

serious global health concerns in modern history and has spread to every continent, infecting and affecting people across the lines of race, class, religion, and sexual orientation. Sadly, a quarter of HIV/AIDS infected persons are unaware of their status and less than 30% of HIV-infected persons receive anti-retroviral treatment. Latinos and blacks are still disproportionately contracting and dying from AIDS. My home state of Florida has consistently ranked third in the nation in the number of cases of HIV/AIDS. And, the majority of infected persons reside in South Florida, which also has the highest concentration of uninsured people in the state.

In the absence of a cure, prevention, education, and antiretroviral drugs still remain our best weapons against HIV/AIDS. Culturally competent and age appropriate education about sex, sexually transmitted infections (STI), and treatment and prevention options must be available in our nation's schools, prisons and communities. And, the de-stigmatization of HIV/AIDS, sexual behavior, and sexuality remain no less important today than it was a decade and a half ago.

During his testimony before Congress, 22-year-old Pedro Zamora said, "What we need is the collective will to care about young people and about people with different backgrounds and make sure that one day people grow up in a world without AIDS." His words are timeless, and challenge us to be diligent in our efforts to stop HIV/AIDS, and the disease of intolerance in this country. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution commemorating the life, sacrifices, and grace of a remarkable man and teacher who has left an enduring memory and legacy that will inspire generations to come.

WOMEN ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR  
ECONOMIC RECOVERY

**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 31, 2009*

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, today, as Women's History Month comes to a close it is a good time to reflect on the many accomplishments women have been part of and to address what needs to be done further to fully carry out equality for all and get our economy back on track.

As we experience the most serious economic crisis since the Great Depression we will need the leadership of all Americans including strong leaders like Speaker NANCY PELOSI who was the first woman chosen as Speaker by her colleagues and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton who ran an historic campaign for the presidency. Both who have broken and shattered the glass ceiling have demonstrated remarkable accomplishment the nation can be confident in during these tough times.

This nation has faced multiple challenges that we have faced with the help of strong women. And today many women face challenges of succeeding in the workplace, caring for their family including their aging parents. I am proud of the work this Congress has done in a short amount of time for American working women.

It is telling that President Barack Obama's first bill signed into law was the Lilly Ledbetter

Fair Pay Act that reverses a Supreme Court ruling that made it more difficult for Americans to pursue pay discrimination claims. At a time when too many workers are seeing their jobs and wages slashed, we've got to make sure that all Americans are paid fairly for their hard work.

Congress has also passed significant tax cuts for working women and major investments in health care. To help get us out of this economic mess we also created thousands of jobs where women have new opportunities including contracting opportunities and the availability of small business loans.

Speaker PELOSI said it best: "Women want what men want: an equal opportunity to succeed, a safe and prosperous America, good paying jobs, better access to affordable health care, and the best possible education for our children."

President Obama and this Congress have made progress with all those issues in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and will continue to build upon those accomplishments with the passage of the President's budget blueprint, which makes investments in health care, energy and education—all intended to create jobs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. STEVE BUYER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 31, 2009*

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that my Substitute Amendment to H.R. 1256 does not contain any earmarks.

BEST BUDDIES EMPOWERMENT  
FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL  
DISABILITIES ACT OF 2009

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 31, 2009*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce this bill supporting Best Buddies, an organization dedicated to the social integration of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Founded in 1989 by Anthony Kennedy Shriver, Best Buddies is the first social and recreational program of its kind in the United States; it has already reached hundreds of thousands of Americans, both with and without disabilities, a total that is set to reach half a million by 2010. Best Buddies fosters and supports friendships and mentorships between participants from kindergarteners to adult professionals, sponsoring more than one thousand volunteer-led chapters at schools and workplaces. Not only do volunteers gain valuable leadership training—they learn first-hand about the important contributions made by their fellow-citizens with intellectual disabilities. And participants with disabilities learn that they are valuable members of our communities, capable of forming a wide range of real and lasting friendships.

This legislation authorizes a total of \$10 million for grants, contracts, or cooperative

agreements to be distributed to Best Buddies by the Department of Education in Fiscal Year 2010, along with such sums as may be necessary for each of the four succeeding fiscal years. These funds will enable this important organization to reach hundreds of thousands more potential volunteers and participants, promoting the crucial values of shared participation in community and social equality. I want to thank Congressman BLUNT for co-sponsoring this bill, and I urge my colleagues to pass it as soon as possible.

HONORING CELIA CRUZ

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 31, 2009*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Celia Cruz, an icon of Latin culture and Cuban music. Despite her passing in 2003, Celia's contributions continue to shape music and inspire others. She lives on as one of the most successful Cuban performers of the 20th century.

Known around the world as the Queen of Salsa, Celia Cruz dedicated her life to music and the arts. Her 50 year career included 70 albums, countless gold and platinum records, hundreds of awards from prestigious institutions worldwide and three Grammy Awards and four Latin Grammy Awards.

Born in Havana, Cuba, she enrolled in the National Music Conservatory at a young age and studied musical theory, voice and piano. In the 1950s she joined the legendary group La Sonora Matancera and wrote many songs that have come to define Afro-Cuban music. In 1960 she left Cuba in search of freedom and in 1961 came to the U.S. By then she was recognized worldwide and the Salsa phenomenon soon spread across the U.S. and Europe.

In 1987, Celia Cruz was given a star in the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and years later Miami's famed "Calle Ocho" was named "Celia Cruz Way." Among other honors, including Lifetime Achievement Awards, Celia was invited to the White House in 1994 by President Bill Clinton and awarded the National Medal of the Arts, the highest honor our country bestows upon an artist. Most recently, her life and work were featured in ¡Azucar! The Life and Music of Celia Cruz, an exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in D.C.

Celia Cruz is remembered for many things, including her distinct voice and unique style, but her trademark remains the popular word she often chanted: Azucar, Spanish for sugar. Celia added sugar, spice and Latin flare to everything she did in life and never failed to surprise her audience. Despite her many professional accomplishments, many consider her marriage to lifelong partner and husband, Pedro Knight, her biggest success.

Celia Cruz's death on July 16, 2003 brought to an end a life filled with a love for art, culture and music, but her legacy lives on each time her music is played. She has undoubtedly left a footprint on Latin music and her influence will forever be felt through the work of artists around the world. As we celebrate Women's History Month, I ask you to join me in honoring the life, work and music of Celia Cruz,

our Queen of Salsa, so that her legacy may live on for generations to come.

**BUD SHUSTER PROMOTES  
WELLNESS**

**HON. TIM MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 31, 2009*

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, our former colleague, Bud Shuster has taken on a new challenge to promote wellness through his central Pennsylvania region. As a trustee at Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA, he's spearheading the creation of Community Wellness Fairs through the exciting new DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness located at the university.

The extraordinary story of Bud's survival and recovery from a broken neck and other injuries suffered in a car crash several years ago recently appeared in the Altoona Mirror, and I'm pleased to insert it into the RECORD:

**RUN FOR YOUR LIFE**

(By Congressman Bud Shuster, M.C. (Ret.))

Twenty-seven years ago on my way to a Rotary speech in Altoona a speeding car swerved around the bend on a rain-slicked road and smashed head-on into our car where I was a front seat passenger. The crash broke my neck and six ribs. The neurosurgeon who put me back together said I was less than a millimeter away from being a paraplegic. If I had not been wearing my seatbelt I would have been killed.

He also said if I had not been in shape through my daily running and weightlifting regimen, I might not have survived the multiple, lengthy, and delicate surgeries required.

But within a year I was back running and working out, and now in my seventies, I'm still feeling great, running and working out every day.

So it's probably no surprise that I'm thrilled to participate in a wonderful new opportunity that is being created to promote our health and well-being right here in our region.

The DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness will be formally dedicated next month at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa. as part of the university's Health Sciences Program thanks to the generosity of Joseph and Marguerite DiSepio, with whom I have the privilege of serving on the Board of Trustees.

The multi-million dollar institute, designed by the architectural firm of Celli-Flynn Brennan, and being built by Leonard S. Fiore, Inc., is dedicated to improving medical technology and wellness opportunities, not only on campus, but also throughout the region and across America. It includes a world-class fitness center for training, teaching and research, as well as human performance, cardiovascular-metabolic, and kinesiology/biomechanical labs. A Faculty-Student Practice in health and behavioral sciences, along with a conference center and spiritual wellness center also are included. In short, it will be a premier facility of its kind in America.

The challenge now is to capitalize on this wonderful endeavor by carrying its message to promote a healthy lifestyle throughout the communities of our region.

So, the university in cooperation with private funding is creating "The Bud Shuster Run For Your Life Program" to which I have happily agreed to lend my name and effort.

The purpose will be to take the program into our communities, our schools, service clubs, senior centers, health facilities and other organizations to promote wellness through gatherings and events including running, jogging, walking and other fitness challenges, coupled with health screenings such as blood pressure, asthma, body fat, posture, etc.

But a fitness program is only half the wellness story. Dr. Kenneth Cooper, considered the father of aerobics, writes that no amount of exercising can make up for bad nutrition or obesity. A cholesterol reading of 240 triples your odds of having a heart attack compared to a reading below 200, and a systolic blood pressure of 160 quadruples the chance of a heart attack compared with one below 120. At his Cooper Clinic in Dallas, Texas, he focuses on a lifetime "Positive Eating Plan" or PEP. There's nothing fancy about it, and the Saint Francis Wellness Program pretty much follows it: limiting animal fats, sugar, alcohol, and paying attention to calories. It's taken me half a lifetime to find, through trial and error, a PEP plan that works for me, and hopefully the Saint Francis Wellness Program can work for you.

We're delighted that the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA, under the leadership of Tom Kopriva, has agreed to team-up with us for the inaugural Community Wellness Fair on Saturday, April 25th at the Hollidaysburg Y.

Starting with the race at 8 AM, it will be a fun-filled day to promote healthy kids and families. Professionals from the university's DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness will be providing health screenings and sessions including healthy eating, sports injury prevention and physical activity recommendations. A healthy Kids Day will include sports activities led by the university's football, basketball and soccer teams.

I'm thrilled to provide a friendly challenge to young and old alike—to join me on Saturday, April 25th, in running or walking and participating in this exciting Community Wellness Fair. There will be prizes for everyone. But the best prize will be a long and healthy life.

**HONORING REMEDIOS DIAZ-  
OLIVER**

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 31, 2009*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true professional, entrepreneur and a woman who has broken barriers in the business world as the only female Floridian to sit on the Board of Directors of three Fortune 500 companies simultaneously, Remedios Diaz-Oliver.

After leaving Cuba in 1961 seeking freedom, Remedios started a new life in the U.S. working during the day and attending school at night. She dedicated her career to learning the business of importing, exporting and trade and later went on to open her own business. In 1991, she founded All American Containers, Inc., a company she built from the ground up. Today she is President and CEO, oversees 167 employees and sales of up to \$105 million, and takes on full administrative and financial responsibilities. Her lifelong partner and husband Fausto Diaz-Oliver stands by her side and serves as COO. Her son, daughter and granddaughter also work in the business.

Remedios has made All American Containers, Inc., a leading supplier of glass, plas-

tic and metal containers with operations in Miami, Tampa, Atlanta, Dallas, Puerto Rico and Mexico and a network spanning across the globe to Central and South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Her clients include companies such as McCormick, Schering, Pepsi Cola, Coca Cola and Seven-Up.

She is a pioneer in the packaging industry and has served on the Board of Directors for Avon Products, Inc. and Barnett Bank (Bank of America). Prior to starting her own business, she was President of the Association of Exporters, Freight Forwarders and Manufacturers of Greater Miami and of Emmer Importing & Exporting, Inc. She has also been a member of the National Advisory Council of the Small Business Administration and the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda. In 1988 she was appointed as a member of the Advisory Board for Trade Policy, Negotiations and International Policy for the President of the United States and again in 1992.

Remedios keeps strong ties to the community she serves and her civic involvements include the Round Table, the Cuban Liberty Council, the United Way and the Public Health Trust.

As we celebrate Women's History Month, I ask that you to join me in congratulating Remedios Diaz-Oliver, an exceptional business woman, wife, mother and friend who is proof that in America anything is possible. Many say it's a man's world, but in the words of Remedios herself "it was a man's world."

**NATIONAL PAIN CARE POLICY ACT  
OF 2009**

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 30, 2009*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 756, the "National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009." I would like to thank Congresswoman LOIS CAPPs from California for this important health care legislation.

BACKGROUND

This legislation requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to seek an agreement with the Institute of Medicine to convene a Conference on Pain that:

(1) Increases the recognition of pain as a significant public health problem in the United States;

(2) Evaluates the adequacy of assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and management of acute and chronic pain;

(3) Identifies barriers to appropriate pain care; and

(4) Establishes an agenda to reduce such barriers and significantly improve the state of pain care research, education, and clinical care in the United States by allowing the Secretary to enter into an agreement with another appropriate entity if the Institute of Medicine declines.

This legislation will also amend the Public Health Service Act to require the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to continue and expand, through the Pain Consortium, an aggressive program of basic and clinical research on the causes of and potential treatments for pain.