

the proposal. I would like to see an even greater effort to engage the full participation of the public.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to add to Washington's prized wilderness areas in the tradition of the Wild Sky.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. RANDY PAUSCH

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Randy Pausch, a courageous and charismatic Carnegie Mellon professor with pancreatic cancer, who has chosen to dedicate his last months to raising congressional awareness about the importance of research for this deadly disease.

Dr. Pausch is an award winning educator, researcher, and computer scientist at Carnegie Mellon University. Considered one of the Nation's foremost teachers of virtual-reality technology, he helped develop a software program called "Alice" that encourages kids, particularly young girls, to become interested in programming. This 47-year-old husband and father of three young children became accidentally famous when his motivational Last Lecture at Carnegie Mellon was leaked onto the Internet and inspired more than six million people.

Dr. Pausch is the epitome of a professor—never turning away from an opportunity to educate others. In his Last Lecture, which he titled "How to Really Achieve Your Childhood Dreams," he gives wise advice on how to accomplish even those seemingly impossible childhood wishes, and ultimately, how to live a full and happy life. Most importantly, this lecture was an opportunity for Dr. Pausch to leave a message for his children that he will not live to tell them himself.

I had the good fortune to meet Dr. Pausch in January of this year when he came with the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to advocate for a National Plan to Advance Pancreatic Cancer Research. This research is critical given the disturbing statistics showing that only five percent of pancreatic cancer patients remain alive after 5 years of diagnosis. According to Dr. Pausch, he is a "rock star" because he has been living with a disease for over 8 months that claims the lives of most patients within 4 to 6 months of diagnosis. While the survival rates for this lethal disease have remained fairly constant over the last 30 years, few resources have been dedicated to researching new treatments.

With what little time he has left, Dr. Pausch is doing his best to make a meaningful contribution to pancreatic cancer research. In addition to coming to lobby Congress in January, Dr. Pausch returned on March 13 to testify before the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education during the public witness hearings. Although he will not benefit from the awareness he is raising for this disease, he has taken time to educate Congress about this disease and ask us to take the necessary steps to begin to change the horrifying statistics.

A man who believes in honesty above all else, Dr. Pausch does not sugarcoat his situation. In spite of his prognosis, he continues to

see himself as a "Tigger" instead of an "Eeyore." He sees each day as another opportunity to impact the lives of others and to share his sage advice about living. He encourages us to "always wait for people to show their good side, no matter how long it takes." He challenges us to "never give up" and to "remember that brick walls are there to make you realize how badly you want something." Faced with the seemingly insurmountable brick wall of pancreatic cancer, Randy seizes every opportunity to create precious memories with his wife, Jai, and their three young children: Dylan, 6, Logan, 3, and Chloe who is almost 2.

As a Member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have had the privilege of meeting many impressive people—but Dr. Pausch has been one of the most memorable. My hope is that he will be able to continue to delay the progress of the disease and that his days of good health will continue. Most of all, I hope that Dr. Pausch and his family know that he is an inspiration to us all. Through his lecture and his advocacy, he has not only left behind a legacy for his children, but for the millions of people he has touched with his story.

RECOGNIZING THE ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL TEAM 2008 WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Arizona State University Softball team, the winners of the 2008 Women's College World Series.

After finishing an excellent regular season and earning a spot in the WCWS under the leadership of Coach Clint Myers, the Sun Devils reached the cusp of a National Championship on Monday, June 2nd in a best-of-three series against the Texas A&M Aggies. In front of a record crowd of over 7,000 people at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, star pitcher Katie Burkhardt threw an opening-game shutout and Krista Donnenwirth drove in all three of the Sun Devils' runs in a 3-0 win. The Sun Devils then clinched the title Tuesday, June 3rd in a game that made the NCAA record books. They started off strong in the third inning, building a 3-0 lead, and did not let up until they had trounced the Aggies 11-0.

Not only did the Sun Devils set a record for the highest margin of victory in Women's College World Series history, but this win marked the first national title for ASU in softball. Arizonans and a national television audience shared in the excitement, pride and sportsmanship ASU's players displayed both on the field and in the dugout during this inspiring victory.

As an alumnus of Arizona State, I am honored and excited to see a team from my alma mater accomplish this feat. This is truly a victory for Sun Devils everywhere. The championship title has been a long time coming for this team, and these women showed that true dedication and persistence can indeed pay off.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating the remarkable success of this team,

whose achievements and camaraderie should be models for other teams across the country.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN LAUTHLIN MOORE, III

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama recently lost a dedicated community leader, and I rise today to honor Judge John Lauthlin Moore, III and pay tribute to his memory.

A native of Porterville, Mississippi, Judge Moore received an undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi and a law degree from the University of Alabama. After practicing law in Mobile for a number of years, he became the Probate Judge of Mobile County in 1963, a position he held until 1982. After which time, Judge Moore served for 20 years as Supernumerary Probate Judge of Mobile County until his retirement in 2003.

Judge Moore was a lifelong Baptist and a member of Spring Hill Baptist Church. He was a past president of the Alabama Probate Judges Association. He served on the board of directors of the Alabama Archives, and he was a George F. Hixson Fellow of the Kiwanis Club.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a friend to many throughout Alabama, as well as a wonderful husband and devoted father. Judge John L. Moore, III will be dearly missed by his family—his wife, Mary Anne Grieme Moore; his daughter, Anne Moore Patton; his son, John L. Moore, IV and his wife Anne; and his grandchildren, James Moore Patton, John Thurman Moore, Thomas Ware Moore and Lauthlin Anne Patton—as well as the many countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING DOUGLAS AND ESTELLE ROGERS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Douglas and Estelle Rogers for their exemplary dedication to the city of Laurel Hill, Florida.

For years Douglas and Estelle Rogers have been serving the city of Laurel Hill, Florida. With resumes stocked with civil service positions and community outreach, the Rogers have helped advance their burgeoning city and, subsequently, have become engrained in the city's history.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have served on the Laurel Hill City Council. In addition to being the city's mayor for a year, Mr. Rogers was also the chief of Laurel Hill's Fire Department. He is also an honored veteran, having served in WWII from 1944 to 1946. Mr. Roger's accomplishments are rivaled only by

those of his wife who established the “Citizen of the Year” program and authors the “Up on the Hill” column which appears in the local paper.

After countless hours of working behind the scenes, the Rogers are being recognized for their outstanding commitment to the area. The First District of Florida is incredibly fortunate to have received the services provided by the Rogers and they will be remembered for their philanthropic efforts.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Doug and Estelle Rogers for their exemplary service to the community of Laurel Hill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN R. ROTTMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. ROTTMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed on June 3, 2008. On Tuesday, June 3, 2008, I was unable to be present in the Capitol and missed rollcall votes Nos. 367 through 369. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote No. 367, on H. Con. Res. 138, a resolution supporting National Men's Health Week, I would have voted “aye.”

On rollcall vote No. 368, on H. Res. 923, a resolution recognizing the state of Minnesota's 150th anniversary, I would have voted “aye.”

On rollcall vote No. 369, on H. Res. 1114, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Arbor Day Foundation and National Arbor Day, I would have voted “aye.”

DEDICATION OF THE SARASOTA VA NATIONAL CEMETERY

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the Sarasota National Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee, which played a valuable role in the recent groundbreaking and dedication ceremony for the Sarasota VA National Cemetery.

I also recognize cemetery director Sandra Beckly and VA Under Secretary William F. Tuerk for their involvement in the planning and celebration of this tremendous event. Furthermore, I want to express my deep appreciation to the estimated 3,000 people who gathered to celebrate this important milestone.

The Sarasota VA National Cemetery is an honor to the sacrifices of the many soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and died on behalf of a grateful nation and to the accomplishments of all veterans whose service has allowed us to enjoy our American way of life.

The people of Florida's 13th District have been closely monitoring the progress we have made to establish a new national cemetery in Sarasota County. The timely completion of this project is a primary concern for area veterans and is one of my highest priorities.

We have 97,000 veterans in my congressional district and nearly 400,000 veterans

within the 75-mile radius that will be served by the new cemetery. Currently, the closest available VA cemetery is Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, which is about 110 miles from the City of Sarasota.

I look forward to the day when area veterans and qualified family members can be memorialized with the honor and respect they deserve close to home at the Sarasota VA Cemetery in Sarasota.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, on May 21, 2008, I inadvertently missed rollcall vote No. 347, which was on consideration of the Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2008. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN BAR ASSOCIATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and in recognition of the individual and collective dedication and service of the Cuyahoga County Bar Association (CCBA) and the Cleveland Bar Association (CBA).

The CBA and the CCBA joined this year to create the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, which has a collective membership of over six thousand attorneys. The Cleveland Bar Association, founded in 1873, was one of the oldest bar associations in the country and was the largest provider of legal seminars in Ohio. The CCBA was founded in 1928 in protest of the exclusionary practices in Cleveland's legal profession at that time. The breakaway CCBA drew its members from smaller firms and solo practices and reflected a diverse ethnic mix which included Jewish attorneys and others from the influx of attorneys from the Irish, Italian, Eastern European, and African-American southern migrations to Cleveland.

The unification of the CBA and CCBA in 2008 was a historic event which reflects the breaking down of ethnic, religious, racial, and socio-economic barriers which were so prevalent in Cleveland 80 years ago. The merger was made possible under the leadership of each bar association after 80 years of operating separately. Together the leadership of the former CBA and CCBA will ensure that the new Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association will be one of the largest and most successful bar associations in the country, providing the Greater Cleveland area with an even greater variety of services and community work.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and appreciation of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and in recognition of the collective and individual efforts of the former CBA and CCBA, for their dedication and service to the Greater Cleveland community.

HAITI, BACK TO THE CRISIS STAGE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, the time has come to call attention to the food crisis which threatens to have a worldwide impact; I want to enter into the RECORD an editorial from the New York CaribNews for the week ending April 22, 2008, “Haiti, Back to the Crisis Stage, Food Crisis and Riots Underscore Dire Economic and Social Conditions that Require Urgent Attention.”

Rising food prices are fueling the global hunger crisis. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and oldest black sovereign state. It is sad to think of Haitians demonstrating and taking to the streets in order to call the world's attention to the fact ordinary people cannot afford to buy food. The World Bank estimates that food prices have gone up by 83 percent globally over the last 3 years. The country is struggling to stabilize itself and now rising food prices threaten the progress that has been made.

Haiti's need for assistance is a result of joblessness, high infant mortality, and dependence on imported food, inadequate health care services and poor educational opportunities. It is time for the international donor community to live up to the promises made to Haiti. The World Bank has outlined a strategy for the Government of Haiti, which includes helping the country to deliver rapid results, through jobs and basic services to foster development over the long term.

This article points out the critical need for not only long term solutions but short and interim term solutions to rush assistance to those in greatest need. The right type of assistance is paramount in maintaining stability in Haiti, allowing the country to continue to make progress towards self sufficiency, which will help bring an end to the suffering.

Haiti serves a wake up call to the potential looming global food crisis. It is taking an immense toll on the world's poorest people, who typically spend up to 80 percent of their income on food. After many years of working to end hunger and poverty, the United States and other developed nations must put forth bolder efforts to ensure progress is not lost in resolving global hunger.

HAITI, BACK TO THE CRISIS STAGE: FOOD CRISIS AND RIOTS UNDERSCORE DIRE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITION THAT REQUIRES URGENT ATTENTION

Just when people in different parts of the world, especially the Caribbean and the Haitian Diaspora, dared to dream that Haiti was on the mend and making progress, food riots broke out in the capital of Port au Prince a few day ago and they cost the Prime Minister, Jacques Edouard Alexis, his job.

And if some members of the Senate get their way, the next on the list would be President Rene Preval, the duly elected chief of state, who has brought a measure of stability to the French-speaking Caribbean nations, the oldest Black sovereign state in the Western Hemisphere.

Any attack on the President would be a tragedy.

Few people, if any at all, could get angry with the demonstrators for taking to the streets to let the world know that they are