

Accordingly, someone receiving the average unemployment benefit of \$294 a week (\$1,176 a month) who elects to have federal income taxes withheld will realize a loss of approximately \$117.60 a month—money that might better be used for necessities such as food, housing, health insurance, and gasoline. Moreover, many States also choose to make unemployment compensation subject to state income taxes, which further erodes the assistance these hard-working Americans receive in their time of need.

While I was pleased to join with my colleagues earlier this year to enact legislation to extend unemployment benefits for an additional 13 weeks, I firmly believe that we should take the next step of immediately increasing these benefits by exempting them from the federal income tax. Beyond greater assistance to millions of unemployed Americans, this measure would also act to stimulate the economy. In fact, as the Congressional Budget Office has previously estimated, the cessation of income taxes on unemployment benefits would return at least \$3.1 billion annually to those taxpayers who are most in need.

Accordingly, as we consider new ways to help unemployed Americans and to boost the economy, I ask my colleagues to join with me to enact the Suspension of Federal Income Tax on Unemployment Benefits Act of 2008.

ARMY RESERVE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial of an organization which is vital to our Nation and brings much honor to the State of Tennessee.

The United States Army Reserve celebrated 100 years of service on April 23, 2008, and the history of its citizen warriors exemplifies what makes this Nation the greatest in the world.

The security and strength of our republic has always relied on the readiness and fortitude of its citizens. When the drumbeat of revolution grew loud, it was an army of average citizens who answered the call and fought for our independence. This tradition continues today with the U.S. Army Reserve.

Since its beginning as a 160-person medical corps in 1908, the U.S. Army Reserve has grown into a force which is the support structure for our Nation's armed forces. From World War I to the global war on terror, the soldiers of the U.S. Army Reserve have put their own lives on hold to serve their Nation.

More than 26,000 U.S. Army Reserve soldiers have served in support of military operations since the September 11th attacks. This corps of citizen soldiers brings their expertise—providing half of the Army's combat support—to the front lines in defense of freedom.

My home State of Tennessee is known as the Volunteer State. It is not a term we take lightly, and Tennessee's record of service demonstrates the character of its citizens.

I am especially proud of the 505 soldiers assigned to the 844th Engineer Battalion, headquartered in my district in Tennessee. This battalion is responsible for heavy con-

struction—including roads, living quarters, plumbing, electricity and other infrastructure, keeping our troops safe and more comfortable while serving abroad.

Our Nation's military could not operate without the 844th Engineer Battalion or the United States Army Reserve.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to join me as I salute 100 years of the United States Army Reserve and the citizen warriors who stand ready to defend freedom at a moment's notice.

HONORING CALVIN "JIM" BEATTY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Calvin James Beatty for his dedication to his family and community. Mr. Beatty passed away at Madera Community Hospital on August 19, 2008, at the age of eighty two.

Mr. Jim Beatty was born in Puente, California on March 21, 1926. He graduated from Sweetwater High School in National City, California in 1944 and immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served in the Western Pacific during World War II and in China after the war. Before leaving the military he attained the rank of sergeant. He received an Honorable Discharge in April 1947.

In 1949, Mr. Beatty settled in Madera, California. He met and married Edith Mae Sciacqua in 1950. They have three sons; Kelly, John and Jerry. He spent most of his life as the manager of a cotton gin and retired in the 1980's. He had many hobbies, including flying. Mr. Beatty maintained a pilot's license for over fifty years. He served as a deputy sheriff in the Madera County Aero Squadron. He was always active in the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also involved with the Knights of Columbus and the Young Men's Institute.

Mr. Beatty is survived by his wife and three children, his daughter-in laws; Cheryl, Michele and Brenda, and five grandchildren: Ryan, Meghan, Michael, Christian and Hallie, and one great-grandson: Brannon. He is also survived by his sister, Donna, her husband and numerous extended family members.

Madame Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Jim Beatty for his dedication to his family and community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

HONORING THE 9TH ANNUAL KALEIDOSCOPE OF HOPE WALK-A-THON

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join with me in paying tribute to 9th Annual Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation's Walk-a-thon, which would not be possible without the hard work of Gail MacNeil, a wonderful woman who

truly made her mark as a dynamic advocate on behalf of ovarian cancer. On Sunday, September 14, 2008, the good citizens of Morris County will take part in the Kaleidoscope of Hope's 9th Annual Walk-a-thon at Loantaka Brook Reservation.

Gail was diagnosed with Stage IIIC ovarian cancer over Christmas 1997. Sadly, her cancer recurred in 2002 and from then on she was on non-stop chemotherapy until she ultimately lost her brave battle on June 21, 2008. She was an amazing life force who continued to work full time as a realtor at Coldwell Banker as well as actively lead many initiatives at Kaleidoscope of Hope. She was an inspiration to all that knew and worked with her, her family and especially to all the cancer survivors and other families whose lives she so passionately touched over the past ten years.

In 2000, Gail co-founded the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation along with two other ovarian cancer survivors, Lois Myers and Patricia Stewart-Busso. The mission of Kaleidoscope of Hope was to raise awareness of ovarian cancer. Gail, Patty and Lois realized that there was a critical and urgent need for more awareness and research to find an early detection test for ovarian cancer, especially in New Jersey, which has the third highest incidence of ovarian cancer in the nation.

In her role as a co-founder, Gail helped enhance research programs and supported the state's first four year Gynecology Oncology Fellow, based at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. Last year, Gail initiated the successful "Turn The Towns Teal" campaign which was the first major awareness effort for KOH. At first, this started as a grass-roots teal ribbon tying event in Morris County, New Jersey, however, word quickly spread and people throughout the state joined in and turned their towns teal. Gail also shared her story as part of the Survivors Teaching Students program through the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the citizens of the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey and the Kaleidoscope of Hope's Walk-a-thon participants for their efforts to raise awareness for ovarian cancer, and in so doing, celebrating the life of a fine woman and leader.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN JERMANIS, JR.

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John J. Jermanis, Jr. upon his retirement as the City Manager of San Leandro, California. John's career with the City of San Leandro spanned 37 years. His first position was Assistant Finance Director where he served for 11 years; he next served as Finance Director for 15 years, and was then appointed City Manager in 1997, where he completed an 11-year tenure prior to his retirement.

John was born and raised in Berkeley, California. He graduated from Berkeley High School in 1961, received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from San Francisco State University in 1966, and has furthered his studies in Public Administration at California State University East Bay.

After serving in the Army National Guard from January 1966 to January 1972, John took a position with General Motors' Personnel Division in Fremont from 1967 to 1968. He began his municipal government service in 1969 as an accountant with the city of Livermore, California and in 1971 he was hired by the City of San Leandro.

Under John's management, the City of San Leandro went through one of its largest building periods in history, seeing the completion of the new main library, Creekside Plaza, Hilton Garden Inn, and Westgate Shopping Center.

More recently he has overseen the rejuvenation of Bayfair Center, the opening of the San Leandro History Museum and Art Gallery and the opening of both the Washington Manor Branch Library and the Family Aquatics Center.

Through his guidance, the city has also facilitated a fundamental shift in its business sector, from one largely composed of manufacturing companies to a sector that also includes service and high-tech companies.

John points to his greatest accomplishment as his ability to build and maintain a strong

rapport with each council member and city employees with whom he has worked. John also has gained the respect of his colleagues, and elected officials, as well as the San Leandro community.

He has served the city admirably. His expert leadership, intellect and vast talent and experience as the City of San Leandro's top administrator will be missed. My hat is off to John J. Jermanis, Jr. as he departs for a well-earned retirement. Over the past 37 years, he leaves an unmatched legacy of commitment and dedication.