

IN MEMORY OF ESTHER WEISSMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Esther Weissman understood with all her heart that the cause of injured workers is one of society's great moral callings.

Social consciousness infused her daily work as a lawyer. She knew she was fighting not only for just compensation for her clients, she was trying to save their lives from being sacrificed upon the altars of modern industrial society.

They came to Esther on crutches, wearing arm slings, with eye patches and bandages of every sort from their encounters with the hazards of the workplace. They came to her office as pilgrims, migrants to a sacred place, seeking a miracle that would save their lives. Again and again Esther gave them hope, through honest and aggressive representation.

In addition to her advocacy in the courts, Esther actively participated in the electoral system. She rallied other attorneys, labor leaders, and voters to protect the rights of workers and advance social justice at the ballot box. Her legacy includes preserving Ohio's legal protections for injured workers in the popular defeat of the anti-worker ballot initiative known as Issue 2, in 1997.

Esther's was the cause of human dignity. Hers was the cause of economic justice. Hers was the cause of worker rights. Hers was the cause of the safe workplace. Hers was the cause of just compensation for injured workers. Hers was the cause of advocating for those too hurt, those too poor, those too weak to advocate for themselves.

Esther Weissman was the Joan of Arc of injured workers.

Again and again, holding up the banner of worker rights, she fearlessly fought on behalf of her beloved workers, with every fiber of her being, with all of her resources, with her last ounce of courage, to her last breath.

CELEBRATE TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY ON OCTOBER 10

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY
OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China (Taiwan) will celebrate its National Day October 10, 2005. I wish to congratulate the President and the People of Taiwan on this festive occasion.

Taiwan is a small island with few natural resources, yet it has prospered because of the opportunity provided by freedom and democracy. With one of the world's largest foreign exchange reserves, its 23 million people enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world. Politically, Taiwan is a full democracy, with free elections and a free press. Taiwan fully embraces the values of economic liberalization, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights.

Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian recently stopped in Miami, Florida en route to Central

America. Through a teleconference, President Chen was honored by the Congressional Human Rights Caucus in recognition of Chen's life-long campaign to promote and safeguard human rights not only in Taiwan but also in other parts of the world. In his teleconference, President Chen told Congressional members that Taiwan's democratic development is irreversible, that China could and should learn from Taiwan's history of democratization and that he would like to have direct talks with China's President without any prior conditions. I hope President Hu will take up President Chen's offer and move toward permanent peace in the Taiwan Strait based on personal freedom and individual liberty.

Mr. Speaker, President Chen is a man of peace. For the good of his country and his people, he has been pleading with Chinese leaders to resume talks over cross-strait disputes. In the meantime, President Chen has been asking the international community, to set up a mechanism to ensure that there would not be unnecessary military conflicts over the Taiwan Strait. I believe that the United States should, at the very least, continue to impress upon the Chinese that we will uphold our commitment and defend Taiwan if it is attacked without provocation.

On Taiwan's National Day, I join my colleagues in congratulating the Taiwanese people. We deeply appreciate our common bonds and friendship with them and look forward to strengthening our relationship in the future.

TRIBUTE TO TAIWAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in extending my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of 94 years of progress.

In recent years, Taiwan has become a model society. It has excellent schools, outstanding medical care, a strong economy, and many of its people enjoy one of the highest standards of living. Taiwan's social welfare programs have been laudable efforts to raise the standard of living for all. Moreover, Taiwan's constitution guarantees its citizens basic civil liberties, including freedom of peaceful assembly and association, freedom of speech and press, and freedom of religion. Taiwan's full commitment to democracy and human rights is commendable.

We are very appreciative of Taiwan's commitment to fight global terrorism, particularly by cooperating with our law enforcement agencies in sharing intelligence and doing everything possible to protect American interests in Taiwan. We are also aware of Taiwan's contributions to the Twin Towers Fund, the Pentagon Memorial Fund and to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

We wish the 23 million people of Taiwan continued progress and prosperity.

HONORING CAVION JAMIK HOLLOWAY

HON. DEVIN NUNES
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a courageous person—a giant among men—that touched many lives in the short seven years he was with us.

Cavion Jamik Holloway slipped the surly bonds of this earth on the wings of angels to the heavens above on September 28th 2005 in Omaha, Nebraska. This is a boy who never gave up and had the courage of a lion, the ferocity of a bear, and the tenderness of a dove to fight the scourge of leukemia until it overcame his body—not his soul.

Cavion is survived by a loving mother, Danielle Holloway, a devout father, Billy Holloway and four compassionate grandparents, Americo and Mary Flaiban of Bohemia, New York and Billy and Anne Holloway of Warner Robins, Georgia.

For over a year, Cavion went toe-to-toe with a disease that ravages the body and demoralizes the soul. Despite this overwhelming challenge, Cavion stood tall with a smile on his face and faith in his heart that he would win this battle and return to a life free of doctors, needles and hospital rooms. With the total dedication of his parents, Cavion knew that courage, conviction, and faith would be his partners on the journey to a life free of this disease. Unfortunately, his body succumbed to the challenges his brain refused to accept. Simply put—Cavion never quit!

Now in the heavens above, Cavion is charged with the duty of serving our Heavenly Father by looking over the family that survived him. To quote one of the many well wishers who left notes for Cavion and his parents, "Cavion will sing to you in the wind; he will call to you from your dreams; he will walk beside you and whisper in your ears—he will always be there with you."

During this fight, Cavion had help from many compassionate folks around this country. I would like to take this opportunity to express a special thanks to the medical professionals that never gave up and were constantly a source of encouragement and compassion for Cavion and his parents. I would like to specifically thank the staff of the University of New Mexico's Pediatric Oncology Department, especially Dr. Jeff Hanrahan, aka "The Commissioner of the Albuquerque Chapter of Hoccerball" and their counterparts at the University of Nebraska's Medical Center, specifically Dr. Bruce Gordon, aka "Doc Hollywood".

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the fact that each one of us has an opportunity to help champions like Cavion have a fighting chance at life. I would like to encourage every eligible person to enroll themselves in the National Marrow Donor Program. This program helps people who need a life-saving marrow or blood cell transplant. The program connects patients, doctors, donors and researchers to resources they need to help folks live longer, healthier lives.

As the days move on, all who knew Cavion will work to lift their hearts and souls to carry on with life. In doing this, we will continue to

cherish his memory; we will point to his selfless example; we will aspire to his bravery; and we will carry on in a world that is better for knowing him. May God bless his soul and the family he is charged to protect.

CONGRATULATING DR. JOHN HALL
FOR WINNING THE 2005 NOBEL
PRIZE FOR PHYSICS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the tremendous accomplishment of one of my constituents. The Royal Swedish Academy of Science awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics to Dr. John Hall of Boulder, Colorado. Dr. Hall and Dr. Theodor Haensch of Munich, Germany won the Nobel Prize for the development of a laser-based precision spectroscopy.

Dr. Hall is a JILA fellow at the University of Colorado and a senior scientist with the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Quantum Physics Division. Dr. Hall has received a series of awards in his distinguished career, including the Department of Commerce Gold Medal on three separate occasions in 1969, 1974, and 2002. He also became a member of the National Academy of Sciences in 1984.

In 1999, Dr. Haensch made a discovery that lasers with short pulses could be used to measure optical frequencies in cesium clocks. Through this the optical frequency comb technique that is based on the evenly distributed frequencies that appear like the teeth of a comb was developed. While the distance between frequencies can be defined through this technique, it did not determine the absolute value of the frequency. In 2000, Dr. Hall developed a simple formula to determine frequency displacement, thus stabilizing the frequency. Haensch and Hall worked together to develop an instrument that currently has wide commercial use.

This instrument can measure frequencies with an accuracy of fifteen digits. Their work has wide ranging application that can improve communication and animation technology, and potentially benefit navigation for spacecraft. Their work also can enable the study of stability of constants of nature over time, improve Global Positioning System, and develop more accurate clocks.

It is clear that their discoveries have opened doors into many sectors of research and industries. The potential for new knowledge is vast and wide ranging. NIST, JILA, and the University of Colorado can now boast three Nobel Laureates, which is testament to the groundbreaking and vital research being performed at these institutions. I am honored that these facilities are located within the Second Congressional District, and particularly honored that Dr. Hall has chosen to perform this research in Colorado. He is an asset to our scientific community, and is an inspiration for many young people who may want to pursue their interests in science.

I, again, congratulate Dr. Hall on his remarkable achievement and the honor that has been bestowed upon him.

RECOGNIZING JUDITH LAPP OF
INVERNESS, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judith Lapp of Inverness, Florida. Mrs. Lapp was recently honored as "The Most Admired Mother in All of Citrus County" by the Citrus Altrusa Club, as well as the Citrus County Chronicle.

Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, Mrs. Lapp married her husband Roger in 1956. After Roger was drafted into the U.S. Army, the Lapps moved to Fort Benning, Georgia for his military service. In 1963, Mrs. Lapp and her husband moved to Clearwater, Florida to start a family. Sadly, only four months after their first son Eric was born, he had an extremely serious seizure that changed the Lapps' lives forever.

The seizure, which was caused by an encephalitis outbreak, left Eric with epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and mental retardation. When Judith first began to deal with the challenges of a disabled son, she found that there were few programs in the region that dealt with disabled and handicapped children. Spurred to action, Judith served on the board of both the Christian Care Foundation for the Mentally Retarded and the Isaiah Foundation. Her work on these charitable organizations improved respite care for the handicapped throughout Florida.

One of the most successful fundraisers Judith organized was for the Upper Pinellas County Florida Association for Retarded Citizens. Called "Favorite Recipes from Famous People," Judith was able to obtain recipes from the likes of Jackie Kennedy, Patricia Nixon, and Mamie Eisenhower.

While Eric is now grown and well cared for, Judith has shouldered burdens of her own. She has successfully battled cancer twice, all while being an incredibly supportive figure for her entire family.

Mr. Speaker, Judith Lapp is a courageous, giving woman. She is a role model for the entire Citrus County community, and deserves recognition for her service to the handicapped and disabled community, her son Eric, and to her family.

NATIONAL FORESTS REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2005

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to authorize the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to carry out five collaboratively created pilot projects dealing with post-disturbance rehabilitation.

For those communities that remain at risk from wildland fire or other disturbances, it is important to consider, in advance, scenarios

for rehabilitation should a wildland fire, insect infestation, hurricane, or other disturbance event occur. The National Forests Rehabilitation and Recovery Act does just that—this legislation promotes pro-active planning and collaboration to accelerate the approval of rehabilitation projects following uncharacteristic disturbance events.

The National Forests Rehabilitation and Recovery Act will create five pilot projects for post-disturbance rehabilitation. Federal forest land communities can apply to participate in the pilot program by meeting a number of different criteria, with specific consideration given to communities that have a proven track record of working in a collaborative manner to resolve natural resource issues.

This bill includes independent, third-party monitoring of the forest areas following rehabilitation operations to track the short-term and long-term impacts of logging, replanting, stream restoration, road removal, or other rehabilitation activities. The legislation further creates a National Oversight Committee of scientists to provide scientific and socioeconomic monitoring and evaluation of the pilot program. The National Oversight Committee will submit reports to Congress on the short and long-term results of the pilot project. The results of this report will allow Congress to make the most informed decisions on post-disturbance rehabilitation in the future.

Community collaboration has shown great promise in resolving controversial issues before Federal agencies. While I reserved concerns with the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, Public law 108-148, one good that came out of the legislation is that it recognized the promise in collaboration by encouraging the development of community wildfire protection plans. These plans have allowed communities across the country to work in a collaborative manner to resolve natural resource issues concerning wildfire protection.

There is no doubt that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. When Congress passed the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, Congress clearly recognized the priority of preventing wildfires through active thinning of Federal lands in the wildland-urban interface. It is just common sense that we need to invest more on the front end in the name of fire prevention to avert major spending postfire.

While I believe that there were inadequacies with the Healthy Forests Restoration Act, I do believe that we are being penny wise and pound foolish by cheating our budget for forest thinning. To date, forest thinning has not been funded nearly to the level of what was Congressionally authorized. This needs to improve for the sake of protecting our communities and public lands.

Mr. Speaker, the National Forests Rehabilitation and Recovery Act represents a balanced and collaborative approach to post-disturbance rehabilitation. I am pleased to introduce my legislation today with my colleagues Mr. NICK RAHALL and Mr. RAÚL GRIJALVA. I urge my other colleagues to support this bill so that we can promote a collaborative approach to restoring forest ecosystem health and diversity following unusually intense disturbances.