

years to mandate that women be included in clinical trials and that analysis of research include sex differences at all levels, from genes to behavior, women and men are now gaining greater knowledge of their unique differences and optimal health care.

Sex differences have been found everywhere from the composition of bone matter and the experience of pain to the metabolism of certain drugs and the rate of brain activity.

Through sex-based biology research, the study of biological and physiological differences between men and women, scientists have discovered many differences between men and women in terms of their health.

For example:

Heart disease kills 500,000 American women each year—over 50,000 more women than men—and strikes women, on average, ten years later than men.

Three out of four people suffering from autoimmune diseases, such as multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and lupus, are women.

Lung cancer is the leading cancer killer of American women, causing an estimated 25 percent of cancer deaths in women in 2004. Several studies have indicated that compared to men, women who smoke are more likely to develop lung cancer at a younger age and at lower levels of exposure to cigarette smoke.

HIV/AIDS is the fourth leading cause of death for women aged 35–44, and the sixth leading cause of death for women aged 25–34 in the United States. The efficiency of male-to-female infection of HIV is more than two times higher than that of female-to-male infection.

Women are two to three times more likely than men to suffer from depression.

Women comprise 80 percent of the population suffering from osteoporosis.

Women are two times more likely than men to contract a sexually transmitted disease.

Until the 1990s, biomedical research was firmly rooted in the male model—the belief that male biology (outside of the reproductive system) was representative of the species and that where female biology differed from male biology, it was “atypical” or “anomalous.”

Change occurred in the early 1990s to address the dearth of knowledge about female biology caused by the lack of inclusion of women in clinical research studies due to policies and practices seeking to protect the fetus from harm should a study participant become pregnant.

Now that women are included in clinical research, much has been discovered about how different women are from men.

Research on women’s health can both improve and save lives. As a result of such research, death rates have decreased for women with tumors of the cervix, breast, uterus, and ovary due to advances in detection and treatment, such as the development of a cervical cancer vaccine. Quality of life has also improved for cancer patients through the development of less invasive surgical techniques, organ-sparing treatments, and better control of pain and nausea related to chemotherapy.

Additionally, research on women’s health can lead to less expensive treatments and cost-saving prevention strategies. For example, the total economic value to Americans from reductions in mortality from cardiovascular disease, which strikes 50,000 more women than men each year, averaged \$1.5 trillion annually between 1970 and 1990.

Most recently, scientists have discovered significant information with respect to the leading role the X chromosome plays in the lives of both women and men. Therefore, women’s health research is critical to all of us.

While progress has been made in recent years, there is still much more that Congress can do to improve women’s health. The Office of Research on Women’s Health, ORWH, in the Office of the Director at NIH must be fully funded so that it can continue supporting the expansion and funding of peer-reviewed Specialized Centers of Research on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women’s Health, SCOR, and the Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health, BIRCH, programs.

ORWH has taken the critical long-term lead in partnering with various NIH institutes and centers to advance research on women’s health and on sex and gender factors, resulting in the following developments: the prevention of cervical cancer with an HPV vaccine; decreasing cardiovascular disease in middle-aged women by preventing recurrent episodes of depression; basic science advances in systemic Lupus Erythematosus research; and discovery of bone loss acceleration before the final menstrual period leading to an important finding related to osteoporosis-related fractures.

In addition, I urge Congress to pass legislation that I have introduced with Representative PRYCE, H.R. 949, the Women’s Health Office Act, a bill to provide permanent authorization for existing offices of women’s health in five federal agencies: the Department of Health and Human Services; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; the Health Resources and Services Administration; and the Food and Drug Administration. This will allow these offices to carry out their important work without facing underfunding, understaffing, or elimination in the future.

Congress should further encourage NIH to update and modify its guidelines to actively promote sex differences research at all levels, including basic research in cell and tissue culture, development and study of appropriate animal models, and in early stage clinical research.

I would like to commend the Society for Women’s Health Research for its research about the differences between men’s and women’s health needs.

#### HONORING DR. GERALD “CARTY” MONETTE

#### HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a colleague and dear friend of mine as he retires as President of the Turtle Mountain Community College in my state of North Dakota. I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. “Carty” Monette since first being elected to Congress in 1992 and have seen firsthand the leadership and devoted service he has provided in developing the College into the strong institution that it is today.

Dr. Monette has been with the Turtle Mountain Community College ever since its incep-

tion in 1973. He served his first five years as College Director before becoming President in 1978. During his tenure, he oversaw the College’s growth from a young, fledgling institution to a nationally-recognized leader in tribally-controlled post-secondary education. Not only has Dr. Monette lead the way in helping the College achieve excellence, but his efforts have also truly enhanced the entire community in Belcourt, North Dakota. After 27 great years, he will be difficult to replace.

I know that Dr. Monette will be sorely missed by all who have known his dedication to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in North Dakota and American Indians across the nation. I offer him my congratulations and best wishes for his continued success and happiness in his well-earned retirement years.

#### HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NADINE HOGAN BUDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Nadine Hogan, Buda Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Nadine Hogan is a self-described “crooked flyer.” She achieved a Masters degree in Accounting, going through the motions of higher education because she felt it was what she was “supposed” to do. Nadine always loved children, and wanted to help those “flying crooked.” After graduate school, she spent time working as a therapist with children in foster care.

In 1999, she responded to an urgent call for additional teachers. She became a Special Educator because there were children who needed help, help she knew she could provide. Nadine Hogan can always get a child ready to learn by focusing on life lessons students can apply to every facet of their education.

Students have a high regard for Nadine because of the “fun” they have in her classes. She loves her kids, and she loves her job.

I am honored to recognize the Nadine Hogan as the Buda Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Her hard work and passion have left a lasting contribution with each of her students.

#### HONORING ZEE FERRUFINO AND KBNO RADIO

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Colorado businessman and community leader, Zee Ferrufino. Mr. Ferrufino is the owner and CEO of Latino Communications which is the parent company to KBNO 1280AM Radio in Denver.

KBNO “Que Bueno” has long been the leader in Denver’s Hispanic radio market reaching over half a million people in the Denver metro area. Recently, for the first time in

its history, KBNO ranked #1 among adults aged 18–44. All of this—in spite of my occasional appearance on the radio speaking in broken Spanish!

Zee doesn't attribute the success of KBNO simply to the growth in Colorado's Hispanic community, though he acknowledges that is certainly a component. As a successful businessman, he recognizes the importance that the strong purchasing power of the Hispanic community has played in elevating the success of Spanish radio. He points out that in 1990, there were about 2,000 Hispanic-owned businesses, by the year 2000 that number had jumped to 30,000, and in ten years it is expected to increase to 60,000. It is increasingly critical for the mainstream media to adjust to these changing market forces. Zee has long-recognized this trend and has remained ahead of the curve.

In addition to being a successful Colorado businessman for several decades, Zee is a prominent community leader. In 1997, former Colorado Governor Dick Lamm presented him with the "Americans by Choice" award and in 1983 he was given the "Outstanding Business Person" by the Minority Business and Professional Directory. In addition, he was the recipient of the Small Business Administration's Advocate of the Year Award and the Daniel Ritchie Ethics in Business Award. He was also selected by former Colorado Governor Roy Romer to serve on the International Business Development Committee.

Zee has been a leading advocate in the Hispanic community working diligently on issues of importance like education, economic development and civil rights. More than that, he is a role model not only for young Hispanics, but for anyone who has dreams of success and the fortitude to carry out those dreams. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring a great American success story, KBNO Radio, and Zee Ferrufino.

Que bueno!

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IN HONOR OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today joining my many colleagues in celebrating and observing Mayas Asian Pacific American Heritage month. Nearly 17 percent of my constituents in California's 14th Congressional District self-identify as being of Asian, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander descent and it's an honor to join them in a celebration of their heritage and culture.

Since the early 1800's, Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have played a crucial role in the development of our Nation. From the building of the transcontinental railroads, to the heroic contributions during the Civil War, to the sacrifices made by those wrongfully imprisoned in internment camps during World War II, Asian Americans have made lasting contributions to all facets of American society. I have a great appreciation for the broad ethnic mosaic which makes our country great, and it's especially important this month that we recognize and pay tribute to the contributions of the Asian and Pacific Islander American community to our country.

I'm proud to work with my colleagues to address issues of special concern to the Asian and Pacific Islander American community: protecting Social Security, ensuring equal access to healthcare, providing for a quality education, and safeguarding civil rights. These are the principles that reflect this year's theme of "Liberty and Freedom for All."

I want to particularly pay tribute to three fallen heroes in the Asian and Pacific Islander American community this year: my dear friend and colleague Representative Bob Matsui, Dr. John B. Tsu, and Fred Korematsu. These extraordinary men stood for equality, justice, and freedom for all Americans and I join my colleagues in remembering their unparalleled legacies.

It would be impossible to name every single extraordinary Asian American in California's 14th Congressional District, but I do want to recognize some of the outstanding community leaders, elected officials and activists I'm proud to call my constituents and friends: Alice Bulos, State Chair of the Filipino Caucus; Yamei Lee, leader and activist within the Taiwanese Community; Karyl Matsumoto, member of the South San Francisco City Council; the late Cpl. Burnrok Lee, a Sunnyvale resident who lost his life serving our country in Iraq; the late Iris Chang, author of "The Rape of Nanking"; Jessica Yu, Academy Award winner for the documentary film "Breathing Lessons"; Margaret Abe-Koga, former member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education; Paul Fong, professor of political science at Evergreen Valley College and a local business owner; Randy Okamura, SBC's director of Regulatory and Constituency Relations for California; Michael Chang, former city of Cupertino councilmember; Dean Chu, mayor of the city of Sunnyvale; Otto Lee, city of Sunnyvale councilmember; Homer Tong, chemistry teacher at De Anza College and member of the Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees; Pearl Cheng, former president and current member of the Cupertino Union School District Board of Trustees; Joyce Iwasaki, Director of Community Affairs for Sugimura & Associates Architects, founder of the Ed Iwasaki Memorial Fund Scholarship Project and the Midori Kai Professional Women's Group; Patrick Kwok, mayor of the city of Cupertino; Kris Wang, city of Cupertino councilmember; Arthur Fong, recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from Avenidas who has endowed scholarships at Stanford and UC Berkeley and has also focused on philanthropic support for health care and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation; Yoriko Kishimoto, city of Palo Alto councilmember; Aileen Kao, city of Saratoga councilmember; Jerry Yang, CEO of Yahoo, Inc.; Kathryn Ho, member of the Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees; Mark Shu, vice president of Hambrecht & Quist Asia; Talin Shu, president of Hambrecht & Quist Asia; T.N. Ho, member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education; Ben Liao, member of the Cupertino Union School District Board of Trustees; Hsing Kung, President and CEO of Pine Photonics Communications; Ken Fong, CEO of CloneTech; David Mineta, member of the Jefferson Union High School District Board of Trustees and associate director of Asian American Recovery Services for San Mateo County; Karen Leong Clancy, member of the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District Board of Trustees; Judge Erica R. Yew, Santa

Clara County Superior Court; Margaret M. Abe, community leader and activist and 2004 recipient of the Norman Y. Mineta Lifetime Achievement Award; Cynthia Chang, member of the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees; Yoshihiro Uchida, president of Uchida Enterprises, Inc. and community leader; Nancy Hatamiya, chief of staff to Assemblymember Pedro Naba with over 15 years of public service; Lon Hatamiya, secretary of the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency; Alfred Chuang, founder, president and CEO of BEA Systems; Emily Cheng, first female Chinese American mayor of a city in the Bay Area, Los Altos Hills; and Art Takahara, former mayor and councilmember of the city of Mountain View and CEO of De Anza Manufacturing Services.

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IN HONOR OF MARGARET HUMMER MAY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and memory of Margaret Hummer May, a devoted wife, mother, teacher and political activist. She spent her life working to make her community a better place to live in. Margaret is survived by her 5 children, Monica May, Irene Lawler, Robert P. May, Theresa May Duggan, and Joanne May White as well as her 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Before meeting her late husband, James T. May, she received a Bachelor's Degree with honors from the University of Utah and served as Home Service Director of the Salt Lake Chapter of the Red Cross. Margaret and James lived in Alisal and Salinas for over 50 years where she was involved at Sacred Heart Church and volunteered for the State Mental Health Program. She eventually received her teaching credentials from UC Santa Cruz and taught in bilingual pre-schools in the Salinas Elementary School District.

Margaret was devoted to the ideals of social justice and world peace which is apparent through her political activism as well as through her numerous volunteer activities. Margaret showed her dedication to her community through her involvement in local politics. As a lifelong Democrat, she was an active member of the Democratic Women's Club of Monterey County and she also worked for various political campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring this amazing woman. Our community has lost a dedicated public servant but her legacy will live on through all she has achieved.

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HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARY ARIZPE, KYLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extensive contributions of Mary Arizpe, Kyle Elementary School Teacher of the Year.