

reduce pain and improve the quality of life for millions who suffer with this disease. Cooperative efforts at every level have led to the development of a National Arthritis Action Plan, with emphasis on public health strategies to make timely information and medical care much more widely available across the country. This legislation would develop a National Arthritis Education and Outreach Campaign to educate health-care professionals and the public on successful self-management strategies for controlling arthritis.

To ensure greater coordination and intensification of federal research efforts, this legislation would create a National Arthritis and Rheumatic Diseases Summit to look at challenges and opportunities related to arthritis research within all the agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services.

For the 300,000 children who are affected by this disease, this legislation expands and intensifies research for juvenile arthritis at the National Institutes of Health through the creation of planning grants for innovative research. It also creates incentives to encourage health professionals to enter the field of pediatric rheumatology through the establishment of education loan repayment and career development award programs. These incentives would help to address the severe shortage of these specialists in our country, so that all children will have greater access to physicians trained in state-of-the-art care for arthritis.

Mr. Speaker, we need to make the necessary investments in the fight against arthritis—our nation's number one cause of disability. This legislation will improve the quality of life for large numbers of adults and children and avoid thousands of dollars in medical costs for each patient. I urge all my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to support this legislation and enact it in a timely manner so millions of Americans, like Mr. Price, can live life with more hope and less pain.

SUPPORTING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD AND ENCOURAGING GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF FATHERS IN THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, in the week following the celebration of President Reagan's life and the mourning of his death, I am reminded of the impact his legacy has left on our country and on my job as a Member of the United States House of Representatives. It also makes me think about my role as a father and the legacy I will leave for my family. What will my children say about me when I die? Will I have left a legacy to them worthy of praise and fond memories and strong self-confidence? Will they be better parents themselves because of the father I was to them? This is the legacy that will matter the most—the one I leave my children and future grandchildren.

The National Center for Fathering is based in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, and I am proud of the efforts of Founder and President Dr. Ken Canfield and his vision to equip and sup-

port fathers across the country. Thirty-nine percent of all children live in a home without their father. That's 27 million children without a stable male role model in their home. According to Focus on the Family, "Children with married parents consistently do better in every measure of well-being than their peers who have single, cohabiting, divorced or step-parents, and this is a stronger indicator than parental race, economic or educational status, or neighborhood. The literature on this is broad and strong."

The liberal Center for Law and Social Policy, a child advocacy organization, and Child Trends agree that "children do best when raised by their two married biological parents. Young men without married parents are 1.5 times more likely than those with married parents to be out of school and out of work. Young girls without married parents are twice as likely to be idle. A major study published in the Journal of Marriage and the Family found that boys and girls who lived with both biological parents had the lowest risk of becoming sexually active. Teens living with only one biological parent, including those in stepfamilies, were particularly at risk for becoming sexually active at younger ages.

White and black girls growing up in single-parent homes are 111 percent more likely to bear children as teenagers, 164 percent more likely to have a child out of marriage, and—if they do marry—their marriages are 92 percent more likely to dissolve compared to their counterparts with married parents. Where are the fathers? Single mothers have the hardest job in America, and it is past due time when fathers need to take responsibility and be a father to their children.

We celebrate Father's Day June 20th and I applaud my father-in-law and my father for the legacy they left my wife and me. I pray that my legacy to my children will be strong, loving, and proud. May God continue to bless America.

ARTHRITIS PREVENTION,
CONTROL AND CURE ACT OF 2004

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mrs. ESHOO. Mr Speaker, I'm pleased to join my colleague Representative PICKERING in introducing the Arthritis Prevention, Control and Cure Act of 2004, which authorizes programs and funding that will allow the Federal Government to better coordinate and increase our investment in efforts to prevent, treat, and care for persons with arthritis and related diseases. The bill represents the most significant Federal effort to address arthritis in a generation. The Arthritis Prevention, Control and Cure Act of 2004 addresses this important issue by:

Enhancing the National Arthritis Action Plan by providing additional support to federal, state, and private efforts to prevent and manage arthritis;

Developing a National Arthritis Education and Outreach Campaign to educate the healthcare profession and the public on successful self-management strategies for controlling arthritis;

Ensuring greater coordination and intensification of federal research efforts by orga-

nizing a National Arthritis and Rheumatic Diseases Summit to look at challenges and opportunities related to basic, clinical and translational research and development efforts;

Providing greater attention to the area of juvenile arthritis research through the creation of planning grants for innovative research specific to juvenile arthritis, as well as the prioritization of epidemiological activities focused on better understanding the prevalence, incidence, and outcomes associated with juvenile arthritis; and

Creating incentives to encourage health professionals to enter the field of pediatric rheumatology through the establishment of an education loan repayment and career development award programs.

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the U.S. with 70 million Americans living with a form of the disease. With the aging of the baby boomers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) predicts the number of people over 65 with arthritis or chronic joint symptoms will double by 2030. Nearly 300,000 children in the United States are living with a form of juvenile arthritis. Arthritis is a painful and debilitating chronic disease affecting men, women and children alike.

Currently, the Federal investment in juvenile arthritis research is only \$23 per affected child. The CDC estimates that the annual cost of medical care for arthritis is \$51 billion, and the annual total costs, including lost productivity, exceed \$86 billion. Early diagnosis, treatment, and appropriate management of arthritis are critical in controlling symptoms and improving quality of life.

In 1975, nearly 30 years ago, Senator Alan Cranston of California introduced the last major piece of arthritis legislation. It was signed into law by President Gerald Ford. The bill, the National Arthritis Act, set our Nation on an important path in the fight against arthritis. It led to the creation of an institute at NIH focused on arthritis, and laid the foundation for a national arthritis public health strategy.

However, arthritis is still claiming the lives of millions of Americans and we must reinvigorate our research and education efforts to offer individuals with arthritis a better chance at life and eventually a cure. I believe the Arthritis Prevention, Control and Cure Act of 2004 will do just that.

HONOR THE MEMORY OF U.S.
ARMY 2ND LIEUTENANT DONALD
AMES O'BRIAN

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenant Donald Ames O'Brian, who served proudly as an Infantry platoon leader with Company G, 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division.

O'Brian was killed in action on June 17, 1945, by an exploding Japanese artillery shell, near Calinan, Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

O'Brian was born on March 20, 1923, in Berwyn, Illinois. He was the son of Harold and Florence O'Brian, and graduated from my alma mater, Cleveland Heights High School, in June 1941. He attended Fenn College (later to become Cleveland State University), and

worked at Thompson Products Company (later to become TRW Corporation).

After enlisting in the U.S. Army and completing basic training, O'Brian volunteered for Officer Candidate School. Upon Graduation, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery branch. O'Brian soon requested a transfer to the Infantry branch so that he could engage in active combat as an Infantry platoon leader in the Pacific theater of operations under the command of General Douglas MacArthur.

O'Brian participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands with the 21st Infantry Regiment of the 24th Infantry Division, which invaded Mindanao Island, about 600 miles south of Manila. He dedicated himself to leading the men in his platoon, and earned their respect as he led them in combat. The 21st Infantry Regiment was engaged in 63 continuous days of combat against stiff Japanese resistance during the liberation of Mindanao Island.

Sadly, O'Brian was killed on June 17, 1945, a day before final victory was achieved by the 21st Regiment.

Lt. Col. Roy W. Marcy, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, wrote a letter to O'Brian's mother that said: "Donald displayed superior courage and bravery as leader of his platoon. The aggressiveness and leadership, which Donald exhibited, gives those of us who remain a wonderful example to follow in future operations against the enemy. Donald was the traditional hard fighting American soldier and he is grievously missed by all his fellow officers and soldiers."

As a tangible expression of the esteem held for O'Brian, the officers and men of the 2nd Battalion named an encampment area "Camp D. A. O'Brian" in his honor. O'Brian's mother received his posthumous Purple Heart medal, and letters of condolence from General MacArthur and Secretary of War Henry Stimson.

Recently, Mrs. Lorraine Sutliff of Aurora, OH, contacted my office to determine if there were any additional medals her brother was entitled to that were authorized by the War Department after the end of World War II.

We determined that O'Brian was entitled to the following awards: the Combat Infantryman's Badge for being an Infantry platoon leader in combat; Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service in combat; American Campaign Medal for his service in the United States; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal for service in the Pacific Theater; and the World War II Victory Medal. He was also eligible for the Philippine Liberation Medal authorized by the Philippine government.

Lawrence Binyon was a British poet who wrote "For the Fallen" to honor all of the soldiers who died defending liberty and freedom during World War I. His words of comfort are timeless to express the precious memories of all those brave soldiers who died to keep this great country free.

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Mr. Speaker, a grateful nation honors Lt. O'Brian's heroism and the ultimate sacrifice he paid to achieve victory in the Philippines.

CALIFORNIA ENRON REFUNDS

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on the recent order for my home state of California to repay over \$270 million to Enron and other energy corporations amidst growing evidence of Enron and other energy companies market manipulation.

The recent release of Enron tapes where traders openly discuss the manipulation of California power markets to the tune of one to two million dollars a day is unfair to all residents of California. Providing refunds to a company that used deceptive business practices is just plain backwards.

The United States has fallen victim to gas prices that are at a 23 year high. It has had a drastic effect on all consumers whether they are automobile drivers or not. Despite this, the Administration continues to give billions of dollars in tax breaks to special interest oil, gas, and coal companies that are doing nothing to help lower fuel prices.

Mr. Speaker, I am appalled and disgusted with the Administration's coddling of special interests while leaving taxpayers the task of having to foot the bill for years of wrongdoing by Enron and other corporate scoff laws. The refunds my home state are forced to pay reward market manipulators for predatory pricing activities. As legislators we should punish, not reward, companies who have deceived our citizens.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI ELIMELECH DAVID GOLDBERG

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rabbi Elimelech David Goldberg, the founder and National Director of Kids Kicking Cancer. Rabbi Goldberg is one of 10 outstanding individuals from across the country selected this year to receive a Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership award.

Over a decade ago, Rabbi Goldberg experienced the painful loss of his 2-year-old child during a bone marrow transplant for lymphocytic leukemia. Later, when he was approached to run a camp for children with cancer, he at first refused, fearing it would be too painful. On further reflection, he saw the opportunity to help other children in pain as a way to give meaning to the life of his daughter, and he embraced the challenge. Rabbi Goldberg's training as a black belt convinced him that karate could be a powerful aid to pain management and empowerment for young patients, enabling them to heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

When Rabbi Goldberg incorporated martial arts therapy into the program of the oncology camp in 1996, the results were dramatic. Children were encouraged to envision themselves not as cancer victims, but as healthy kids with tumors. They learned to control their fear and pain within a community of peer support that

mitigated the isolation of illness. Following this success, with the aid of a small grant, he created a pilot program at Children's Hospital of Detroit in March 1998.

When he incorporated the Kids Kicking Cancer organization in 1999, Rabbi Goldberg gave up his rabbinic congregation, active counseling practice, and directorship of the oncology camp. Today, ten social workers and child life specialists who are also martial arts teachers give weekly classes, accompany children to painful clinic visits, and visit them at home. There is also a hospice program for patients whose cancers are not responding to treatment. Kids Kicking Cancer has been working with over 400 children in Michigan, and is now starting Kids Kicking Sickle Cell in Michigan and Brooklyn, NY.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Rabbi Elimelech David Goldberg for his accomplishments as founder of Kids Kicking Cancer and for his efforts put forth in achieving a 2004 Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program award.

TRIBUTE TO BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 35, TRAVERSE CITY, MI

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Boy Scout Troop 35 in celebration of its 75th Anniversary.

On this day, we look back at the prestigious history of Troop 35. The Troop's dedication to its community is obvious in their planting of trees, in their assisting with snow removal, and in their volunteering to serve refreshments at area events. Even the commitment of the Troop leaders to the Scouts is evident in the Troop's high rate of advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout. For 75 years, Troop 35 has worked tirelessly to positively impact the lives of our youth and better our community.

I am honored today to recognize Boy Scout Troop 35 for its many accomplishments, and to thank the many volunteers, scouts, families, and scoutmasters who have endeavored to make Boy Scout Troop 35 the success it is today.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO MRS. REBECCA BROWN

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2004

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor and pleasure to wish a very happy birthday to Mrs. Rebecca Brown of Media, Pennsylvania on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Brown will reach the century mark on June 30 of this year, an incredible milestone.

Mrs. Brown was born in Media/Upper Providence, Pennsylvania and has lived in Delaware County, Pennsylvania all her life. She fell in love and married Theodore Mitchell Brown and they were blessed with one son, Theodore Earl Brown. Her husband passed away in