

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SEPTEMBER IS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my commitment to finding better treatments and, eventually, a cure for an all-too-quiet killer—prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is a deadly disease that affects American men. As protectors of the American family, it is crucial to inform the public of the crucial role a basic medical check-up can play in detecting this potentially deadly disease. In order to achieve this goal, our Nation's premiere health agencies must be fully engaged and adequately funded by Congress.

Mr. Speaker, in 1998, Congress recognized that prostate cancer research was underfunded and, as a result, requested that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) submit a five-year professional judgment budget (1999–2003). The purpose of this document was to demonstrate how best to improve federal prostate cancer research efforts.

Congress received the budget plan in June of 1999. The plan promised an investment of more than \$1.5 billion for prostate cancer research. Unfortunately, real investment has fallen short of its projected finding commitment, and prostate cancer research has not kept pace with scientific opportunities and the proportion of the male population who are afflicted with the disease. As a result, the 107th Congress is now asking NIH to provide an updated five-year plan for the next five years.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to instructing NIH to develop a new and achievable five-year plan, Congress must insist on greater accountability to ensure all federal funds for cancer research are appropriately expended for this purpose. An investment in cancer research will not only yield dividends in lives saved but, also, in dollars and cents. Cancer already costs this country more than \$150 billion annually. With the "graying" of the baby boomers, it has been estimated by THE MARCH Research Task Force that, if left unchecked, costs associated with cancer will jump to a staggering \$200 billion before we see the end of the decade.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon declared America's war on cancer, promising to end its toll on our society within a decade. Each subsequent Administration has reaffirmed this commitment, yet the number of cancer cases and death continue to grow. As you may be aware, more than 1.2 million new cases of cancer were diagnosed in the United States in 2001, and an estimated 553,000 lives were lost. Tragically, prostate cancer represents 15 percent of all cancer cases and accounts for 15 percent of all cancer deaths.

Mr. Speaker. This country can and must do better than this. While recent increases in prostate cancer research funding are welcome and have proved vital, the sad truth is that

Congress' efforts have not been sufficient to ensure the most promising paths to treatment and cure are adequately funded or implemented.

I encourage my Colleagues to join with me to ensure our country's war on cancer in general, and prostate cancer in particular, moves forward with a new resolve to beat these dreaded diseases once and for all.

HONORING CDR EARL BENNETT III FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor CDR Earl Bennett III for his service in the U.S. Naval Reserve. CDR Bennett will have completed 19 years of cryptologic service with the Air Force Security Service and the Naval Reserve Security Group as of September 30, 2002, as well as seven years in language assignments.

CDR Bennett is an outstanding U.S. Naval Officer who has served his country with distinction for over 25 years. His professionalism, commitment to sailors under his charge, and dedication to duty are truly deserving of special recognition. He is a highly dedicated man who has faithfully contributed to his community, the U.S. Naval Reserve, and the United States of America. On behalf of a grateful nation, I extend my warmest wishes of "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to CDR Bennett and congratulate him for a job extremely well done.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring CDR Earl Bennett III.

WPS, APA, AND MSDC PRESENT RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF TERROR: HEALING THE TRAUMA OF 9/11

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Washington Psychiatric Society, the American Psychiatric Association, and the Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC) for collaborating to present "Resilience in the Face of Terror: Healing the Trauma of 9/11." This conference, of interest to primary care, emergency and psychiatric physicians, and other health professionals will be held at the new George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, September 14, 2002.

Resilience in the Face of Terror has several noteworthy goals and objectives: To evaluate

our responses to the crisis generated by the attacks in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001; increase our knowledge of the medical dimensions of disasters; learn about the psychological aspects of religious fanaticism and intolerance, and discuss medical, mental health, and public health lessons learned and their applications to prevention and healing of trauma.

This conference will be co-chaired by two exceptional individuals, Dr. Catherine May and Dr. Eliot Sorel, a close friend of mine. Dr. May is the president of the Washington Psychiatric Society (WPS), a practicing physician with expertise in women's health, psychiatric and emergency medicine, and an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Sorel is the president of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, a practicing physician with expertise in mood disorders and psychiatric disorders related to traumatic events, and clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Other notable attendees include Jeffrey Akman, M.D., president-elect of WPS; Robert Bonvino, M.D., a leader in the Medical Society of the State of New York; Daniel Ein, M.D., chairman of the emergency preparedness committee of MSDC; Colonel Jeffrey Elting, M.D., Medical Director D.C. Hospitals' Bioregion Preparedness; Colonel Theodore Nam, M.D., president of the Uniformed Services District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association; Jerrold Post, M.D., professor of psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and political psychology, in the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University; Steven Steury, M.D., chief clinical officer for the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health; Robert Ursano, M.D., chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Uniformed Services University and Health Sciences.

All of the aforementioned individuals and all those participating in the conference deserve commendation for raising awareness of this issue so other health professionals can use the knowledge to help those most affected by the tragedy on September 11. I applaud their generosity and salute their public service.

IN HONOR OF LARRY GREENE

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, award winning news cameraman, Larry Greene is the latest victim in America's ongoing fight against terrorism.

Larry was working on a special assignment in the Persian Gulf for Los Angeles based KCBS news. On Friday, September 6th, he boarded a U.S. Navy helicopter to capture on

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film U.S. military personnel as they boarded a Syrian freighter suspected of carrying smuggled Iraqi oil. Minutes later, the helicopter crashed into the ocean, killing Larry and injuring four American sailors.

In his more than 25 years as an investigative journalist, Larry Greene won more than 40 prestigious journalist awards. Among them dozens of Emmys, Golden Mikes, Press Photographer Association awards, and the prestigious Alfred I. Dupont-Columbia University Award. Just last year, Larry was named "photo journalist of the year" by the Southern California Media Association.

In addition to his service in the Persian Gulf, Larry exhibited great bravery by taking on other extremely dangerous assignments such as the El Salvador and Armenian earthquakes, the civil unrest in Haiti, and the events in Saudi Arabia immediately following the September 11th attacks.

I had the privilege of working with Larry when he came to Washington during the Anthrax attacks last October to interview Congressional Members and policy leaders.

My constituents and I will miss the work of this intensely talented newsman who was dedicated to bringing the news from far away home to all of us. Our prayers are with his wife Diana, and their two sons, Clayton and Connor, as well as his colleagues and friends at KCBS.

HONORING ARLENE HEWITT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the diligent, innovative and civic-minded work of Mrs. Arlene Hewitt. After 35 years of dedicated service to INOVA Alexandria Hospital, Mrs. Hewitt has decided to retire, but her active role as a community leader in the Northern Virginia region will undoubtedly continue.

Raised in Brookline, Massachusetts, Arlene relocated to Alexandria, Virginia with her family in 1967, to join the former Alexandria Hospital in an effort to establish an innovative new program. Keenly aware of the poor social services available to the disadvantaged members of the community, Arlene began her tireless effort to establish and then direct the hospital's first social work department. Through this department, Arlene made numerous accomplishments, including initiating the Senior Health Access outreach program, establishing a hospital employee assistance program, collaborating with the Alexandria Health Department to create an early childhood immunization program, and playing an instrumental role in coordinating initiatives to reduce unintended pregnancies, stamp out teenage smoking and promote bike helmet safety. These socially conscious programs have given an enormous boost to the health services of Alexandria and the Northern Virginia region. Without Arlene's untiring dedication, these highly effective serv-

ices that continually provide enormous benefits to the region would not exist.

Outside of her job, Arlene has also served in a variety of positions with many outstanding organizations. She is actively involved in her synagogue, serving on the Board of Directors at Alexandria's Beth El Hebrew Congregation. Beginning with an appointment to the Executive Committee and later serving as Committee Chair, Arlene has been associated with the Alexandria United Way for over 30 years. Her unmatched devotion led to her being awarded a life membership to the Alexandria United Way and the prestigious 2002 Alexandria United Way Outstanding Services Award. While most people would end their philanthropic activities here, Arlene has repeatedly gone above and beyond the call to civic duty. She has also served on the Alexandria Committee on Aging, been a charter member of the Alexandria Health Advisory Commission, chaired the Alexandria Chapter of AARP's health council and has been specially recognized by the Northern Virginia Rotary District Governor for outstanding service to the [chyphe]elderly.

Mr. Speaker, words alone cannot adequately describe the communities' gratitude to Arlene Hewitt. She has touched many lives both directly and indirectly and given hope and guidance to those who need it most. It is an understatement to say that INOVA Hospital will greatly miss her presence, but fortunately for Northern Virginia and Virginia's 8th District, her living legacy will continue going strong.

HONORING 30-YEAR NORTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER JAMES MAHONEY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to praise Mr. James Mahoney, the recipient of the National Volunteer Fire Council's Scott Health and Safety Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award for the Year 2002.

In 1973, Mr. Mahoney joined the Northport Fire Department. In an illustrious career that spanned three decades, Mr. Mahoney has been the consummate firefighter. From the Northport Lumber Yard fire in the 1970s to the fire at the Long Island Oyster Farm, Firefighter Mahoney valiantly responded to the emergency needs of his community during times of great danger and uncertainty.

In addition, Mr. Mahoney has diligently worked to unite the Northport Fire Department with its surrounding neighborhood. His impressive accomplishments include serving as an elected captain of the rescue squad three times; chairman of the 100th anniversary committee; chairman of the fire prevention committee; coordinator of the baby-sitter course, chairman of the annual Meet Your Friend the Firefighter event; and seven-year Safety News columnist for a local newspaper, The Observer.

Mr. Mahoney has also been a valuable member of my own interview committee for military academy appointments. In addition, he has been president of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Committee; President of the Northport Running Club; Commander of Northport American Legion Post 694; and co-chairman for the Day of Remembrance following the terrorist attacks of September 2001.

Before his career as a firefighter, Mr. Mahoney answered the call of his country, serving in the Korean War for two years. In his professional life, Jim Mahoney worked as an educator for 34 years, teaching in various elementary schools on Long Island. In addition, he was Principal of the New Lane Elementary School in Seldon, NY.

Jim is a life long resident of Northport, New York, where he resides with his wife Sophie, his four children and his four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, 2002 has been and will continue to be a banner year for Mr. Mahoney and the Northport Fire Department. A month before he was chosen as the National Volunteer Fire Council's Scott Health and Safety Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, Mr. Mahoney was presented with the Fire Service Achievement Award for the Year 2002 by the Fireman's Association of the State of New York.

Wishing him all the best as he travels first to Buffalo, New York to receive his state service award and then on to Sitka, Alaska to be presented with his national honor, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. James Mahoney.

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES "LUCKY" HAYES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man by any measure—James "Lucky" Hayes. On July 31, 2002, Mr. Hayes departed us. He was a man of many talents who wore many hats including law enforcement officer, community organizer and singer/performer with the likes of Joe Henderson and the great Joe Tex.

Lucky, as his friends called him, was a believer in Proverbs 29:2 "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Lucky worked continuously to ensure that his voice was heard in the political process by working on a number of local and statewide campaigns.

Lucky was a faithful church member. He served in the choir and on the Deacon Board. He served as a Scout Master for Boy Scouts of America, Assistant Coach for the "Chicks" T-Ball Team and a member of the Youth and Membership Committees for the 100 Black Men of Bolivar County.