

While the world we live in today seems to be constantly changing, too many women, both in and outside the United States, continue to spend their days living in fear and wondering what might happen to them if they even try to end their abusive relationships. These women are counting on us to fund the programs to ensure that they have access to the emotional and legal support services needed for victim recovery. To forget their needs is not an option.

SUPPORT THE HOMETOWN HEROES SURVIVOR BENEFITS ACT

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, our Nation's firefighters, law enforcement officers and EMS workers are truly our hometown heroes. When we call them, they risk their lives for all of us.

The Federal Public Safety Officers Benefit provides the families of public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty with a one-time financial benefit. Yet too often the families of public safety officers who are killed by or die of a heart attack or stroke while performing their duties are denied these benefits.

Last week, with the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and over 70 of my colleagues, I reintroduced this Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefit Act to correct this technicality in the law. H.R. 919 is a bipartisan bill to provide the benefits to the families of public safety officers who are killed by heart attack or stroke while on duty or within 24 hours after participating in a training exercise or responding to an emergency situation.

Madam Speaker, this is exactly the type of bipartisan legislation that should pass this House, and I urge all my colleagues to join me in honoring our hometown heroes by supporting H.R. 919.

COME HOME TO AMERICA

(Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, today I join with a number of concerned shareholders to encourage Tyco to come home to America. Formerly a resident of New Hampshire, Tyco renounced its U.S. corporate citizenship in 1997 and left for Bermuda. For many of these corporate expatriates, the sunny climate of Bermuda is not the main draw; it is the lacks regulatory structure and the low taxes that lure these former U.S. companies to island tax havens.

For Tyco, it has meant the ability to avoid \$400 million in U.S. taxes. Joint Tax has estimated that if all these cor-

porate expatriates were to pay their Federal income taxes again, as legislation I have filed would require, listen to this, we would save \$4 billion in tax revenue.

Certainly, as we discuss the "shared sacrifices" during a wartime economy, should these corporations not contribute as well? We are sending our children, men and women off to Iraqi shores, and we are asking these corporate patriots to go to Bermuda?

Today, Madam Speaker, I urge shareholders to approve proposal article number 7, despite the opposition of Tyco's management, and, Madam Speaker, I urge the Republican leadership to bring up my bill, the Corporate Patriot Enforcement Act, so we can tell all of these corporate expatriates, come home to America.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND WELFARE

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about the need to address domestic violence against women within the context of our welfare system.

One in every three welfare recipients has experienced domestic violence in the 12 months prior to receiving welfare assistance. Making women choose between financial security and physical safety is appalling. The provisions in the bill which urge marriage and have programs to get people married, which will encourage some women either to stay in an abusive relationship or marry an abuser, is not the way welfare should be moving for economic security. This is no way to promote that.

Women have the right to financial stability and physical safety for themselves and for their children. Welfare's means for promoting success and economic stability should come through education and training and other responsible ways.

Education is the number one predictor of future opportunities in the work force. We should be putting our limited and valuable resources toward these proven vehicles of helping women, instead of throwing it away on unproved programs to urge people to get married. There is no question we are going to put more women in harm's way with those kinds of programs.

DEDICATE RESOURCES TO ENDING ALL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, you will hear throughout this Stop Violence Week the horrifying statistics of how many women are abused by their partners in their own homes, how many women are raped by men that

they know, and how many women and girls worldwide face violence on a daily basis. Yet, despite this crisis at home and abroad, the administration's budget cuts funding for Violence Against Women programs by nearly \$20 million.

There continues to be no funding for transitional housing for victims who are fleeing violence and need services and support to get back on their feet. The Department of Justice has yet to establish a strong and independent Violence Against Women Office, despite the fact that Congress passed legislation in the last Congress requiring this. And now the Attorney General wants to establish new regulations making it harder for women who face gender-based persecution in their countries to seek asylum in the United States.

We must work hard to end all violence against women, and it is time that we dedicate the resources needed to achieve this goal.

RESTORE CUTS MADE TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT PROGRAMS

(Mr. ENGEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to illustrate the great necessity for services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

According to the Department of Justice, every year in the United States, 4.9 million people are victimized by their intimate partners. In order to break free of violence, these victims seek assistance through the National Domestic Violence Hotline, local shelter programs, rape crisis centers and transitional housing programs.

The Violence against Women Act of 2000, VAWA, authorized funding for these essential programs. In his State of the Union address, the President listed domestic violence services as important and worthy of Federal funding. Yet the President's 2004 budget cuts over \$19 million from VAWA programs. This cut may seem minimal. However, for victims of domestic violence it could mean the literal difference between life and death.

I stand before you today and ask that Congress restore the cuts made to the VAWA programs in the President's budget in order to preserve essential services to victims of domestic violence and their children. Without full funding for these programs, women's lives are literally in jeopardy.

FIGHTING HEART DISEASE

(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, this is Women's History Month, where we underscore the contributions of women across this world, and we also underscore, Madam Speaker, the challenges that women face.

My subject matter this morning, Madam Speaker, is about heart disease. Cardiovascular disease is the Nation's leading killer among men and women of all racial backgrounds. Approximately 1 million Americans die of cardiovascular disease every year.

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It is estimated that cardiovascular disease cost Americans almost \$330 billion in 2002 for cardiovascular disease-related medical costs and disability.

In the United States, twice as many women die of heart disease and stroke as all forms of cancer, including breast cancer. In my home State of Indiana, a study was conducted regarding heart disease in women during 1991 through 1995. Findings revealed that close to 45,000 women in Indiana died from diseases of the heart during the study period. Overall, close to 85,000 people in Indiana died from diseases of the heart during the last 5 years.

I was delighted to participate in the Sister to Sister Women's Heart Day on Capitol Hill. It is the kind of information, education, and support that we all need.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MYRICK). Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 373, nays 39, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 43]
YEAS—373

Abercrombie	Biggart	Burgess
Ackerman	Bilirakis	Burns
Aderholt	Bishop (GA)	Burton (IN)
Akin	Bishop (NY)	Buyer
Allen	Bishop (UT)	Calvert
Andrews	Blackburn	Camp
Baca	Blumenauer	Cannon
Bachus	Blunt	Cantor
Baird	Boehlert	Capito
Baker	Boehner	Capps
Baldwin	Bonilla	Cardin
Ballance	Bonner	Carson (IN)
Ballenger	Bono	Carson (OK)
Barrett (SC)	Boozman	Carter
Bartlett (MD)	Boswell	Case
Barton (TX)	Boucher	Castle
Bass	Boyd	Chabot
Beauprez	Bradley (NH)	Chocola
Becerra	Brady (TX)	Clay
Bell	Brown (OH)	Clyburn
Bereuter	Brown (SC)	Coble
Berkley	Brown, Corrine	Cole
Berman	Brown-Waite,	Collins
Berry	Ginny	Combest

Conyers	Issa	Pearce
Cooper	Jackson (IL)	Pelosi
Cox	Jackson-Lee	Pence
Cramer	(TX)	Peterson (PA)
Crenshaw	Jefferson	Petri
Crowley	Jenkins	Pickering
Cubin	John	Pitts
Culberson	Johnson (CT)	Platts
Cummings	Johnson (IL)	Pombo
Cunningham	Johnson, E. B.	Pomeroy
Davis (AL)	Johnson, Sam	Porter
Davis (CA)	Jones (NC)	Portman
Davis (FL)	Jones (OH)	Price (NC)
Davis (IL)	Kanjorski	Pryce (OH)
Davis (TN)	Kaptur	Putnam
Davis, Jo Ann	Keller	Quinn
Davis, Tom	Kelly	Radanovich
Deal (GA)	Kennedy (RI)	Rahall
DeGette	Kildee	Rangel
Delahunt	Kilpatrick	Regula
DeLauro	Kind	Rehberg
DeMint	King (IA)	Renzi
Deutsch	King (NY)	Reyes
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kingston	Reynolds
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kirt	Rogers (KY)
Dicks	Klecza	Rogers (MI)
Dingell	Kline	Rohrabacher
Doggett	Knollenberg	Ros-Lehtinen
Dooley (CA)	Kolbe	Ross
Doolittle	LaHood	Rothman
Doyle	Lampson	Roybal-Allard
Dreier	Langevin	Royce
Duncan	Lantos	Ruppersberger
Dunn	Larson (CT)	Rush
Edwards	Latham	Ryan (OH)
Ehlers	LaTourette	Ryan (WI)
Emanuel	Leach	Ryun (KS)
Emerson	Lee	Sanchez, Linda
Engel	Levin	T.
Eshoo	Lewis (CA)	Sandlin
Etheridge	Lewis (KY)	Saxton
Evans	Linder	Schakowsky
Everett	Lipinski	Schiff
Farr	Lofgren	Schrock
Fattah	Lowe	Scott (GA)
Feeney	Lucas (KY)	Scott (VA)
Ferguson	Lucas (OK)	Sensenbrenner
Flake	Lynch	Serrano
Fletcher	Majette	Sessions
Foley	Maloney	Shadegg
Forbes	Manzullo	Shaw
Ford	Markey	Shays
Franks (AZ)	Marshall	Sherman
Frelinghuysen	Matheson	Sherwood
Frost	Matsui	Shimkus
Galleghy	McCarthy (MO)	Shuster
Garrett (NJ)	McCarthy (NY)	Simmons
Gerlach	McCollum	Simpson
Gibbons	McCotter	Skelton
Gilchrest	McCrery	Slaughter
Gillmor	McGovern	Smith (MI)
Gingrey	McHugh	Smith (NJ)
Gonzalez	McInnis	Smith (TX)
Goode	McIntyre	Smith (WA)
Goodlatte	McKeon	Solis
Gordon	Meehan	Souder
Goss	Meeke (FL)	Spratt
Granger	Meeks (NY)	Stark
Graves	Menendez	Stearns
Green (WI)	Mica	Stenholm
Greenwood	Michaud	Sullivan
Gutierrez	Millender-	Tancredo
	Hall	Tanner
Harman	McDonald	Tauscher
Harris	Miller (FL)	Tauzin
Hart	Miller (MI)	Taylor (NC)
Hastings (WA)	Miller (NC)	Thomas
Hayes	Miller, Gary	Thornberry
Hayworth	Mollohan	Tiahrt
Hayward	Moore	Tierney
Hensarling	Murphy	Tiberti
Herger	Murtha	Toomey
Hill	Musgrave	Towns
Hinche	Myrick	Turner (OH)
Hinojosa	Nadler	Turner (TX)
Hobson	Napolitano	Upton
Hoefel	Neal (MA)	Van Hollen
Hoekstra	Nethercutt	Velazquez
Holden	Ney	Vitter
Holt	Northup	Walden (OR)
Honda	Norwood	Walsh
Hootley (OR)	Nunes	Wamp
Hostettler	Ortiz	Watson
Houghton	Osborne	Watt
Hoyer	Ose	Waxman
Hulshof	Pallone	Weiner
Hunter	Pascrell	Weldon (FL)
Insee	Pastor	Weldon (PA)
Isakson	Paul	Wexler
Israel	Payne	

Whitfield	Wilson (SC)	Wynn
Wicker	Wolf	Young (FL)
Wilson (NM)	Woolsey	

NAYS—39

Brady (PA)	Kucinich	Ramstad
Capuano	Larsen (WA)	Rodriguez
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Sabo
Crane	LoBiondo	Sanchez, Loretta
DeFazio	McDermott	Strickland
English	McNulty	Taylor (MS)
Filner	Miller, George	Thompson (CA)
Fossella	Moran (KS)	Thompson (MS)
Green (TX)	Nussle	Udall (CO)
Gutknecht	Oberstar	Udall (NM)
Hastings (FL)	Olver	Visclosky
Hefley	Otter	Weller
Kennedy (MN)	Peterson (MN)	Wu

NOT VOTING—22

Alexander	Istook	Snyder
Burr	Janklow	Stupak
Cardoza	Moran (VA)	Sweeney
DeLay	Obey	Terry
Frank (MA)	Owens	Waters
Gephardt	Oxley	Young (AK)
Grijalva	Rogers (AL)	
Hyde	Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MYRICK) (during the vote). The Chair would remind all Members there are less than 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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Mr. WU changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for: Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 43, the Approval of the Journal, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 43, I was unavoidably detained during the rollcall vote. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 43, I was in committee mtg. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 123) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 123

Resolved, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Ruppersberger (to rank immediately after Mr. Alexander).

The resolution was agreed to. A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.