide medical treatment for women who are screened by the CDC's early detection program and who are found to have ovarian and uterine cancer.

My bill takes the next logical step by helping low-income women with ovarian and uterine cancer, two of the most devastating cancers faced by women. Ovarian cancer is the 5th leading cause of cancer death in women. Every year almost 40,000 new cases of uterine cancer are diagnosed in the U.S., and approximately 6,600 women will die from uterine cancer.

I urge my colleagues to help women who live in poverty and cannot obtain the cancer treatments they desperately need.

TO HONOR MR. VINCENT ROIG FOR
HIS MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you today and take this opportunity to recognize the meritorious achievements of an outstanding Arizonan and American, Mr. Vincent Roig.

Mr. Roig has distinguished himself as a leader in the essential work of providing educational opportunities for qualified citizens. From his early years as an educator and financial aid administrator at a number of universities, he dedicated himself to helping young people gain the knowledge and skills that they would need throughout their life.

In 1982, he was one of the founders of the Arizona Educational Loan Marketing Corporation, the state's secondary market for Federal student loans, which is now an affiliate of the Southwest Student Services Corporation.

Although the Congress of the United States had the foresight to create the Federal Family Education Loan Program, it takes the leadership and dedication of a person such as Mr. Roig, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Southwest Student Services Corporation, to effectively implement the Congress' intended goal. The Southwest Companies initially supported only students at Arizona colleges and universities. However, to date, they have provided more than \$3 billion to more than one million parents and students nationally in support of providing financial access to post-secondary education.

Under the initiative and leadership of Mr. Roig, not only have the Southwest Companies facilitated the availability of student financial support, they have reduced costs to the borrowers and provided the critically important informational services that ensure that low-income families understand that educational opportunity is available to them. Mr. Roig has worked tirelessly with the U.S. Department of Education, Congressional Subcommittees and the many organizations supporting student financial assistance to bring about useful change and modernization to improve service to educational institutions and students alike. In recognition of his efforts, in 2001 he was awarded the Jean S. Frohlicher Outstanding Service Award by the National Council of Higher Education Programs. This is a prestigious award for which he was chosen by his peers for his exceptional service.

Today, on the occasion of the celebration of Southwest Companies' 20th Anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our heartiest congratulations to Southwest Student Services Corporation and to Mr. Vincent Roig for his 20 years of leadership and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO RAY TOWNSHIP

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ray Township, whose outstanding dedication and commitment to the service of its community has led to a great accomplishment. On Sunday, June 30, 2002, Ray Township will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary.

Ray Township today is a flourishing center of civic and social activities and resources for families of the community. With a great emphasis on community service, Ray Township has opened its doors throughout the years to welcome community members to civic gatherings, conferences, club meetings, and events for the entire family. Ray Township's Historical Committee will be honoring the many years of service by presenting the State of Michigan's Registered Historical Site Plaque.

Community will always serve as the cornerstone of Ray Township. While maintaining this community spirit, Ray Township is expanding, by bringing in new levels of technology and resources. The community of Ray Township has dedicated its time and talents to bring its community into the 21st Century, and they have been successful. While continuing to progress, Ray Township's roots will forever be memorialized by the Historical Plaque that will be unveiled at the anniversary celebration. The plaque will represent the First Religious Society of Ray built in 1869, currently the township's Town Hall, and the Ray Township District School House of 1863, currently the township's library. Because of this community unwavering support throughout its remarkable history, Ray Township has become a place that will continue to cultivate its historic roots as well as reach out to younger generations.

Ray Township is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of community members and their families. I applaud the people of Ray Township for their leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on this landmark occasion.