

Nurses were utilized to have one-on-one visits with women presenting with abnormal breast exams; and a network of nurturing physicians and relationships with hospitals were developed to ensure follow-up care. In fact, the rate of follow-up visits in this program with physicians was an impressive 98% compared to the national average of 30%. The program she designed and implemented has been replicated throughout the United States because it has achieved such impressive outcomes. Mrs. Leigh Gold, who is retiring in June, 2007, has guided this nationally recognized program for 17 years.

Mrs. Leigh Gold holds a bachelors degree in Social Welfare from A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina, a masters degree in Management from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as well as an LPN certificate. She has been married to Joe Gold for over 20 years.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Mildred Leigh Gold. Mrs. Leigh Gold's dedication to women's health care and her work to promote awareness and provide access to breast cancer treatment has truly been a life saver for many women in my district.

TRIBUTE TO JOE TRUSSO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joe Trusso for his 37 years in public service. He was the representative of the southeast neighborhoods of the City of Jamestown in District 16. Mr. Trusso was first elected to the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors/Legislature in 1971.

I would like briefly to touch on the many areas of service that Joe gave to our county. During his tenure, Mr. Trusso served as the chairman of the School-to-Work/Scholarship Subcommittee, Manpower Utilization, Finance, and Personnel/Human Services Committees. In addition to his current chairmanship of the Audit and Control Committee and vice chair, former chair, of the Public Facilities Committee, he has been a member of and chaired the Judicial and Public Safety and Public Works Committees. He has served on the Airport Commission, the Southern Tier West Board of Directors and Budget Watch Committees. He was also elected Democratic minority and majority leader. As a legislator, Mr. Trusso has authored Pre-Paid Capitalization Legislation and is the co-author of the Trusso-Beckman Debt Reduction Legislation that eliminated the county's long-standing debt.

I must also acknowledge Mr. Trusso's other interests. Joe served on the Resource Center and Allied Industries Board of Directors since 1967, where he is still serving as a special committee member, and has held several leadership positions. Mr. Trusso was the Assistant Director of the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department and served on the Jamestown Industrial Development and Commerce Committee. He is a member of St. James RC Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, Samuel Derby Post American Legion, Knights of Columbus—Fourth Degree, Moose Club, Marco Polo Club, Lakewood Rod and Gun Club and the UAW Local #338

I am proud to mention that Mr. Trusso served his country from 1952–1956 in the United States Air Force (Korean War Veteran); Medical Field Service School and from 1956–1960 in the United States Air Force Reserves.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Joe on his wonderful job well done in the Chautauqua County Legislature. Joe, you will be missed by all of the constituents whose lives you touched. Enjoy your retirement!

HONORING HOWARD JONAS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Howard Jonas is a very active supporter of several charities nationally and in his community and serves as a trustee on numerous university, hospital, religious, and social service organization boards.

These include New York Presbyterian Hospital, Shaarei Tzedek Hospital in Jerusalem, Jewish Guild for the Blind, Yeshiva College, AIPAC, Shema Kolainu for Autistic Children, American Friends of Yeshivat B'nei Akiva, Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Newark Public Library, International Rescue Committee, Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, American Friends of Shalva, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark Public Library, Riverdale Y, Digital Freedom Network, Tuoro College, Yeshivat Hovevei Torah, SAR, Eidah, Yeshivat Shmuel Yaakov, Fairness Committee, Voices and Bar Ilan University.

In addition Mr. Jonas has been the honorary chairman of The Beth Jacob/Beth Miriam Yeshiva for the past thirteen years. This is an incredible record of accomplishment for one person and I personally am in awe.

Howard is a local boy who graduated from Bronx High School of Science and went on to get a B.A. in Economics from Harvard University.

He also went on to revolutionize international telecommunications. At age 33, he found a way to supply the world with a U.S. dial tone and cheap international long distance rates, creating international "callback" telephone service, now an over a billion dollar a year industry.

Howard founded IDT in August 1990 and has served as Chairman of the Board and Treasurer since its inception. He was Chief Executive Officer from December 1991 to August 2001. IDT is known as a model of upstart entrepreneurship, continually innovating and looking for the next great cutting edge business opportunity.

He is also the founder and has been President of Jonas Publishing Corporation, a publisher of trade directories, since its inception in 1979.

Howard Jonas is a man who is generous in his help over a wide area and is someone who has made a significant difference in the life of his community.

IN HONOR OF CHRISSIE JAHN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, Members of the House, I rise today to honor Chrissie Jahn, executive director and head of school for the International School of Monterey. Ms. Jahn has been recognized as the California International Education Advocate of the Year, a most deserving tribute to the important work she has done on behalf of Monterey County students.

Ms. Jahn is dedicated to providing a demanding curriculum to area families, offering her students an international education designed to prepare them for success in today's global economy. Ms. Jahn strives to supply her students with the skills necessary to succeed in life, and she approaches that role with an infectious energy.

Ms. Jahn excels at challenging her students, instilling in them a love of learning and a strong sense of self-motivation and respect. Her school is a tuition-free public charter school with a strong focus on language education, with instruction beginning in kindergarten. Her work fostering skills integral to student success on a global stage is a valuable lesson to educators around the country.

The award was presented to Ms. Jahn by the Visiting International Faculty Program, the largest international-exchange program connecting U.S. schools and teachers around the world.

Madam Speaker, please allow me to convey to Ms. Jahn this body's gratitude for her hard work and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men and women who have fallen in service to our country. This weekend, as we return home to celebrate Memorial Day with our friends and families, let us take time to reflect on the countless sacrifices that have been made by our men and women in uniform.

Since the founding of our nation, the men and women in our armed forces have served this country with honor. They have fought to defend and preserve our nation from forces that have threatened to divide our country and destroy our way of life. America is a better place for their courage and their service.

As a grateful nation, we cannot ignore our responsibility to repay those who have served in defense of our country. This means doing everything we can to provide our veterans with comprehensive health care that is affordable, accessible, and available for life.

Instead of honoring our promises to our veterans, this Administration has tried to turn a blind eye to their problems. This Administration has attempted to push the increasing costs of veterans' health care onto veterans by charging higher premium and deductibles and reducing the number of veterans eligible

for healthcare. It's absolutely unacceptable to propose forcing a greater financial burden on our nation's veterans. That's why I'm a proud cosponsor of H.R. 579, the Military Retirees Health Care Protection Act, which would protect our veterans from these unnecessary TRICARE fee increases. Our promise of affordable health care for our veterans is one that we must keep.

Additionally, the generation of veterans returning home from combat areas in Iraq and Afghanistan requires new resources to treat their medical needs. However, rather than re-investing in treatments for traumatic brain injuries (TBI), the Administration has barely scratched the surface of addressing the mental health needs of our veterans. That's why I'm a cosponsor of H.R. 1444, the Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act, which would require the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) to actively screen and develop long-term care programs for veterans suffering from TBI.

Furthermore, we must not allow the substandard care, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and dilapidated conditions at Walter Reed to symbolize our dedication to our veterans. I was pleased that the House unanimously passed H.R. 1538, the Wounded Warrior Assistance Act, which will reduce much of the bureaucracy that prevents veterans from receiving quality healthcare, require more caseworkers to be hired, improve the system enabling wounded soldiers to transition from active duty to the VA system, and create a system of patients advocates to hold the VA accountable for problems.

We cannot allow this Administration's record of broken promises to our veterans become an accepted standard of treatment. We can do better. I have introduced H.R. 508, the Bring the Troops Home and Iraq Sovereignty Restoration Act, which would require sufficient funding for veterans' health care every year and would guarantee broad physical and mental healthcare for our veterans.

Memorial Day reminds us that meeting the needs of our service men and women requires sustained commitment and determination. We have a moral obligation to ensure that our veterans have the benefits they need. Their profound dedication and patriotism deserve no less.

IN MEMORY OF RALPH BERING
BUSCH, JR.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of my friend Ralph Bering Busch, Jr., MD, who passed away on May 23 at age 84.

Dr. Busch was a medical pioneer in Ventura County, California. In the 1960s, Dr. Busch and his partner, M. Kathleen Belton, MD, became the first anesthesiologists to practice in Ventura County. They covered St. John's Hospital in Oxnard, Santa Paula Memorial Hospital, Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura, and occasionally Ojai Valley Community Hospital. Dr. Busch served at Santa Paula Memorial Hospital for twenty years and retired from Community Memorial Hospital in 1989.

Dr. Busch came to California after serving in the South Pacific with the U.S. Navy for four

years, after graduating from high school, college, and medical school in the Midwest. He interned at University of Southern California, Los Angeles County Hospital and then practiced at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank for the next ten years.

In 1959, he married Deborah "Deedee" Bennett of Palm Springs. As their family grew, they decided to seek the country life of Ventura County. It was a good choice for them and for Ventura County. Ralph and Deedee have been blessed with six children and eighteen grandchildren.

In addition to his dedication to his practice and his family, Dr. Busch dedicated himself to the greater medical community and the community in which he lived. He was a past member of the California and American Societies of Anesthesiology, Ventura County Medical Society, Community Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, Ventura County Museum of History and Art Board of Directors, and Berry Petroleum Co. Board of Directors. He was a forty-five-year member of Saticoy Country Club.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in remembering Dr. Ralph Bering Busch, Jr., as a good friend, a loving family man, a pioneer in Ventura County medicine, and one who worked to make his community stronger. In addition, I know my colleagues join me in extending our condolences to Deedee and their family and to all who called Ralph a friend.

Godspeed, Ralph.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT M.
STEPTOE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO
OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of a great patriot, public citizen, and revered member of his community, Mr. Robert M. Steptoe.

Born in Clarksburg, West Virginia on May 15, 1920, Mr. Steptoe grew up in north central West Virginia and thereafter attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. He continued his studies at Haverford College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

At the outbreak of World War II, Mr. Steptoe served in the United States Navy as the commanding officer of two ships in the sub-chaser class. Mr. Steptoe was involved in the invasions of Sicily, Anzio, southern France, and a brief stint in the Southern Pacific. He retired from the United States Navy with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Following his service during World War II, Mr. Steptoe graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in February 1949 and began a career in law that spanned over 50 years of distinguished legal practice in Martinsburg, West Virginia. A member of the West Virginia State Bar, the West Virginia Bar Association, the Berkeley County Bar Association, and the United States Judicial Conference for the Fourth Circuit; Mr. Steptoe was awarded the Award of Merit by the West Virginia Bar Association in 2003 in recognition of his years of service.

Mr. Steptoe was also an active public servant who was elected to the West Virginia

House of Delegates for four terms and the West Virginia Senate for two terms. He also served as a judge of the West Virginia Court of Claims.

In addition to his professional activities, Mr. Steptoe was an active member of the Rotary, Trinity Episcopal Church, and a member of the Elks Club. Above all, Mr. Steptoe was a proud and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Mr. Steptoe's life and accomplishments are truly representative of the courage, character and altruism that is often associated with members of our "Greatest Generation." West Virginia was well served by this great American and he will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD L. BOUIE,
SR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many schools strive to excel in competition on the national level.

Ten years ago, the DeKalb County School system gave birth to Edward L. Bouie, Sr. Elementary School and named this extraordinary school for an extraordinary man.

For 10 years now under the leadership and guidance of the past and present principals, teachers, staff, parents, and students, this school has met and exceeded national standards.

The Edward L. Bouie, Sr. Elementary School family constantly demonstrates the will to win, the courage to win, the mechanics of teamwork and the astounding spirit of triumph gained from educating students to be the very best in leadership, scholarship, and service.

Our beloved county, children, and community will benefit from the fruits of that labor insuring that our district, our state and our nation will always be prosperous and productive.

This extraordinary school is celebrating the milestone of their 10th anniversary and I was pleased to proclaim May 18, 2007 as Edward L. Bouie, Sr. Elementary School Day in the 4th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING COLBY JOHN
BUEHLER FOR ACHIEVING THE
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Colby John Buehler, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Colby has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Colby has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.