

Diabetes is a chronic illness that leaves the body unable to produce or properly use insulin to maintain healthy blood glucose levels. The two most common forms of the disease that affect our citizens are Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes, once known as juvenile diabetes, is usually diagnosed in children and young adults who are unable to produce insulin and require daily medication. Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease, is often attributed to lifestyle risk factors and can be controlled by a modified diet, regular physical activity, and medication. Americans can take steps to control the disease and lower the risk of complications such as heart disease, stroke, and kidney disease by maintaining healthy eating and exercise habits, and consulting with a doctor about diabetes testing.

My Administration is committed to providing better care for people living with diabetes and furthering efforts to find a cure. We have supported research initiatives and education programs that encourage healthy living, and we have also modified Medicare coverage to include diabetes screenings. This year, the National Institutes of Health estimates that more than \$1 billion will be spent on diabetes research. By working together, we can help identify problems early, manage them before they grow worse, and help ensure more Americans live longer, healthier lives.

Throughout National Diabetes Month, we recognize the medical professionals, scientists, researchers, and all those whose efforts have made a positive difference in the fight against diabetes. By raising public awareness, we can help combat the effects of diabetes in our society and bring hope to children and families living with this disease.

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2007 as National Diabetes Month. I call upon all Americans to learn more about the risk factors and symptoms associated with diabetes and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

## SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 13, 2007*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 760, which recognizes October as Children's Health Month and supports the goals and ideals of this annual designation.

I was proud to introduce this resolution with Representative KATHY CASTOR. As cochairmen of the Congressional Children's Health Care Caucus, we are committed to building bipartisan support for efforts to facilitate access to care for the uninsured, seek cures for debilitating diseases and chronic conditions, and promote preventive health and wellness measures for America's children.

This resolution recognizes the importance of raising awareness of children's health needs

and commends the health care professionals who provide for them. It also reaffirms our Nation's commitment to improving children's health and encourages State officials, non-profit organizations and businesses to join the House in supporting these objectives.

I am grateful for the enthusiastic backing this resolution enjoys from more than 100 Members spanning both sides of the aisle, and I urge all of my colleagues to support its passage.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 14, 2007*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, yesterday I was on an official leave of absence for a medical appointment. Had I been present and voting, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 1082, H.R. 3315, which I cosponsored, to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center be known as Emancipation Hall; "yea" on rollcall No. 1083, H.R. 1593, which I cosponsored, the Second Chance Act; "yea" on rollcall No. 1084, H.R. 3403, the 911 Modernization and Public Safety Act, and "yea" on rollcall No. 1085, H.R. 3461, Safeguarding America's Families by Enhancing and Reorganizing New and Efficient Technologies Act.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 14, 2007*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I regrettably missed Rollcall vote No. 1085 (H.R. 3461) and Rollcall vote No. 1084 (H.R. 3403). Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall No. 1085: "yes," Rollcall No. 1084: "yes."

## DANDY-WALKER SYNDROME AND HYDROCEPHALUS

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 14, 2007*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 163, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of further research and activities to increase public awareness, professional education, diagnosis, and treatment of Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus.

In 2005 while awaiting the birth of their first child Ryan, Andrea and Eric Cole of Kensington, Maryland learned that he would be born with a rare birth defect called Dandy-Walker Syndrome and a condition called hydrocephalus. Ryan was born on May 3, 2005, 3 months premature and weighing 1 pound 15 ounces, at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C. He would spend a total of 156 days in the hospital during his first year of life.

Today, the Cole family leads the fight against Dandy-Walker Syndrome and is the in-

spiration behind my efforts against this terrible birth defect. On learning that no national organization existed to advocate on behalf of individuals with Dandy-Walker Syndrome, Eric and Andrea took the necessary steps to found the only national non-profit organization for Dandy-Walker Syndrome, and located it in Maryland's Eighth Congressional District, which I represent. Today, the Dandy-Walker Alliance remains the only non-profit organization committed to educational and informational activities, programs and publications and supporting non-partisan research and events to increase public awareness of Dandy-Walker Syndrome. The Dandy-Walker Alliance supports all efforts to determine the cause(s) of, to find the cure for and to ameliorate the effects of Dandy-Walker Syndrome.

Dandy-Walker Syndrome is a congenital malformation of the cerebellum that can cause developmental delay, is frequently associated with hydrocephalus that can lead to an enlarged head circumference, and can cause neurological damage possibly leading to death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that Dandy-Walker Syndrome may affect as many as 1 in 5,000 live born infants of which approximately 70 to 90 percent will develop hydrocephalus. Treatment for individuals with Dandy-Walker generally consists of treating the associated problems rather than the syndrome itself. Hydrocephalus is treated today the same way that it was in 1952, by inserting a shunt into the brain to drain off excess fluid.

In addition to what the Coles are doing with the Dandy-Walker Alliance, a filmmaker from Colorado with a nephew affected by Dandy-Walker is completing the first-ever documentary on Dandy-Walker Syndrome called "Dandy Kids," which will premiere in January 2008. A couple in Florida was also inspired to film a commercial with their three-year-old son affected by Dandy-Walker and hydrocephalus to help promote the need for blood donations since the brain surgeries to treat his hydrocephalus often require transfusions.

Dandy-Walker Syndrome involves many complex issues. That is why the Director of the National Institutes of Health should continue the current collaboration, with respect to Dandy-Walker Syndrome, among the National Human Genome Research Institute, the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and the Office of Rare Diseases.

Further research into the epidemiology, diagnosis, pathophysiology, disease burden, and improved treatment of Dandy-Walker Syndrome should be conducted and supported. The National Institutes of Health should take the lead in sponsoring an annual workshop to increase awareness and set national research priorities for Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention should also form a coordinating committee for Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus research, which would annually report to the public its findings on the progress in the epidemiology, pathophysiology, disease burden, treatment improvements, diagnoses, and awareness for Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus.

Finally, public awareness and professional education regarding Dandy-Walker research

should increase through partnerships between the Federal Government and patient advocacy organizations, such as the Dandy-Walker Alliance and the Hydrocephalus Association.

Madam Speaker, let's tell families like the Coles that they are not alone in their fight against Dandy-Walker Syndrome. Certainly we can lend a hand in helping to further raise awareness of Dandy-Walker Syndrome and to act on behalf of disabled members in society who cannot advocate for themselves. I think we all agree that partnerships between the Federal Government and advocacy groups are important to the American people. That is why I urge my colleagues from both parties to join me in co-sponsoring House Concurrent Resolution 163 to raise awareness for Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, yesterday I missed Rollcall vote No. 1082, on passage of H.R. 3315. I strongly support this legislation, which would provide that the great hall of the new Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall, and I would have voted "yes" on passage had I been present.

#### VETERANS DAY PRAYER

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, as grateful Americans provide deserved tributes for our courageous veterans, I have fortunately been provided a profound poem from Clinton B. Campbell of Beaufort, South Carolina.

[From the Journal of New Jersey Poets]

MY VETERANS DAY PRAYER

(By Clinton B. Campbell)

Lord, when the pull of my bed lures me to stay another hour,  
please remind me of taps being played for the fallen,

of the tears that reach my cheek after each name is read,  
the ones I knew personally and the ones old-timers talk about in awe.

After the crowd stumbles through the Pledge of Allegiance

I want to be there and listen with all my heart

while the winner of this year's essay contest quiets the crowd

reminding us of why we are paying our respects.

When the closing prayer is read I want to look around in honor at my fellow vets, the men and the women in their timeworn uniforms.

Let me see them as they were, splendidly marching forward

with the courage that allows us to have a choice of whether we come here today or not.

#### DIRECTING PROVISION OF GRANTS FOR INTERNET CRIME PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4134, the Internet Crime Prevention Education Program Act.

In recent years, the Internet has grown to be a thriving educational resource. Adults and children alike have become dependent upon the Internet to provide an abundance of information at their fingertips. However, this wonderful educational resource may also expose young people to new dangers, such as the 750,000 online predators children may encounter every time they surf the web. In fact, one in five children received an online sexual solicitation last year alone.

The prevalence of online predators is a frightening reality and it is clear to me that something must be done. For this reason, it is essential that we provide our schools and law enforcement agents with the necessary tools to teach children how to protect themselves from these Internet dangers.

The bill before us today provides grants for Internet crime prevention education and takes us one step closer to making the Internet a safer place for kids. It is important that we support programs like i-SAFE, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting youth online through developing the resources to teach internet safety. The competitive grant program created by H.R. 4134 will provide funds to organizations dedicated to Internet crime prevention education. Through education and awareness, we can ensure a more hospitable web environment, so that children may be free to utilize the benefits of the Internet without being exposed to its dangers.

Mr. Speaker, I intend to support the legislation before us and I call on this body to vote in favor of Internet crime prevention.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO HAROLD SAMUEL NELSON

#### HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, every Member of the House of Representatives has a cherished friend and mentor back home. That dear friend is what keeps a member grounded to the realities of his or her district which can sometimes become obscure in the heat of legislative debate. With the passing of that friend, a huge void is created which often cannot be filled.

Harold Samuel Nelson was born on June 18, 1918, and left this mortal world on May 29, 2006. It has now been more than a year that I, and many others, no longer have the benefit of his wisdom and advice. I now rise to honor him and how he lived his life.

Throughout his long life, Mr. Nelson engaged in a number of different professions: farmer, philanthropist, and attorney. In 1952, he married Helen Ridgway, and they made

their lives on a dairy farm in New Braunfels where they raised their daughters, JoMerre and Elizabeth. On September 19, 2001, Elizabeth blessed the Nelson family with their first grandson, Samuel Wilder Nelson who will carry forward the proud tradition of the Nelson name.

After his experiences with other dairy organizations, Mr. Nelson formed Associated Milk Producers Inc., AMPI, so that dairy farmers could market milk and dairy products. Under his management, AMPI grew to encompass the better part of our Nation with over 40,000 members. He persuaded small dairy farmers to work together and thereafter, he was referred to as the "grandfather of the dairy industry." He saw that organizing would strengthen each dairy farmer individually.

In the late 1960s, Mr. Nelson convinced livestock farmers to cooperate to eradicate the screwworm, a dreaded livestock parasite. He helped organize and elicit funds to implement a novel strategy. Sterilized screwworm flies would be released at a rate of 150 million per week until they ceased to exist. His efforts resulted in a never before seen level of coordination among dairy farmers throughout the Americas to end the blight of the screwworm.

Later in his life, Mr. Nelson set his energies and talents to honoring his mother's commitment to education. He established the Clara Freshour Nelson Foundation so that students, hundreds by now, could afford tuition for a fine arts education.

I had the privilege of giving words of remembrance at Mr. Nelson's service. It was a sad day for everyone gathered in the church who had to confront our sorrow in missing his physical presence, love, support and wise counsel.

While acknowledging that no one had any control over Mr. Nelson leaving our physical presence, we had complete control of keeping him spiritually alive within us by living the "life lessons" he had taught us.

Mr. Nelson taught through example. He was generous to a fault. Not merely financially generous, but generous with his time, energy and empathy. Simply put, if it was important to you, it was important to him. He was forthright and made no excuses for who he was and what he believed in. He "told it like it was" and could size up a person or business transaction with clarity and precision.

His greatest love was love of family; as a loving son, caring brother, devoted father and doting grandfather. Yet he was known to share his love with his "extended family", from dear friends Paul Alagia and Jose "Pepé" Gonzalez to name a couple, to those devoted caretakers that were near him as his days grew shorter: Alice, Ada, Brenda, Quolonda, Beverly, Rhonda and Emily.

He was the consummate gentleman; he tipped his hat, stood when a lady walked into a room; simple gestures of something greater which was a genuine respect. He was a voracious reader, loved poetry and he could play the piano and violin. He encouraged and supported students in the study and appreciation of music.

Imbued with a powerful social conscience, he was a "yellow dog Democrat" who firmly declared that "you had to be a Democrat to believe in the Beatitudes".

Mr. Nelson was part of what is referred today as "the Greatest Generation". Tom