

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

STATEMENT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE WORK ENTITLED WE SHALL RISE BY DAVID STANCLIFF

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Mr. David Stancliff of Tok, Alaska, for his contribution in helping our nation heal after the tragic events of September 11th, 2001. Mr. Stancliff wrote the song "We Shall Rise" in his Tok log cabin and has since traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where he joined up with American roots singer Scott Ainslie. Mr. Ainslie performed "We Shall Rise" to its first audience at the Gettysburg National Cemetery on November 19th, 2001, the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address.

Lincoln gave birth to the healing of the nation in Gettysburg and Mr. Stancliff's words sung by Mr. Ainslie in the same place will hopefully help heal society. On this single day, November 19th, 2001, "We Shall Rise" was performed multiple times in Pennsylvania. "We Shall Rise" became the first song ever sung on the floor of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. It was also performed at the Emergency Services Banquet in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania for the Governor and a thousand emergency service workers, and later that day at Gettysburg College.

We will never forget those who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001. As the battle against terrorism carries on, we are forever indebted to those who fight for our great nation. New challenges at home and abroad continue to test our faith, hope, and resiliency. In this time of mourning and war, we can take comfort and inspiration from the words of David Stancliff's "We Shall Rise." Here are the words to the song that will help us to renew our hopes as well as our faith in people as we face the aftermath of the plane crashes in Pennsylvania, New York, and Washington, DC, as well as the new battle against terrorism abroad:

"WE SHALL RISE"

"Here we are—left behind—when our loved ones had to go.
Here we are—left to fill—lonely spaces here below.
But we shall rise, we shall rise—past mighty towers tall.
We shall rise, we shall rise—we shall rise up from the fall.
Along our streets, when we miss their daily smiles.
Along our streets, we'll be lifted from our trials,
Along our streets, with our memories great and small,
We will rise up from the fall.
We shall rise, rise up from the fall.
We shall rise, on the wings they've given us all.
We shall rise, over every hateful wall.
We shall rise up from the fall.
With their lives, we'll be taken to new heights.

With their lives, we'll turn to darkness into light,
With their lives, when we hear the trumpet's call

We will rise up from the fall.
We shall rise, rise up from the fall.
We shall rise, on the wings they've given us all.

We shall rise, over every hateful wall.
We will rise up from the fall.
They'll all be waiting—up around the bend.
They'll be waiting—the circle never ends.
They'll all be waiting—and when we hear them call,

We will rise up from the fall.
We shall rise, rise up from the fall.
We shall rise, on the wings they've give us all.

We shall rise, over every hateful wall.
We will rise up from the fall—We will rise."

THE HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2002

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce, along with Congressman BARR, the Health Care Improvement Act of 2002. This is the successor legislation to the Campbell-Conyers bill from last Congress, which passed the House by an overwhelming 276–136 vote. We have drafted a more narrow legislative response this Congress in the hope that the bill will be more likely to move in the Senate.

The legislation responds to two alarming anti-consumer trends—the ever increasing level of concentration among health insurers and exclusionary contracting practices by health insurance companies. The last five years have seen a massive consolidation in the health insurance and managed care market as more than a dozen health insurance competitors have been eliminated through mergers and acquisitions.

The dangers posed by this ever increasing market concentration are exacerbated by the practice of health insurers engaging in heavy-handed negotiating tactics and requiring exclusionary contractual commitments from health care providers. Such restrictive contractual terms are frequently proffered on a "take it or leave it" basis to health care providers, under the threat of the loss of the provider's patients or exclusion from their access to other patients.

Our legislation responds to the problem by allowing physicians or other health care professional to collectively negotiate with a health plan over contractual terms or plan policies. Presently, joint negotiations with a health plan by physicians or other health care professionals who are not financially integrated are illegal per se under the federal antitrust laws if they involve fees or prices. Under this legislation, such activities would be subject to review based on a more liberal "rule of reason"

analysis, which could take quality of health care into account.

I have taken a particular interest in this legislation because of the unfairness of the current market situation on African American doctors. I am aware of a number of incidents in Detroit and around the country of minority physicians being threatened that they will lose all of their business unless they enter into one-sided service contracts. This bill gives physicians the ability to respond to these abuses on a collective basis.

The legislation is strongly supported by a wide array of health care professional and trade organizations, including several speaking today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House yesterday and part of today due to California's primary elections on March 5, 2002. had I been present, I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 47—"yea".
Rollcall No. 48—"yea".
Rollcall No. 49—"nay".
Rollcall No. 50—"yea".

INTRODUCTION OF PROTECT OUR WOMEN FROM OVARIAN CANCER ACT OF 2002

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, currently, around three-quarters of women with ovarian cancer are diagnosed in advanced stages of the disease, when they have only about a 20 percent chance to surviving five years. However, if the disease is caught early, the five-year survival is around 95 percent. So providing a way to routinely identify the disease in its "Stage 1" phase could have a dramatic impact in what is now a very deadly cancer.

Scientist from the Food and Drug Administration and the National Cancer Institute reported in [Petricoin EF, Ardekani AM, Hitt BA, Levine PJ, Fusaro VA, Steinberg SM, Mills GB, Simone C, Fishman DA, Kohn EC, Liotta LA. use of proteomic patterns in serum to identify ovarian cancer. The Lancet 2002;261. Feb. 8, 2002.] that patterns of protein found in patients' blood serum may reflect the presence of the disease.

In the study, scientists used serum proteins to detect ovarian cancer, seven at early stages, using test that can be completed in 30 minutes using blood that can be obtained from a finger stick, researchers were able to differentiate between serum samples taken from

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patients with ovarian cancer and those from unaffected individuals.

However, despite the success of this preliminary research, it is only the first step in the testing process. It is incumbent that we find out as soon as possible whether protein screening is an effective preventive health-screening tool for this devastating disease. Therefore I am introducing legislation which will instruct the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human to immediately conduct or support research on the effectiveness of the medical screening technique of using proteomic patterns in blood serum to identify ovarian cancer, including the effectiveness of so using proteomic patterns in combination with other screening methods for ovarian cancer.

If the testing finds the test effective, this legislation would require that Medicare cover the cost of this preventive health-screening tool. Medicare will treat proteomic screening at the same reimbursement rate and under the same rules and restrictions as a Pap smear test.

Therefore, Medicare will cover this test for all women starting at the age of 50 once every two years and will reimburse health care providers at exactly the same rate as pap smears.

Mr. Speaker, those of us who have been elected to Congress have been entrusted with enormous responsibility and enormous power. We must use our power wisely, for the common good. There is no issue of more importance to the people of the United States than health care, and no more poignant issue than the health of our women. Ovarian cancer is a heartbreaking disease that strikes surreptitiously and long before any symptoms are manifest. Waiting for symptoms means our mothers and sisters and daughters are extremely vulnerable to unacceptably high fatality rates. By detecting the disease in Stage 1, we will save thousands of lives. In the development of national priorities, can there be anything more important than saving lives? I think not. Let us proceed with the research, and if successful, let us implement effective early screening for ovarian cancer.

Mr. Speaker, this is medical breakthrough. Now let us breakthrough government and bureaucracy and start saving lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes Tuesday or Wednesday, due to official business in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Tuesday, March 5, 2002: "Yea" on H. Con. Res. 305, Permitting The Use Of the Rotunda For A Ceremony To Present A Congressional Gold Medal To Former President Ronald Reagan And Nancy Reagan.

Wednesday, March 6, 2002: "Yea" on the Journal vote; "nay" on House Resolution 354, the rule for considering seven suspension bills, because I believe we should be passing meaningful unemployment insurance relief for laid-off workers first; and "Yea" on S.J. Res. 32—Congratulating the U.S. Military Academy at West Point On Its Bicentennial Anniversary.

HONORING RICHARD GONZALES,
2001 RECIPIENT OF THE YMCA
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, my congressional district in Riverside, California is extremely fortunate to have a dynamic and dedicated group of community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give of their time and talents to ensure the well-being of our cities and county. These individuals work tirelessly to develop voluntary community action to improve the region's economy, its education, its environment and its overall quality of life. One individual, who is a member of this group, is Richard Gonzales. He has been active in so many community groups and activities that it is hard to imagine how he found the time to become a career law enforcement officer with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), as the Chief of Police for the City of Corona, a husband and a father of two.

On the 9th of March, Mr. Gonzales will be honored with the Ira. D. "Cal" Calvert Distinguished Service Award by the Corona-Norco Family YMCA. The award is given in memory of my father, "Cal" Calvert, and his innumerable philanthropic gifts to the community and his efforts to encourage others to serve their community in a similar fashion. The award recognizes Mr. Gonzales for his exceptional devotion to developing community volunteerism.

Richard's career with the LAPD lasted for an impressive 26 years where he commanded many divisions. During those years, he served as a police officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant and captain. After retiring from LAPD, Richard was named the police chief of Corona in 1998. Richard holds a Master of Arts in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, both from California State University, Long Beach. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and holds a POST certificate for Command Development. He is also an adjunct professor at Golden West College, where he teaches a POST Discipline course at the Criminal Justice Training Center.

With all of these career and family commitments, Richard's unselfish giving of time and energy to volunteering is all the more impressive and serves as a model to his community, neighbors and own children. His strong commitment to the Inland Empire is displayed in his participation in the Corona Police Community Partnership, Coalition for Family Preservation, Corona Rotary, as a board member for UNITY which deals with community youth sports and the Corona-Norco YMCA. Chief Gonzales has actively instituted partnerships with our local school district, ministerial groups and other services in keeping our community safe and raising the quality of life in Corona.

Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank Richard Gonzales for his dedication, influence and involvement in our community. I know that we will continue to benefit from his longtime experience in the 43rd congressional district and deep commitment to the region. It is a great pleasure for me to congratulate Richard on his outstanding career with the LAPD and his lifelong devotion to the community.

IN MEMORY OF MICHELE MILLS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a wonderful woman who was taken from us well before her time. Michele Mills was called home on Monday, November 12, 2001. She was aboard American Airlines flight 587, from New York to the Dominican Republic, which seconds after take off tragically fell out of the sky and crashed into a residential neighborhood in Queens, New York.

Michele Mills was born to Priscilla and Eugene Mills on June 4, 1955 in St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn. Michele remained a proud resident of Brooklyn for many years living in Red Hook and Crown Heights. After graduating from the Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in 1973, she continued her education at the Fashion Institute of Technology where she majored in merchandising/buying. With encouragement from her sister, Tricia, Michele moved on to an aviation career working for Overseas National Airlines. In 1978, Michele joined American Airlines. She worked there for her remaining twenty-three years.

Michele always kept her priorities in order: God, family, work and hobbies. She realized God's presence in her life at a very early age and joined Brownsville Community Baptist Church, where she served as a faithful member. She was a very spiritual person who routinely began her day with meditation and spiritual readings.

Michele's family and friends were an extremely important part of her life. Her home was a gathering place for festive occasions. She took great pride in graciously serving others and did so with a warm smile. Her colleagues became her extended family.

Michele was an avid reader, a gourmet cook, an interior decorator and a thrifty shopper. She was rarely seen at work or around the house without her "book of the week," nearby. She became well known by her JFK co-workers, family and friends for her famous, "Michele's Fried Chicken." Every aspect of her life was orderly; and her attire was always impeccable. She took little to nothing for granted.

Michele is survived by her parents, Priscilla and Eugene Mills; her siblings, Tricia and Kenneth Mills; her fiancée, Henry Ray; two uncles: Bob Mills of Edison, New Jersey and Freddie Holmes of Columbia, South Carolina; five aunts, Albertha Bell of Brooklyn, New York, Dezel Mallory of North Carolina, Doris Mills of Edison, New Jersey, Lysine Holmes of South Carolina, Irene Holmes of Brooklyn, New York, a great aunt, Lucille Wilkins of Brooklyn, New York, one god-daughter, Stephanie Holmes of Brooklyn, and a host of cousins and friends throughout the United States.

Mr. Speaker, Michele Mills was a woman who enjoyed her religion, her family, her work, and her hobbies. She worked hard, no matter which part of her life was her focus at any particular moment. As such I hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring the memory of this woman who was at the beginning of a truly remarkable life.