

among women between the ages of 40 and 55. My sister-in-law, Abby Irwin, was among them, having died at the age of only 41 after a courageous eleven-year struggle against breast cancer.

This year alone, over 200,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. In fact, a woman is diagnosed with a new case every three minutes. And one out of every eight women who live to the age of 85 will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

However, there is good news: the survival rate of women who have breast cancer is 96 percent when detected in the early stages. I am very grateful that my mother, for instance, is a twenty-year survivor. She is one among two million survivors nationwide.

By observing Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we can do even more to promote the effectiveness of life-saving mammograms and monthly breast self-exams as the keys to early detection and prevention. Furthermore, we can recognize and applaud national and community organizations for their work in promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, and offering treatment to its sufferers. In my Long Island, New York district, I am proud to have an active and involved Breast Cancer Advisory Board that includes leading researchers, advocates and support personnel as well as survivors.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage each of my colleagues to join in paying tribute to the survivors, volunteers, and health care professionals who combat breast cancer and save lives each day. Until we find a cure, we should continue to do all that we can to increase research funding and expand prevention awareness for all women who are at risk today.

HONORING MARINE COLONEL
WAYNE J. HALLEM OF FLINT, MI

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to U.S. Marine Colonel Wayne J. Hallem of my hometown of Flint, Michigan. Colonel Hallem is receiving a promotion to his present rank by Lt. General Michael A. Hough on November 2, 2005 at a ceremony at the Pentagon.

I have known Wayne and his family for many years. He spent his entire childhood in Flint, graduating from Flint Southwestern High School and Michigan State University, earning a degree in Criminal Justice and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant via the Platoon Leadership Course (Combined) in 1983.

After completing Basic School in Quantico, Colonel Hallem reported to MCB Quantico Security Battalion for duty as a Military Police Platoon Commander. He then attended Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida where he earned his designation as a Naval Aviator. After qualifying as a CH-53E pilot, Colonel Hallem reported to HMH-466, where he worked in a number of positions. He also made two deployments with the 15th and 11th Marine Expeditionary Units (Special Operations Capable) and participated in Operations Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Team Spirit, Desert Stay, Eager Mace and Nautical Mantis.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, Air Medal with Numerals "2", Navy Commendation Medal, Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device and several Unit Awards and Expeditionary Medals.

During his participation in Desert Storm, Colonel Hallem flew approximately 60 missions. After serving for 10 months in Desert Storm, Colonel Hallem volunteered to remain in the Middle East in order to allow married Marines to return to their families. That kind of sacrifice represents the spirit of Wayne Hallem and is why I am so honored to pay tribute to him today.

In March of 1993, Colonel Hallem reported to the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing in New Orleans where he worked as a pilot and instructor. But more importantly, it is here where Wayne met his wife, Denise. They were married in New Orleans in October of 1995 and they now have three children, Sidney, Jake and David. Colonel Hallem was stationed in Japan for several years before being transferred back to Andrew Air Force Base in Maryland. He also maintains a career flying commercial aircraft for Northwest Airlines. Colonel Hallem's commitment to a strong America was evident once again when he was mobilized back into active duty in support of the global war on terrorism. Today, Colonel Hallem is the Director of the Crisis Response Center, Marine Corps Operations Center, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

I know that family is very important to Wayne. He is close to his parents and his brother, Joe as well as his extended family. He is actively involved with all of his children. Whether he is watching Sidney play football and soccer, or playing Monopoly with Jake or playing catch with David, Wayne cherishes his time with his family. Despite his busy schedule, Wayne finds time to stay involved in neighborhood activities and go on field trips with his children's school.

Wayne also deeply values his relationship with his friends and colleagues. He was always looked upon as a leader in the Marines. In fact, many of his Marine friends continue to seek Wayne's counsel when they consider career decisions and personal issues. It is a role that is well suited for Wayne.

I have been friends with Wayne's parents for decades, and I know Joan and Jim are extremely proud of Wayne's accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Marine Colonel Wayne Hallem on his promotion to the rank of Colonel. His dedication and service to our country and his commitment as a husband, father and friend serve as an example for all of us. I wish Wayne all the best on his future endeavors.

HONORING BONNIE DETTMER—2005
CASTRO VALLEY BUSINESS PERSON
OF THE YEAR

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague and neighbor Ms. BARBARA LEE to pay

tribute to Bonnie Dettmer who is being honored as the 2005 Castro Valley Business Person of the Year in Castro Valley, California.

Bonnie Dettmer died recently and her admirers felt it a fitting tribute to honor her as the 2005 Castro Valley Businessperson of the Year. She was the Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce's top administrator for twenty years and worked tirelessly, during her long tenure as Executive Director, to make Castro Valley a better place to live and work.

She achieved many milestones as Executive Director of the Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce. Her noteworthy accomplishments include personal outreach to businesses in Castro Valley to increase membership, serving as liaison to the Castro Valley Sheriff's Department and membership on the Sheriff's Advisory Committee, working to negotiate a water pipeline installation through Castro Valley that proved to be least disruptive to the business and community at large, honoring over 380 students for awards as Student Citizens of the Year at the Chamber's annual luncheon, leading an Anti-Racism march in Castro Valley and uniting the community to denounce bigotry and racism, and organizing hundreds of volunteers to successfully manage community events, such as the Fall Festival, Volunteer Recognition Night, and Citizen of the Year.

She is a recipient of the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award for "Service Above Self", an award from the Private Industry Council and a Public Education Service Award for her commitment to the Student Citizen of the Year Program.

Friends and admirers describe Ms. Dettmer's love for Castro Valley. She would work her regular 40 hours a week and then add another 20 to 30 hours on nights and weekends. She left a special mark on any activity in which she was involved.

The Business Person of the Year Award will be presented in her memory at the Castro Valley Chamber's annual luncheon on November 1, 2005. We join the community in honoring her memory by designating the award to this well deserved, exemplary community leader. We shall miss Bonnie Dettmer. She leaves a legacy of accomplishments that will continue to be felt for many years to come.

THE SHOCK AND AWE OF
REPUBLICAN SCHOOL VOUCHERS

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2005

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, disgracefully taking advantage of the misery of the evacuees of Katrina the Republicans have launched a backdoor, covert, but not so subtle effort to establish a federally funded school voucher program on a mass scale. The Republicans call this initiative by the code name Family Education Reimbursement Act (FERA). Under FERA parents would be given an account number that provides up to 6,700 dollars per general education student and 8,200 dollars per special education student. At present Federal voucher intervention exists only in Washington DC for 1,700 students. FERA may expand this reach of vouchers to more than 200,000 students. Overwhelming Federal

power will impose a partisan Republican experiment that has already been rejected by local citizens across the nation. The Bush administration under the cover of disaster relief, will deliver a far-reaching blow of mass destruction to public schooling in the Gulf Coast region. Needless to say this voucher beach-head will place all public schools in the nation at high risk. For the children of disaster area schools America can do better. Make school reconstruction a priority and speed the return of evacuated families home to their school districts. Providing adequate opportunity for all must be raised above the narrow partisan tricks of the Republican Party.

DISAPPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 65) disapproving the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission:

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 65, "Disapproving of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission."

The BRAC Commission was tasked in the current round of base closures to target and eradicate inefficiency. Unfortunately, there was a host of friendly fire and significant collateral damage.

I strongly support our military's attempts to streamline its infrastructure and reduce its operating budget, especially considering the deficits this Administration is running up. However, base closures can not impede the ability of the United States of America to protect its people.

The Department of Defense, DOD, knows this, and rightly placed paramount emphasis on military value in its recommendations. The Secretary of Defense proposed to consolidate the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DFAS, from an unnecessarily redundant twenty-six locations to three central sites. The DFAS center at Buckley Annex, housed in my district in Colorado, was chosen as one of these three sites in part due to its superlative performance on the military value test. In fact, when the BRAC Commission considered the DFAS realignment Denver's site ranked first in this category.

For reasons other than military value, the BRAC Commission recommended closing DFAS Denver and moving the Air Reserve Personnel Center to Texas.

Our city has suffered large base closures in past BRAC rounds. Now, despite a proud history of support for our nation's armed forces, Denver will have virtually no military presence left when these recommendations are executed. Mr. Chairman, given the carefully analyzed proposal submitted by the Secretary of Defense, this is a result that I simply cannot support.

I ask my colleagues to support this Joint Resolution, and show their disapproval of

these inequitable and inefficient recommendations.

CONGRATULATING MR. HENRY GREEN FOR HIS ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. JOHN J.H. "JOE" SCHWARZ

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2005

Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Henry Green, a lifelong resident of Lansing, Michigan, on his recent election to President of the Board of Directors of the International Code Council, ICC. Mr. Green was elected to the ICC Board of Directors in 2002 and most recently served as its Vice President.

For the past 3 decades, Mr. Green has been a tireless advocate for building safety and enforcement of building codes. In 1989, he was appointed Executive Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety of the State of Michigan to provide management and oversight for construction and fire safety programs, a position which he still holds.

For nearly 10 years, in addition to his work with the State of Michigan, Mr. Green has served in national leadership positions with the ICC, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention that develops the codes used to guide the construction of our residential and commercial buildings, including our homes and the businesses, schools and places of worship we visit regularly. These are the codes in use by over 16,000 jurisdictions across the country, including those at the local, State and Federal level. Besides being a distinguished citizen of my District and the State of Michigan, in my opinion, the ICC Board of Directors has elected an outstanding candidate and dedicated public servant to lead the organization.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the rest of the ICC Board of Directors for their efforts to ensure a sound built environment. Those individuals include: Immediate Past President Frank Hodge, Vice President Wally Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer Steven Shapiro, Jimmy Brothers, Terrence Cobb, John Darnall, Gerald George, John LaTorra, Ron Piester, Ed Berkel, William Duck, William Dupler, Greg Johnson, Ron Lynn, James Ryan, Kevin Scott, Adolf Zubia and outgoing Immediate Past President Anne VonWeller.

TRIBUTE TO SARAH MOORE GREENE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 28, 2005

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest leaders and one of the finest women I have ever known is receiving the highest honor awarded by the Urban League, the Whitney M. Young Award.

Sarah Moore Greene has devoted her life to serving her community. In East Tennessee,

she is a pioneer in education, politics, and civil rights.

She worked very hard throughout the 1950s and 1960s to desegregate lunch counters and theaters. She was also the first African-American to serve as a Tennessee delegate to the Republican National Convention, as well as the Knoxville Board of Education.

Her extensive service on the Board was so groundbreaking that the Sarah Moore Greene Magnet Technology Academy in Knoxville is named in her honor.

I have come to know Sarah quite well over the years. She worked in a part-time capacity for me, my late father, and Howard H. Baker, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, this Nation is a better place today because of the life led by Sarah Moore Greene.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the following article from the October 27th edition of the Knoxville News Sentinel.

[From the News Sentinel, October 27, 2005]

MAGNET FOR ADMIRATION

(By Chandra Harris)

"When people come to Knoxville" and hear about Sarah Moore Greene, "they want to meet me," the 93-year-old said.

That's because she has both an elementary school and a day named in her honor. She's the go-to person for her East Knoxville neighbors looking for work.

Her name is linked with kindergarten implementation in schools, after she was named the first black to serve on the Knoxville Board of Education.

When talk turns to civil rights in Knoxville, her name comes up for her tireless efforts to desegregate lunch counters and theaters.

In politics, her name comes up for being the first black to serve as a Tennessee delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Hundreds of awards, accolades and praise from Urban League and NAACP affiliates speak to what Greene won't. Her humbleness won't allow her to drum on about her pioneer days on fronts no one else had yet touched.

The Knoxville Area Urban League will let Greene's light of greatness shine by bestowing on her tonight its highest honor, the Whitney M. Young Award.

Greene said the award, named after a former National Urban League executive director and civil rights leader, "touches my heart the most." She will receive it during the league's annual gala at the Knoxville Convention Center.

She puts her humility aside when speaking of her ways with a stove and the secret ingredients she uses to create mouth-watering homemade rolls and Key lime pie.

On Sundays in the kitchen Greene hobbies on what she sometimes calls her "bad legs" to put together a meal that leaves faint smells of home-cooking throughout her quaint home on Linden Avenue.

Her quaint house, outfitted outside with containers of flowers, was partially destroyed by a fire in the late '90s but was later restored at the wish of Greene.

"I want to stay right here with my people," she said. "I don't desire to move. I can do everything from right here," she said. "I still drive."

Grocery trips and visits to the beautician are a regular occurrence for Greene behind the wheel of her Dodge Stratus.

At 6 a.m. "I am hitting the floor and once ("Today Show's") Katie (Couric) and Matt (Lauer) go off, I know it is time to start my day and answer phone calls," said Greene.

Moving at a snail's pace doesn't hamper Greene, who counts her blessings daily for the movement of her limbs.