

herewith a 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to Sierra Leone and Liberia that was declared in Executive Order 13194 of January 18, 2001, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13213 of May 22, 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 22, 2002.

OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH FUNDING AND NURSE REINVESTMENT ACT PASSED IN HOUSE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, two very important legislative initiatives passed today, and I would like to acknowledge the importance of H. Con. Res. 385. This bill expresses the Congress that the Secretary of Health and Human Services should conduct research on certain tests to screen for ovarian cancer. Out of the work of the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL) and the great leadership of the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), a survivor of this cancer, it is very important for women who suffer from this, as well as those not yet diagnosed, to realize this legislation will help, I believe, in bringing down the numbers of those who are not able to survive with this disease.

Experts estimate that more than 23,000 cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed this year with an estimated 13,000 dying. This legislation will help us focus on research for ovarian cancer, and I believe it is an important initiative.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my applause for the Nurse Reinvestment Act for 2002 sponsored by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) for the important resources it will bring to improving the professional development of nurses around the Nation, but also recruiting nurses. In my community as we speak, the Black Nurses Association will be meeting in Houston, Texas. They have been on the forefront of increasing the professional development of nurses, and providing opportunities for recruiting nurses, compensation for nurses, and the respect for nurses. The Nurses Reinvestment Act will give us the opportunity to increase the nursing population, or those who are seeking to train as nurses, increasing the professionalism of nurses, and thank them for providing good health care in America.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to extend their remarks on the subject of the DeLay and the Leach Special Orders today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PLATTS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUSAN B. HIRSCHMANN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, this evening I'm taking the opportunity to speak for a few moments about someone very special to me and the whole Whip Team.

I want to speak about the enormous contribution my Chief-of-Staff Susan Hirschmann has made by building the most effective staff on Capitol Hill, assisting the leadership of our House Republican Majority, and struggling tremendously hard day after day to advance our conservative, constitutional principles.

As a Member of Congress, I've found that one of the most critical factors determining our ability to effect the political process is determined by the qualities and convictions held by the men and women we hire.

Fortunately, in Susan, I found a leader with the courage to stand firm for our principles, the vision and creativity to develop effective solutions, and the heart and humor to hold together my committed and boisterous staff.

Different observers bring different interpretations about what, precisely, it is that constitutes true leadership but I know it when I see it and this much I know; only a strong leader can command the Whip Team. I've been truly fortunate to have Susan as my right hand for the past five years.

Over the years, we've won a lot of battles, we've lost a few battles, but I can't think of single occasion when we backed down from a struggle involving our core principles with a chance for victory still within site.

That's a testament to Susan's passion, determination, and strategic vision. I'm gratified to have shared so many close votes with her and pleased that our team has been able to prevail so many times.

So, Mr. Speaker, let me close by reiterating the extent of my gratitude for all the sacrifices that Susan Hirschmann made for me, our party, and our country.

We've accomplished some amazing things for the American people.

And I'm deeply grateful for everything that she's given up to build my staff into the most determined, passionate, and effective organization in Washington. We'll all miss her laughter, her wisdom, and her leadership. We'll send her off with every good wish for future happiness, success and fulfillment.

Mr. HILLEARY. Susan B. Hirschmann is known throughout official Washington, D.C. and beyond as an intelligent, hard charging, political powerhouse who has made a tremendous contribution to the Republic through her work on Capitol Hill to influence and steer federal public policy in a conservative direction. Her reputation is well deserved.

In seven and a half years as a Member of the House of Representatives, I have met no

one for whom I have more respect and admiration than Susan Hirschmann. I am proud and honored to be able to call her my friend. She will be sorely missed by all of us who work with her in the House, but we all wish her well as she seeks new challenges.

I had the great fortune to hire Susan Hirschmann to serve as my Chief of Staff during my first term in office. She was, and is, the best of the best. Because of her I was the envy of my 1994 freshman class. The question most frequently asked of me by my colleagues in Congress during my first term was, "How did you get Susan Hirschmann to be your Chief of Staff?" I knew I needed someone with ample knowledge of Washington to supplement my lack of D.C. experience. Susan not only met that need, she was also the most talented person around. On behalf of myself, and the approximately 600,000 good folks who live in the 4th Congressional District of Tennessee, I thank you for the time you gave us.

As anyone on Capitol Hill knows, Susan went on to become Majority Whip Tom DeLay's Chief of Staff. In that position, she has played no small role in helping Tom to become the most effective Whip the House has ever seen.

Susan embodies a rare combination of wit, wisdom, tenacious work ethic and political savvy, along with a personal touch. She is loyal to her friends and a formidable and feared foe to her enemies. With regard to her personal touch, she has shown tremendous kindness to me and so many others over the years, the most notable of which for me was an introduction several years ago to my future wife, Meredith.

Thank you, Susan, for your warm friendship and for the service you have rendered to our nation, the Congress and to so many of us individually. May God's blessings be with you and your husband, David, wherever life takes you.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to a great American, and a great leader. Susan Hirschman is an unsung hero here in these hallowed halls of Congress.

Susan has dedicated her life to common sense conservative principles upon which America was founded. Like other great leaders, Susan is a principled and determined advocate, seemingly never missing an opportunity to advance her cause.

I met Susan shortly before being sworn into office, and since then, I have benefited often from her wise counsel on a myriad of topics.

Anyone spending just a short time here in Washington knows what an important role staff plays in facilitating the work of this House. As Chief of Staff to the Majority Whip, Susan takes her responsibilities seriously. She has ensured an effective Whip operation, and I know she will be sorely missed by leadership.

Susan also took a keen interest in the success of the Freshman class. Frankly, I believe her guidance and input has contributed greatly to the development of countless members of our class. And we too will feel the loss of her departure.

I know that Susan Hirschman and her husband David are one of a kind—a dynamic duo made for success. They are natural born leaders, and I am proud to call them friends.

I wish Susan and David the best of luck as Susan prepares to enter the next chapter of her career. God bless.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to night to pay tribute to Susan Hirschmann—an amazing member of the Majority Whip's staff who is leaving the House of Representatives after serving the public and this institution for 10 years.

It is difficult to sum up who Susan Hirschmann is or to overstate her impact on this institution.

Susan is many things to many people, and she is always there for Members whatever their need. Whether you are in need of a meal, a sounding board, or a project for your district—Susan is there and she delivers!

There's no doubt in my mind that Susan's savvy and intellect is at the foundation of most successes of our Republican majority. She is not just a leadership staffer, she is a leader. And, for women who want to be power brokers in Washington, I can't think of a better role model.

While Susan's credentials as a conservative Republican are sterling, she doesn't discriminate on ideology. For one, she knows that every Member represents a vote. But, she is more than a vote counter. She respects the House as an institution and she's always looking out for the team, and that means understanding and caring about the Members.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Susan: for listening—even when the message is tough to hear, for offering her sage advice, for telling it like it is, for getting the job done—no matter the obstacles, for being an inspiration to women, and most importantly, for her friendship.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to say thank you to Susan Hirschmann for her tremendous leadership and her service to their institution. She has been an asset to this House and to the Majority Whip's Office now for 10 years.

As a freshman member in 1994 Susan was a guide to this member who was still learning the rules! Susan has continued to provide counsel and guidance on the many occasions that I have gone to her in my 8 years in the House.

Susan, you will be missed by the institution and by me, personally. Best wishes to you and David in all future endeavors.

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great reluctance that I wish Susan Hirschmann farewell. We all know how important staff is to the legislative process. As the Majority Whip's Chief of Staff Susan has not only served Mr. DELAY but the House and the American people as well. Her drive has helped us pass many important pieces of legislation. Her dedication to the work we do here led her to stay much longer than she wanted. Susan had planned to leave before this year, but after the events of September 11th, realized that she needed to stay to help guide the House through a crucial period in our nation's history. Susan was and is the "go to" person. Whether it was advice, counsel or moving legislation, she was consistently effective.

I thank her husband David for the long hours she has put into serving Majority Whip DELAY and the House.

Thank you Susan. Best wishes in your future endeavors. We're going to miss you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

HONORING JOHN B. ANDERSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring an icon of American politics, John B. Anderson. John is someone about whom the traditional appellation we apply to one another here could not ring more true. He is indeed a "gentleman from Illinois."

A member of what commentators are calling "the greatest generation" of Americans, John was born in Rockford and, after graduating from the University of Illinois, began his public service as did so many of that generation by enlisting in the field artillery during World War II. As part of democracy's greatest Army, he saw extensive combat in France and Germany.

After the war, John joined many of his comrades in returning to school, receiving his JD from the University of Illinois and an LLM from Harvard. A member of the Foreign Service from 1952 to 1955, he served on the staff of the United States High Commissioner for Germany. John's first elective office was that of State's attorney for Winnebago County, Illinois. In 1960, John was elected to Congress, where he represented Illinois' 16th Congressional District with great distinction and signal independence for 10 terms. While a Member of the House, he served on the Rules Committee and, indicative of the esteem in which he was held by his colleagues, for a decade as chairman of the House Republican Conference.

While in Congress, John was an unabashed progressive, championing civil rights legislation, advocating open housing and nondiscrimination measures, and promoting campaign finance reform. With Mo Udall, a colleague John and many of us admired greatly, John helped secure passage by the House of the landmark conservation measure setting aside 125 million acres in Alaska, 67 million dedicated to wilderness.

In 1980, John challenged the political establishment by running as an independent for President. He ran a spirited, issue-oriented campaign, which in the end garnered over 6 million votes. Since leaving public office, John has taught political science as a visiting professor at some of the Nation's most prestigious colleges and universities and for the past 16 years has taught courses in the electoral process and constitutional law at Nova-Southeastern University Law School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

True to form, John remains an active challenger to the political status quo. He is a frequent lecturer and commentator on issues of electoral reform,

United Nations reform, foreign affairs and American politics. He currently chairs the Center for Voting and Democracy.

In February, John turned 80. Keke, his wife of almost 50 years, whose Greek spontaneity provides such a warm complement to John's Scandinavian reserve, their five children and nine grandchildren, along with friends and admirers from across the country, celebrated that milestone and the wonderful career it encompasses last week here in Washington.

A soldier, a diplomat, a legislator, a teacher, a big "R" Republican and small "d" democrat, John Anderson epitomizes the very best in the American political tradition. His congressional career stands as an ornament to the House he served with such progressive vision. His Presidential race remains a model of decency and commitment, a beacon of reasoned positivity in an era of social division. His service to the public provides the younger generations he continues to instruct living proof of the value of a principled life.

It is a privilege to honor John B. Anderson. This gentleman from Illinois is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor to serve in the House of Representatives for six years with John Anderson, from my arrival in the House in 1975 thru the end of his tenth term in 1981.

John Anderson is probably best known for his 1980 run for President as an independent candidate. he garnered 5.7 million votes in his candidacy. While that campaign marked the end of his electoral career, he has remained active in the political arena.

Even though he ran for the Presidency more than 20 years ago, he is still recognized by many, including persons who were too young to vote in 1980. When people tell him that he looks like the John Anderson who ran for President, he tells them "that's what my wife tells me every morning." John has been married to his wife Keke for almost 50 years, so she should know.

Mr. Anderson, who turned 80 this year, is active with the Center for Voting and Democracy and the World Federalist Association. He is a distinguished visiting professor at Nova-Southeastern University Law School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Students there benefit from his insights in courses in the electoral process and constitutional law. He has previously taught political science as a visiting professor at numerous universities, including Bryn Mawr College, Brandeis University, Stanford University, Oregon State University and the University of Illinois.

It is not surprising that teaching law comes naturally to John Anderson. He received a J.D. degree from the University of Illinois, a LL.M. degree from Harvard University and honorary doctorates of law from Wheaton College and Trinity College. In addition, he served as the State's Attorney for Winnebago County, Illinois from 1956 to 1960, prior to his election to Congress.

As a Member who will be leaving Congress at the end of this session, I look forward to staying active in the public policy arena. John Anderson, with his nearly quarter of a century

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak in his lieu.