

began to search for her real identity. In 1989, the Alabama Supreme Court recognized Jett Williams as the daughter of Hank Williams.

Through her fight to be recognized as the daughter of Hank Williams, Jett Williams was assisted by attorney Keith Adkinson, who became her husband in 1986. The next year, she began her professional singing debut in Evergreen, Alabama. In 1990, she published her autobiography. Finally, on the occasion of the anniversary of the 75th birthday of Hank Williams, Jett Williams and Hank Williams, Jr. made their first appearance together, demonstrating their family relationship.

Carrying on the Hank Williams tradition, Jett Williams performs throughout the country, and on August 16, 2003, she will once again return to Alabama for her annual Kowliga Reunion on Lake Martin to honor her father and one of country music's best known legacies, Hank Williams.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF THE WORK OF SISTER JANET DOYLE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity today to recognize the contributions to Catholic education made by Sister Janet Doyle, O.P. of the Toledo Catholic Diocese. Sr. Janet leaves her position as Superintendent of the diocese's Catholic Youth and Social Services, having developed the office into a comprehensive network of services for young people including schools, sports, social activities, and ministry.

During her long tenure, Sr. Janet has overseen 83 elementary schools, 10 high schools, 4 private high schools, and 2 colleges in the diocese's nineteen county Northwest Ohio area through which tens of thousands of children have been educated. Under her leadership, the schools expanded enrollment to include children of all faiths, offering opportunities for them to learn in an interfaith environment.

Sr. Janet's stewardship has been marked by the Catholic educators' credo that "we believe our Catholic School is not only a school, but a community of Faith; we believe those entrusted to us are not only students, but children of God; we believe we are not only educators, but ministers of the Gospel; we believe the values we teach are not only character development, but a call to Holiness; we believe our courses of study are not only academic pursuits, but a search for Truth; we believe the purpose of education is not only for personal gain and the development of society, but for the Transformation of the world." Under her capable guidance, the diocese's schools have demonstrated they are at the forefront of a quality education with rigorous academic standards, and at the same time giving students a safe haven in which to learn and grow. Thank you Sister!

Sr. Janet leaves as her legacy the fulfillment of the mission of the office of Catholic Youth and School Services to "assist the Bishop in his teaching mission by serving, challenging, and supporting the leaders of youth formation and education who minister in schools and

parishes in the Diocese of Toledo." Though her daily presence will be missed, Toledo's Catholic youth services bear her imprimatur.

TRIBUTE TO EDDIE MURRAY

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, the words most often used to describe Eddie Murray are "team-player," "reliable," "steady," and "clutch-player." What these words fail to convey is just how much fun it was to watch Eddie play, particularly for the Orioles, particularly in Memorial Stadium where he spent his first 12 years as a professional baseball player. He helped the team excel in every way, from winning a World Series and a pair of American League Championships, to being an exciting home team to root for at the ballpark.

This wonderful and often underappreciated ball player known in my hometown simply as "Eddie" will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame this weekend in the first year he is eligible. The statistics are important, and they show just how steady and yet remarkable Eddie's career was: Eddie Murray is one of three players (the other two are Hank Aaron and Willie Mays) to hit over a lifetime 500 home runs and 3,000 hits. He is the only switch hitter to accomplish this feat. He homered from both sides of the plate in 11 games—a Major League record. He was the 1977 American League Rookie of the Year, an 8-time All-Star (in both Leagues), a 3-time Golden Glove winner, and shares the distinction with Cal Ripken and Pete Rose of playing at least 150 games in 16 seasons—all in a career that was 20 years long. He ranks 2nd in all-time career grand slams with 19. He ranks 8th all-time in RBIs, 17th in home runs, 12th in hits. He holds the Major League record for games played and assists by a first baseman. He batted in 1,917 RBIs—more than 75 a season in 20 consecutive seasons.

He hit 996 RBIs in the 80's—the most any player hit in the decade—and was known for being able to play his best in situations where his team needed him the most. Murray was a career .410 hitter with the bases loaded. In fact, he hit 117 game-winning RBIs, an American League record, and hit a Major League record 128 sacrifice flies. Murray was in every way the ultimate clutch player and a team player who thought of the team and the game before his own glory. In total, he hit 504 home runs, 3,255 hits, and played for the Orioles, the Dodgers, the Mets, the Indians, and the Angels. But he started his career and hit his 500th home run in Baltimore, and he will be inducted on Sunday as an Oriole. We are proud to claim him.

Eddie Murray told the Baltimore Sun in January when he found out about the induction: "The 500 home runs, to me, is the most mind-boggling, because I didn't think I was strong enough. I never thought of myself as a home-run hitter." He gave back to other players, on the field with his selfless play and off. When Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record, he singled his former teammate out for praise, saying "when I got to the big leagues, there was a man—Eddie Murray—who showed me how to play this game, day in and day out. I thank

him for his example and for his friendship. I was lucky to have him as my teammate for the years we were together . . ." Murray also gave to his community, starting, with Ripken, a program giving Orioles tickets to underprivileged children. He also created an outdoor education program in the second largest urban park in the nation, Leakin Park in Baltimore, named The Carrie Murray Nature Center in honor of his late mother.

Of sharing his achievement with Aaron and Mays, Murray said, "I'm not in their class." Mr. Murray, your fans in Baltimore and across the Country beg to disagree.

CELEBRATING NEW YORK'S DOMINICAN DAY PARADE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of New York's oldest celebrations of Dominican culture, Manhattan's Dominican Day Parade.

The annual parade, which once ran through the heart of Washington Heights, has grown to become one of August's most anticipated celebrations of cultural and ethnic pride on New York's Sixth Avenue.

This year's parade on August 10th not only comes on the heels of the Dominican Republic's hosting of the 14th edition of the Pan-American Games, it also kicks off Dominican Heritage Week in New York City. From then to August 16th, New Yorkers of all ages will get a chance to learn about some of the ways in which this vibrant community is transforming the nation.

We have begun to hear of Dominicans and Dominican-Americans in the context of stars like baseball slugger Sammy Sosa, designer Oscar de la Renta, and Miss Universe 2002 Amelia Vega. However, there are hundreds of Dominican professionals and an increasing amount of Dominican students that are blazing trails in government, law, science, and technology. They understand that they stand on the shoulders of not only the sacrifices that their parents have made but also on the achievements of members of other freedom-loving people.

In many ways, their journey is similar to other immigrant groups that have landed on our shores. But make no mistake, the people of the Dominican Republic have a style all their own. They are part of the wonderful mosaic that is America whose continuing empowerment can only help this country reach its full potential as a democracy.

LIVING WELL WITH FATAL CHRONIC ILLNESS ACT OF 2003

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Living Well with Fatal Chronic Illness Act of 2003", a bill to build the capacity to meet the challenge of growing numbers of people living with serious chronic illness for some time before death. I am joined

in introducing this bill by my colleague, Representative JIM RAMSTAD.

The early ideas for this legislative initiative came from conversations around the dinner table with my wife, Jean. We have both lost spouses, who succumbed at an unusually early age to cancer, and we have tended to disabled and frail parents.

Many citizens have been personally touched by the experience of caring for disabled and frail parents or for spouses and children as they lived out their final days. My experience in these difficult situations has been that our health care system is a patchwork quilt of mismatched services that carry with them substantial expense. So, the challenges faced by those nearing the end of life, as well as by those caring for loved ones, are particularly meaningful to me.

Just in the last half-century, the way that most Americans come to the end of life has changed dramatically. Today, most people live for many months with a serious chronic illness before they die. In fact, statistics show that, on average, Americans will be unable to care for themselves for the last two years of their lives. However, the services that our health care system makes readily available were designed to cope with short-term threats, such as accidental injuries and heart attacks. Our nation's health care system has not been adapted to meet the needs of people facing the final phase of life or the many challenges faced by their caregivers.

Problems associated with end-of-life care are deeply rooted in federal policy. Unfortunately, we have been slow to see that these lapses are not just personal calamities and challenges, but rather, are built into federal policy. For example, while Medicare coverage makes operations and emergency services readily available to the elderly, services more appropriate for serious disability and dying are not easily found. Medicare, Medicaid, and Veteran's coverage do not provide for continuity in care, advance care planning, family support, or symptom relief for long-term fatal illnesses.

Further, end of life care uses a large portion of funding allocated to health care services. Those last few years of life are tremendously expensive, with the last year alone using 28% of the overall Medicare budget. It is estimated that half of Medicare costs—and even more of Medicaid for the elderly and Veteran's health care—go toward care of those who are very sick and will die, rather than get well. Although taxpayers spend money on end-of-life care, they do not get reliability and quality from that care.

This is a problem that will only increase in the coming years. The numbers of people facing serious illness and death will double within a quarter century, as the Baby Boomer generation reaches old age. Our nation must not only arrange and pay for services that can support the unprecedented number of people who will need care, but we must also learn how to support family caregivers. Facts show that a family member will spend nearly as many years—seventeen—caring for an elderly parent, as raising children—eighteen years. Further, a family caregiver can expect to lose more than one-half million dollars in net worth, (from having a lower pension, more time not covered by health insurance, and lost wages.)

The "Living Well with Fatal Chronic Illness Act of 2003" will meet the challenges faced by a growing number of people who must live

with serious chronic illness for some time before death. This comprehensive legislation addresses three key initiatives—one affects caregivers, two relate to improving end-of-life care.

First, the legislation proposes a \$3,000 per year refundable tax credit for the primary caregiver of a spouse or those they can claim as dependents, and certain other low income individuals, who have long-term care needs. This is important, because the United States is the only developed nation that does not support family caregivers. There is no federal government program to help improve skills, provide respite; indeed, we do not generally demonstrate that we honor caregivers' love and loyalty. The tax credit we propose is admittedly not enough to pay for the financial sacrifices of caregivers who provide long-term care, but it will demonstrate support and respect for the significant commitment and contributions made by those who help loved ones to live well despite serious illness.

We have been so focused on learning how to prevent and cure diseases that we have all but abandoned interest in what occurs as those possibilities run out. Most people now die of long-term irreversible conditions like dementia, frailty, heart failure, emphysema, cancer, and stroke; yet there is very little reliable evidence about serious illness and the end of life. This legislation will help provide guidance that the medical community needs to respond more effectively to unique end-of-life challenges.

In order to begin laying the foundation for evidence-based reforms to health care, the second section of the bill authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to establish research, demonstration, and education programs to improve the quality of end-of-life care across multiple federal agencies.

Third, the bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement programs to improve the delivery of appropriate health and support services for patients with fatal chronic illness. The Veterans Health Care System has been a leader in end-of-life care delivery and innovation, especially in advance care planning and pain management. This bill aims to support continued excellence through enhanced education and service delivery for this important care system that now serves so many disabled and elderly veterans.

Our nation will face major challenges in the next quarter century as baby boomers approach old age. We must ensure that people suffering from fatal chronic illnesses live out their lives in a dignified, comfortable, and meaningful way, and we must support and honor the invaluable work of caregivers.

HONORING ETHAN LINK FOR HIS OUTSTANDING INVOLVEMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ethan Link of Gallatin, TN, for being selected as Gallatin High School's first YMCA Youth Governor.

Ethan has been involved in the YMCA Youth Legislature since the sixth grade. In 2001, at his freshman conference, he received the Outstanding Bill award for legislation con-

cerning DNA testing for death-row inmates awaiting execution. During his junior year, he received the Outstanding Bill award for a measure to create a death penalty review commission and served as the Senate Floor Leader. This year, he was selected to attend the Conference on National Affairs and to serve as the Youth Governor for 2004.

Ethan marked the highlight of the conference as meeting with members of the White House staff, representatives and senators from several states—including myself—members of the Washington media, Judy Schneider of Congressional Research Service and many other "inspiring speakers."

Another aspect of Ethan's involvement in public service programs is his participation in the Model United Nations Program. He has been involved with this program for 4 years. At the 2002 MUN conference, he served as Jamaica's ambassador on the Security Council. The following year, he served as China's ambassador, giving him a more powerful role. Ethan will serve as Security Council president in 2004.

I commend Ethan for his many accomplishments and awards, and wish him the best of luck in future endeavors.

29TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my encouragement on behalf and to the international community for their continued efforts at resolving the Cyprus crisis. Twenty-nine years ago, without justification, and against international law, Turkish armed forces invaded the nation of Cyprus and today because of a lack of willingness from the Turkish Cypriot leadership; the international community's goal of attained peace is yet to be achieved.

I want to commend United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan for his committed efforts to resolving this issue. From the international community's perspective, on several occasions there has been an initiative to resolve this issue, and yet because of the unwillingness of the Turkish Cypriot leadership and specifically Mr. Rauf Denktash, negotiations have collapsed. The most recent negotiations held this past March shows a prime example of unwillingness on the Turkish side. During the negotiations, Republic of Cyprus President Tassos Papadopoulos, accepted the Annan Plan aimed at reunifying Cyprus. However, Mr. Denktash bluntly rejected the plan, therefore denying his own Turkish Cypriot citizens the right to vote on the issue. In early April, after the meeting, Secretary General Annan issued a report to the Security Council, firmly declaring that Mr. Denktash bears the sole responsibility that lead to the failure of the UN effort.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, there are several strong warnings in the form of protests for the UN peace process, that the Turkish Cypriot community does not support Mr. Denktash's obstructionist approach to governing their community.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge Congress to support the continued efforts of the United Nations led by Secretary General Annan, to bring