

to about 30 percent. Currently, early stage diagnosis occurs in only 20 percent of ovarian cancer cases in the U.S. Ovarian cancer mortality could be reduced dramatically if a majority of the women affected with ovarian cancer were diagnosed at an early stage. Unfortunately, there is no widely accepted or effective screening test for ovarian cancer currently available and it is difficult to diagnose because symptoms are easily confused with other diseases.

The Ovarian Cancer Biomarker Research Act of 2007 would authorize the National Cancer Institute to make grants to public or non-profit entities to establish research centers focused on ovarian cancer biomarkers. Biomarkers are biochemical features within the body that may be used to determine the presence and extent of and/or predict response to therapy and ultimate prognosis. This Act also establishes a national clinical trial that will enroll at-risk women in a study to determine the clinical utility of using these validated ovarian cancer biomarkers.

A former staff member of mine, Grace Warren, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer a few years ago. She has been a champion for this cause—I draw strength from her strength and faith from her faith on how she lives with and battles with this disease everyday. We must continue to raise awareness of the symptoms. Women with common symptoms such as abdominal pressure, nausea, indigestion, unusual fatigue, and unexplained weight gain or loss should not ignore these warning signs. For Grace and all the other women who fight this disease, I say to you that I will keep fighting, too, until we find a cure.

We encourage you to join with us, the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (SGO), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, and the American College of Surgeons (ACS) in supporting the Ovarian Cancer Biomarker Research Act of 2007.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Science Museum of Minnesota on its Centennial Anniversary. As its mission states, during its 100 year history, the Science Museum has offered innovative ways allow learners of all ages to experience their changing world through science.

The Science Museum of Minnesota is deeply ingrained in our state's history. Its creation was the result of a strong desire among early St. Paul businessmen to foster intellectual and scientific growth in Minnesota's capital city. The St. Paul Institute of Science and Letters was born in 1907, later to become the Science Museum of Minnesota. The original exhibits began when thousands of scientific specimens and valuable collections were offered as gifts, including a mummy shipped from Egypt by a vacationing St. Paul couple. Since then, the collection has been expanded to include more than 1.75 million objects, including a beloved

Triceratops—one of only four mounted examples anywhere in the world. Visitors are also able to climb aboard an authentic Mississippi River towboat that moved barges on the river.

The museum was an early innovator in the use of live theater as an interpretive tool and continues to be a training ground for other museums wishing to include live programming. Today from its home on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, the Science Museum of Minnesota it is a world-renowned institution of scientific exploration. The museum's interactive exhibits, traveling exhibitions and Omnitheater films are a major draw for visitors. Permanent galleries such as Dinosaurs and Fossils and the Human Body, and touring exhibits such as Body Worlds and A Day in Pompeii educate and attract more than one million people per year who are eager to learn about our scientific world.

The museum provides innovative staff development programs for teachers throughout the region and science education outreach programs for K-12 classrooms. Programs serving schools directly reached 262,055 students and 1,540 teachers in Minnesota last year, taking science beyond the four walls of the museum and into the four corners of the state. Innovation extends to the use of new technologies to educate visitors about science. The museum's research and collections division and St. Croix Watershed Research Station provide significant ongoing scientific research in the areas of anthropology, paleontology, biology, and environmental sciences.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Science Museum of Minnesota for its celebration of its 100 years of service to the community. The Science Museum of Minnesota provides an exhilarating learning experience to all learners, and serves as a model of an exceptional educational facility.

COUNTRIES HIT BY HURRICANES
FELIX, DEAN, AND HENRIETTE

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 642, expressing sympathy to and support for the people and governments of the countries of Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico which have suffered from Hurricanes Felix, Dean, and Henriette. I would like to thank my friend, Congresswoman HILDA SOLIS, for bringing this resolution to the House floor.

When Hurricane Dean, a category five hurricane, made landfall in Mexico's Yucatan in August, people around the world were stunned and saddened by the damage that massive storm left in its wake. The third strongest Atlantic hurricane ever at landfall, Dean ripped through Mexico, causing at least 42 deaths and \$1.9 billion in damage.

After Hurricane Dean, the region braced itself as Hurricane Felix gathered strength off the coast of Central America weeks later. Felix touched down between Nicaragua and Honduras on September 1, 2007 wreaking havoc and causing at least 122 deaths. Also on September 1st, Hurricane Henriette slammed into Mexico's Baja, the first time since 1949 that

two Atlantic and Pacific hurricanes hit land on the same day.

In the wake of these massive and destructive storms, Congress must continue to provide humanitarian assistance to the regions affected. As the effects of the hurricanes continue to unfold and we must also encourage concerned U.S. citizens to donate their time and funds to hurricane relief.

After Hurricane Mitch tore through Central America in 1999, I traveled to the Honduran town of Marcovia to help CARE bring relief to the thousands of affected families there. Hurricane Mitch killed more than 10,000 people, left hundreds of thousands homeless, and inflicted billions of dollars in economic losses throughout Central America.

I urge my colleagues in Congress and the American people to reach out to the countries, communities and individuals affected by Hurricanes Dean, Felix and Henriette the way we reached out to the survivors of Hurricane Mitch.

I am proud to support H. Res. 642 and I hope all of my colleagues will lend it their support.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY FORMER
NEW JERSEY STATE SENATOR
BATEMAN

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives and commend former New Jersey State Senator Raymond H. Bateman on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Senator Bateman achieved an exemplary record of public service to Somerset County and the State of New Jersey. He served with distinction in the New Jersey Legislature for 19 years, including being elected by his colleagues as Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the New Jersey Assembly and New Jersey State Senate, and for three terms as President of the Senate. Senator Bateman also served as Acting Governor of New Jersey for more than 100 days and was the Republican Party nominee for Governor in 1977.

Senator Bateman's career reminds us all that true public service does not take partisanship into consideration. During his tenure in the state legislature, Senator Bateman developed close personal and professional relationships with former Governors Meyner, Hughes, Cahill and Byrne to solve many of the challenges of the day. Senator Bateman never cared from which side of the aisle an idea originated; he cared only that it was a good idea.

As a result, Senator Bateman's influence and wisdom are woven into the history of New Jersey. A champion of public education, Senator Bateman authored "The Bateman Act," landmark legislation that provided for the first time a school funding formula to meet the State Constitution's requirement that every child in New Jersey receive a thorough and efficient education. He also authored legislation creating the community college system in New Jersey.

Those who have watched a Bruce Springsteen concert or cheered for the Giants,

Jets, Devils or Nets at the Meadowlands owe a debt of gratitude to Senator Bateman. His 1971 legislation establishing the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority paved the way for the construction of the Meadowlands Sports Complex.

Throughout his long life, Senator Bateman has exemplified the spirit of former President Theodore Roosevelt in his love for nature's beauty. From the rocky shores of Pleasant Pond, Maine, to the banks of the Pequod River in Warren County, New Jersey, Senator Bateman's skill as an avid trout fisherman is deservedly renowned. He has long been a champion of efforts to preserve open spaces in Somerset County. His early appreciation of and support for preserving New Jersey's Pine-lands helped ensure that this critical ecosystem would forever be protected.

During his long and distinguished career, Senator Bateman received numerous awards and honors. For example, he was one of the five Jaycees' "Young Men of the Year" of New Jersey in 1962; he earned the "Assemblyman of the Year" award from the New Jersey Association of Freeholders in 1967; he earned the Somerset County Education Association's "Distinguished Service Award;" he earned the "Outstanding Citizen" award from the Somerset Valley Chamber of Commerce in 1977; and he was named the Rotary Club of Branchburg's first Paul Harris Fellow in 1993 in honor of the founder of Rotary International in 1905.

Continuing his lifelong commitment to education, Senator Bateman in 1978 was appointed to the Somerset County College (now called Raritan Valley Community College) Board of Trustees and served as the Board's Vice Chairman. In 1978, he became Chairman of the Board of Trustees and served in that position for 25 years; Senator Bateman will serve as a Trustee until 2009. His leadership and vision helped transform Raritan Valley Community College into one of the top community colleges in New Jersey and the Nation.

Raritan Valley Community College in 2006 awarded Senator Bateman with an Honorary Degree, and in 2006 he was presented with the New Jersey Council of County Colleges' "Community College Spirit Award."

As long and distinguished as his public record of achievement is, Senator Bateman is first and foremost a son, husband, father, grandfather and friend. A lifelong New Jerseyan, Senator Bateman was born on October 29, 1927, in Somerville, New Jersey, as the son of Lydia and C. Palmer Bateman Sr. Senator Bateman was married for 49 years to the former Joan Speer, and together they had six children, Caren, Raymond, Christopher, Robin, Michael and Joanne. Those blessed to be acquainted with the Bateman family know firsthand that they personify Senator Bateman's generosity, zest for life and sense of community. His ten grandchildren similarly reflect his love of sports, the outdoors and the importance of family above all else.

Those of us who followed Senator Bateman into public service are at a distinct disadvantage, for Senator Bateman's shadow is long and his reputation is without equal. Senator Bateman established the standard for selfless service to our fellow citizens; it is a standard other public officials only strive to meet.

Somerset County and the State of New Jersey are better for Senator Bateman's service.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Raymond H. Bateman as his family and

friends gather this weekend to celebrate 80 truly remarkable years and to wish him many more happy, healthy and fulfilling years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD BELDEN

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. LAWSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay great honor to Representative Richard Belden, who passed away on August 20, 2007. Belden proudly represented Shelton, Connecticut in the state House of Representatives for 33 years and he was the longest serving lawmaker in the history of the Connecticut State House.

Dick Belden was born in Derby and graduated from Shelton High School. During his 33 years in the State House, Belden advocated a variety of issues such as fiscal restraint, open space preservation, and tough drunk-driving laws to improve the State of Connecticut. Recently, Representative Belden was the deputy House Republican leader-at-large and he served as the ranking member of the tax-writing finance committee for several years. Belden will also be remembered as an adamant questioner on the 10-member State Bond Commission. In 1984 Belden became deputy speaker when the Republicans briefly regained the House. Richard Belden was admired and a mentor to many of his colleagues. I was fortunate enough to serve with him and work with him on many issues. Above all, he was a man of integrity; his word was his bond. He will be missed at the Capitol. He will be remembered for his many years of service and his commitment to his constituents and to the state of Connecticut, but most of all as the "Dean of the House."

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the life and accomplishments of Richard Belden. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 51 years, Bertha Kurtyka Belden and all those who loved him. We will remember Belden as a dedicated member of the State House who touched the lives of many.

RECOGNITION OF SPORTSMEN'S WEEK

HON. JOHN J. HALL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. HALL of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in enthusiastic recognition of Sportsmen's Week in the House of Representatives.

Outdoor activities are important parts of the fabric of American life. As our Nation faces new environmental challenges, we can look to the historic commitment of sportsmen to conservation, wildlife management, and the preservation of open spaces to find guiding principles that will allow us to coexist with nature. The most famous embodiment of this tradition can be found in the tireless drive of President Theodore Roosevelt, an avid outdoorsman

and hunter, to make conservation and harmonious existence with nature national priorities.

My home, New York's Hudson Valley, has been blessed by an abundance of natural beauty and wildlife. The tie between sportsmen and their natural surroundings there remains strong and makes a significant contribution to our quality of life.

Hunters and fisherman in the region, organized in groups like the Orange County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, are constantly engaged in a wide variety of activities to maintain and improve our environment and enhance local recreation. They include important educational programs that teach important hunting and fishing skills in addition to the safety courses needed to obtain licenses and hunt responsibly. Sportsmen also set an admirable example by establishing a respectful, mutually beneficial relationship with ecosystems and wildlife through seasonal restocking operations. They also work to ensure that the natural beauty of our Nation will be passed on to future generations by aggressively working to preserve open space and expand parkland.

All these activities have important social, economic, and environmental benefits, and it is only right that we acknowledge them here in the House of Representatives during Sportsmen's Week. I was proud to support Representative Gillibrand's resolution supporting the goals of National Hunting and Fishing Day, and am honored to recognize Sportsmen's Week in Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I missed recorded votes on Monday, September 24, 2007 due to a delay in my flight. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

"Yea" on H. Con. Res 193, Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety (rollcall No. 891)

"Yea" on H. Res. 668, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the September 25, 1957, desegregation of Little Rock Central High School by the Little Rock Nine (rollcall No. 892)

"Yea" on H.R. 1199, Drug Endangered Children Act of 2007 (rollcall No. 893)

"Yea" on H. Res. 340, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives of the importance of providing a voice for the many victims (and families of victims) involved in missing persons cases and unidentified human remains cases (rollcall No. 894)

INTRODUCTION OF THE OVARIAN CANCER BIOMARKER RESEARCH ACT OF 2007

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Gynecologic Cancer Awareness