

out of every 4 deaths in the United States. The American Cancer Society anticipates about 1,479,350 new cancer cases were diagnosed in 2009. In an effort to ensure that people are screened and that these screenings are covered by health insurance, I am reintroducing the Cancer Screening Coverage Act (CASC). My bill will increase the access to cancer screening exams for patients of private insurance and the Federal Employees Health Benefits plan. The National Institutes of Health estimates overall costs of cancer in 2008 at \$228.1 billion and lack of health insurance prevents many Americans from receiving optimal care. My bill requires coverage of mammograms, clinical breast examinations, Pap tests and pelvic examinations, colorectal cancer screening procedures and prostate cancer screening. By increasing access to cancer screening and early detection, we can make certain that Americans are able to receive the proper medical treatment and reduce the number of deaths caused by cancer.

IN MEMORY OF AMPARO OLGUIN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Mrs. Amparo Olgui, wife, mother, grandmother and devoted citizen of San Bernardino, California, who recently passed, on January 23, 2010, at 72.

Amparo possessed an unwavering dedication to the community, always looking for opportunities to help others. Throughout her life she constantly pursued academic degrees that would allow the community to prosper from her knowledge. Throughout her career she held numerous education, social and youth oriented positions: San Bernardino School District; Welfare Department, social service aide; City of San Bernardino, human relations assistant; Los Padrinos, youth intervention counselor; Casa Ramona Drop-In Center; Inland Congregations United for Change, project director, and other social service/education-related positions. She possessed a spirit and purpose which profoundly impacted the lives of those around her.

Amparo had a passion for alleviating the needs of families, youth, and children. That passion earned her the honor of receiving numerous accolades recognizing her services to the community. In 2002, the Inland Empire Chamber of Commerce honored her with the 46th Annual Latina of the Year award. In 2004, she received the Congressman JOE BACA Community Leadership Award, recognizing her outstanding services and leadership. In 2008, she received the Carol A. Mills award, for her heroism and involvement in the San Bernardino Valley College Drug and Prevention Program. She was always working to make a positive impact in her community.

She is survived by Felix, her husband of 56 years; her daughters Anna Flores and Marsha; her sons Felix Jr., Anthony and Michael; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara and children, Councilman Joe Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie and Jennifer, and I are with the family at this time. I ask my colleagues to

join me in remembering a dedicated leader. She will be greatly missed, and I extend my sincere condolences to her extended family upon the very sad loss of Mrs. Amparo Olgui.

HONORING MR. JAMES COOPER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. James Cooper. Mr. Cooper served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Poland Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Cooper served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Cooper is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of him today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. BOCCIERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

Rollcall No. 17 was a vote on H. Res. 990—Expressing support for designation of January 2010 as “National Mentoring Month,” Representative McCollum—Education and Labor. Had I been present I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall No. 18 was a vote on H. Res. 1011—Recognizing the importance of cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages and supporting the goals and ideals of Cervical Health Awareness Month, Representative Halvorson—Energy and Commerce. Had I been present I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall No. 19 was a vote on H. Res. 1003—Expressing support for the designation of January 10, 2010, through January 16, 2010, as National Influenza Vaccination Week, Representative Chu—Energy and Commerce. Had I been present I would have voted “yes.”

ACKNOWLEDGING CAROL NICHOLS
ON HER RETIREMENT AND FOR
HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement on

February 1, 2010, I rise today to thank Carol Nichols of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, CAO, for her years of dedicated and outstanding service to the United States House of Representatives.

Since joining the House in 1992, Carol has served this great institution in a variety of capacities—some of which have been groundbreaking, and all of which have contributed to the enhancement of the functioning of a Member’s Congressional office. When initially hired by the Clerk of the House, Carol became the first woman to work in the “shops” on the House side of the Congress, taking a position in the House Upholstery Shop. As Carol learned and perfected her craft as an upholsterer serving the needs of Congressional offices, she also gained a finer appreciation for the day-to-day operational dynamics and the equipment and furniture resource needs of a Member’s office. In particular, she came to have a keen appreciation for the particular logistical challenges presented to a Member’s office and the House during the Congressional Transition every two years, when many offices and staffs relocate to new space and are challenged with maintaining optimum functionality while furniture and equipment moves are underway.

With the establishment of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer in 1995 and the partnership with the Architect of the Capitol’s Superintendent’s Office, the CAO and AOC established joint Coordination teams to focus specifically on managing the office moves in a more collaborative and efficient manner during the 106th Congressional Transition, with the ultimate goal to reduce the office’s down time experienced by the Member and the staff. Carol was assigned to the initial team of Move Coordinators—an assignment in which her attention to detail and exceptional organization skills proved invaluable. She brought a number of innovations and improvements to the process, and in preparation for the subsequent transition, Carol was appointed team lead of the Move Coordinators, for which she received recognition by being honored with the CAO’s Distinguished Service Award. In every transition that followed through the 111th Congress, Carol served the House as the CAO’s lead for the transition.

Carol’s ability to manage large scale moves, to successfully coordinate the efforts of her team, to effectively troubleshoot problems, to anticipate the customer’s needs and exceed their expectations, and to get the desired results and deliver solutions along the way became particularly helpful during the anthrax incident in the fall of 2001 as the House faced the challenge of relocating every Member’s office from the House buildings in a matter of a few days. Carol played a critical role on the CAO team in setting up separate offices for every Member at an alternate location, and in managing their subsequent transition back to the House complex following the incident. Several years later, Carol served as the single point-of-contact for the CAO office in working with the Architect of the Capitol in coordinating and facilitating the relocation of offices and staff from the O’Neill House Office Building prior to its demolition.

With the CAO’s creation of Office Coordinators and the House Office Service Center to work with Congressional offices day-in and day-out to manage more effectively their office logistical needs, Carol was promoted to serve

as the initial Manager of the Office Coordinators. Carol completed her service to the House as the Director of the CAO Customer Service Center, where she has been responsible for the oversight of not only the Office Coordinators, but First Call, CAO Graphics, and Modular Furniture as well.

As Carol embarks on her retirement with her husband, Phil, who retired from the House in 2007 following 31 years of service, I am happy to extend to Carol the best wishes of the Members and employees of the House of Representatives for an enjoyable and fulfilling retirement. In recognizing her years of service to the House, I congratulate her on her unwavering commitment and exceptional performance over the years, and I personally thank her for making our lives in Congressional offices a bit easier through her contributions to the efficient management of the physical environment and logistics of our offices.

HONORING MS. DEBORA CARPENTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Debora Carpenter. Ms. Carpenter served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as Ellington Tax Collector.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Ms. Carpenter served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Ms. Carpenter is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of her today.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MS. DOROTHY BLAIR

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Dorothy “Dottie” Jones Blair, who passed away on January 19, 2010 at the age of 74.

Mrs. Blair was a pioneer in Dallas and diligently served her community through her hard work and determination. In the 1960’s, Mrs. Blair became one of the first African American Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in the country and helped pave the way for many African Americans and women who would have this profession after her. In 1975, she helped to establish Concord Baptist Church where she was a charter member and co-teacher of the Smith-Blair Sunday school class for 33

years. Later she would found Holmes Street Inc., a nonprofit residential and outpatient treatment center for adolescent boys suffering from chemical dependency. Through the years, this center has served over 1,000 patients.

This remarkable dedication to the community garnered Mrs. Blair numerous awards, and in 2007 she was honored by the Minnie H. Goodlow Page Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. with the Mary McLeod Bethune Award for outstanding service. Additionally, she was a member of the South Dallas Negro Business and Professional Women’s Club.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Blair was a remarkable woman who never faltered in her willingness to help people. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in honoring this woman who gave so much to Dallas. She will be truly missed.

TONGUE POINT JOB CORPS CENTER

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center on its 45th birthday. The Tongue Point Jobs Corps Centers is located at the mouth of the Columbia River in Astoria, Oregon, which is in my district.

The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 created the Job Corps Program. As the second Job Corps Center to open, Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center received its first students on February 2, 1965, exactly 45 years ago. In 1972, Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center was the pilot program for co-ed Jobs Corps centers, which is now the standard throughout the Corps.

To date, more than 25,000 students have come through Tongue Point’s doors. Tongue Point is the largest Job Corps Center in the Northwest. On average, Tongue Point contributes \$11.2 million annually to the local community. Beyond obtaining job skills, Tongue Point students are also great citizens. During 2009, students performed 6,230 hours of community service in a variety of service areas.

I am proud to have Tongue Point Jobs Corps Center in my district and I am constantly amazed by the tangible benefits they provide for the students and the local community. They are a wonderful example of how the Job Corps Program provides meaningful education and job training to youth in need. As our country strives to create jobs, train a new skilled workforce and recover our economy, the Job Corps Program will help us succeed in our efforts and accomplish our goals.

HONORING MR. GEORGE BECLEROMI

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to

the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. George Becleromi. Mr. Becleromi served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Ellicott Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Becleromi served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Becleromi is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of him today.

HONORING GREG VAN WASSENHOVE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER AND SEALER

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Greg Van Wassenhove, recently retired Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of the County of Santa Clara. Throughout his many years of service, Greg has brought knowledge, strength and vitality not only to the agricultural community but to the many County departments that he has managed.

Greg Van Wassenhove graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a degree in Biological Sciences in 1973, and in 1974 started work with the San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner’s Office. In 1983, Greg was appointed the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures for Santa Clara County; and for the past 25 years, Greg has demonstrated a continuing commitment to pest prevention at the state and national levels. Greg has participated in numerous advisory committees relating to pest prevention, including the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Eradication of Exotic Pests. Greg has collaborated with other County Agricultural Commissioners to develop common efforts on pest prevention, and has also worked with the Statewide County Agricultural Commissioners’ Association to establish ongoing funding to prevent the introduction of invasive species and to control and eradicate pest populations once they were established. Greg has successfully contributed to the eradication of the Mediterranean fruit fly from San Mateo County and, on three occasions, in Santa Clara County.

For the past 35 years, Greg has dedicated himself to providing exceptional public services that promote and protect the agricultural industry of the State as well as consumers. He has worked in two urban counties where the control and prevention of invasive species introduction is critical to the local agricultural economy and the rest of the state. His cooperative efforts with industry as well as with all levels of federal, state and local government, including the development of an excellent working relationship with USDA, CDFA, and Congressional and State representatives, promoted programs that involved the prevention