

congratulating Mrs. Bonny Huffman and thanking her for many years of generosity to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JOHN FLUTKA

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to Mr. Flutka who was awarded the 2005 Congressional Volunteer Recognition Award by the Second Congressional District of Maryland's Veterans Advisory Group.

I am pleased to bring before you a man who has generously taken time to assist the Occupational Therapy Department of the Baltimore Veterans Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center.

Mr. Flutka, a veteran himself, updates forms used to evaluate and treat patients, resulting in better quality of care. He also organizes supply closets, making for quick and easy access to indispensable materials. By utilizing his diligence, staff members can swiftly remedy the veteran's vulnerabilities.

I believe this country should honor the service and sacrifices of those who place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms of the American citizens. The Veterans Advisory Group provides an excellent opportunity for me to share pending legislation with people who have done just that, as well as gain their perspective on specialized issues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me and the Veterans Advisory Group to commend Mr. John Flutka for his efforts in assisting the Occupational Therapy Department. He has gone above and beyond to aid those who have dedicated their lives to service our great country.

GYNECOLOGICAL RESOLUTION FOR  
ADVANCEMENT OF OVARIAN  
CANCER EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 7, 2005*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from Texas for his leadership on this important issue. Nineteen years ago, I learned for myself the deadly toll ovarian cancer can take. Back then, I knew little about these diseases. But then I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer during an unrelated doctor's visit. I was fortunate to have excellent doctors who detected the cancer by accident in Stage 1 and underwent radiation treatment for the next two-and-a-half months. I am proud

to say that I have now been cancer-free for 19 years.

I was lucky—lucky that my life was given back to me. But of course, my life was changed at the same time. We all hope to see the day when cancer is prevented and no one has to go through what I and so many others have endured. When it comes to life and death, no one should have to depend on luck.

And frankly, we are asking 25,000 women a year to do just that. As we commemorate the first National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we do so with the understanding that more than 25,000 women are diagnosed every year with ovarian cancer—1 out of every 57 women. 16,000 of those women will die simply because the disease is not detected until it has reached an advanced stage.

The tragedy of it all is that ovarian cancer can be cured if it is detected soon enough. When detected in the early stages, more than 94 percent of women survive longer than 5 years, and most are cured completely. The problem is simply that women have never had a reliable, accurate method of screening for ovarian cancer in the early stages.

But that may be changing. Today, researchers are on the cusp of a breakthrough, of giving real hope to women who might otherwise not be diagnosed until it is too late. And our investment in ovarian cancer research is paying dividends, which is why we must keep fighting to make sure that ovarian cancer grants at the National Institutes of Health are fully funded. With 25,000 lives on the line every year, we can ill afford any setbacks in our work to find potential screening tools and treatments for this deadly disease.

Mr. Speaker, providing hope to women across the country is what that investment is about—highlighting the need to make that hope a reality is what this resolution is about. It is my privilege to support it.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this Chamber November 7. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 557 and 558.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably detained in

District-related events and missed rollcall votes Nos. 570, 571 and 573. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall No. 570, H. Con. Res. 260—A bill to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, *Nostra Aetate*, and the continuing need for mutual interreligious respect and dialogue,

"Yea" on rollcall No. 571, H.R. 1973—The "Water for the Poor Act of 2005," and

"Yea" on rollcall No. 572, H.R. 444—The "Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education."

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF  
SPECIALIST RICHARD A. HARDY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker: Whereas, Specialist Richard A. Hardy of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, United States Army honorably and with courage fulfilled his duty to the United States of America; and

Whereas, Specialist Richard A. Hardy volunteered to serve his country and fought to secure freedom for an oppressed people and for the continued liberty we enjoy at home; and

Whereas, Specialist Richard A. Hardy gave the last full measure of devotion to his country amid the sands of Ar Ramadi, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Specialist Richard A. Hardy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON LEWIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal family matter I was not available for votes on November 7, 2005. Had I been present I would have voted:

Roll Call:

No. 572 Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. "Yea". No. 571 Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act "Yea". No. 570 Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, *Nostra Aetate*, and the continuing need for mutual interreligious respect and dialogue. "Yea".

HONORING THE PAMELA B.  
KATTEN LEUKEMIA RESEARCH  
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the important work being conducted by the Pamela B. Katten Memorial Leukemia Research Foundation. The foundation was formed shortly after the tragic loss of Pamela Katten in 2002 as a result of Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. Its mission is to promote research into the diagnosis and treatment of leukemia.

Pam was born in 1961 and grew up on the North Side of Chicago and the northern suburbs. She attended Northwestern University before heading to the East Coast to begin a successful career in the New Jersey Attorney General's office.

In addition to all her success in the courtroom, Pam was a loving mother to her son Max, and a caring sister, daughter and friend to many who knew her. They will tell you about her infectious laughter, off-beat sense of humor and love for story-telling. Most of all, they remember Pam for her zest for life and unyielding desire to live each day fully.

On November 19, the third annual "Pam Jam" will take place in Northbrook, Illinois to honor her memory and announce the establishment of a "Pamela B. Katten Fellow" at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to study stem cell proliferation.

Unfortunately, Pam and her family are not the only Americans that have had to wrestle with this devastating disease. There are over 640,000 people in this country alone who are fighting various blood cancers, including leukemia. Through the work of the foundation that Pam inspired and others like it, these families find hope.

Mr. Speaker, Pam's friends and family will never forget her glowing personality and daily joy for life. Her memory and her legacy are truly inspiring. I am proud of the work the Pamela B. Katten Memorial Leukemia Research Foundation has done, and I wish them the best in all of their endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING NICOLE DONANT FOR HAVING HER WISH GRANTED FOR ALL OF MINERAL CITY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Nicole Donant started with a small project to help start a library in Mineral City to earn a merit badge; and

Whereas, Nicole Donant, through hard work and determination, turned her small project into a dream for the community of having a library in Mineral City and collected over 5000 books; and

Whereas, Nicole Donant is an inspiration to us all and is an embodiment of the compassionate, moral and socially responsible spirit of the youth in Ohio.

Therefore, I join with family, friends, the people of Mineral City and the entire 18th Congressional district of Ohio in congratulating Nicole Donant for her wish coming true.

IN HONOR OF RICK MARTINEZ

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Martinez, former chief of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. Last month, Chief Martinez retired from a truly distinguished career of public service that spanned over thirty years. As his friends, family and colleagues all gather to celebrate his career, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the dedicated service of one of Sacramento's finest citizens.

Chief Martinez began his career as a firefighter with the Sacramento City Fire Department in the early 1970s. He quickly rose through the ranks as a Captain, EMS Coordinator, Battalion Chief and later, Division Chief, each time taking on positions of increasing responsibility and leadership. In 1995 he was appointed Fire Chief of the American River Fire Protection District, which was the precursor to today's Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (SMFD). He also served as chief of the Florin Road Fire Protection District and the Sacramento County Fire Protection District.

When the SMFD was formed in 2000, Rick was named the district's first chief. His management experience and expertise helped the district grow to serve over 600,000 citizens, spread over 417 square miles. He successfully managed 700 employees, over 40 fire stations and numerous other facilities, while also expanding specialized programs, such as the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force and the fire paramedic intern program.

One of Chief Martinez's many accomplishments with the SMFD has been the development of Sacramento's highly regarded Urban Search and Rescue Team. The team responded with great distinction to the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. In 2001, as our nation came under attack, Chief Martinez was responsible for managing all search and rescue teams at the site of the World Trade Center in New York City. Most recently, he helped direct the response to Hurricane Katrina's devastation along the Gulf Coast.

The constant display of leadership and integrity has led Rick to be honored by many of his peers. In 2003, he was named Fire Chief of the Year by the California Fire Chief Association. Due to his crisis management experience he was tapped to serve as Chief Deputy Director of the California Office of Homeland Security by former Governor Gray Davis. In 2002, he was appointed to the State Board of Fire Services. Rick has also been active in numerous local boards and commissions.

The people of Sacramento, California and our nation have been lucky to have Rick Martinez on their side in emergencies ranging from traffic accidents to natural disasters, structure fires to terrorist attacks. He has always risen to the occasion and led with knowledge, experience and reliability. His leadership will surely be missed by many.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most distinguished citizens, Rick Martinez. His successes have been great, and it is a wonderful opportunity for me to recognize his contributions to the people of Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing my friend, Rick Martinez, continued success in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to the illness and passing of my father and his subsequent funeral, I was not present for rollcall votes 521 to 569 from October 17 to November 4, 2005.

Had I been present and voting I would have voted in the following manner:

Yea on rollcall 521, yea on rollcall 522, yea on rollcall 523, no on rollcall 524, yea on rollcall 525, yea on rollcall 526, yea on rollcall 527, yea on rollcall 528, no on rollcall 529, yea on rollcall 530, yea on rollcall 531, yea on rollcall 532, no on rollcall 533, no on rollcall 534, yea on rollcall 535, yea on rollcall 536, yea on rollcall 537, yea on rollcall 538, no on rollcall 539, yea on rollcall 540, no on rollcall 541, no on rollcall 542, no on rollcall 543, no on rollcall 544, no on rollcall 545, yea on rollcall 546, no on rollcall 547, no on rollcall 548, yea on rollcall 549, yea on rollcall 550, yea on rollcall 551, yea on rollcall 552, no on rollcall 553, and yea on rollcall 554, yea on rollcall 555, yea on rollcall 556, yea on rollcall 557, yea on rollcall 558, no on rollcall 559, yea on rollcall 560, yea on rollcall 561, no on rollcall 562, yea on rollcall 563, no on rollcall 564, no on rollcall 565, no on rollcall 566, no on rollcall 567, yea on rollcall 568, yea on rollcall 569.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MARY AND JOSEPH L. DEGENOVA ON THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 8, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Mary and Joseph L. DeGenova are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary; and

Whereas, Mary and Joseph L. DeGenova were united in marriage on October 18, 1980 in Bellaire, Ohio; and

Whereas, Mary and Joseph L. DeGenova are the loving parents of two children, Annemarie and Anthony.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Mary and Joseph L. DeGenova as they celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.