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We look forward to working with the Congress, our network partners in the transplant community including, physicians, cord blood bankers, donors, and the patients and families they serve. On their behalf, we thank you for continued support of cellular transplantation and stand ready to support your efforts for successful passage of this act this year.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY CHELL, M.D.,
Chief Executive Officer,
National Marrow Donor Program.

NATIONAL MARROW
DONOR PROGRAM,
August 9, 2010.

Re Reauthorization of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and the National Cord Blood Inventory.

Hon. C.W. BILL YOUNG,
Hon. DORIS MATSUI,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES: I am writing on behalf of the National Marrow Donor Program to convey our strong support of the reauthorization of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (Program) and the National Cord Blood Inventory (NCBI). We applaud the efforts of Congressman Young and Congresswoman Matsui in introducing today's legislation and the continued bipartisan support for these life-saving programs. We especially want to thank their staff for their continued efforts. Because the NCBI sunsets at the end of the fiscal year, we encourage the Congress to support passage of this important legislation before October 1.

Every year approximately 12,000 patients search the national registry for a life-saving donor or cord blood unit. To ensure that all patients have access to these types of adult stem cell transplants, Congress must maintain its support of the Program and the NCBI. We commend the dedication of Reps. Young and Matsui, along with Senators Hatch, Dodd, Burr, Reed, Ensign, and Franken who introduced legislation in the Senate last week. Their hard work has resulted in a bipartisan and fiscally responsible bill, which will assist the NMDP in advancing our life-saving mission.

The reauthorization maintains important components of the existing programs, including a single point of access and a focus on building a diverse registry of adult donors and cord blood units. It also includes modifications necessary to continue the successful work of these programs.

The NMDP is dedicated to creating an opportunity for all patients to receive the transplant therapy they need, when they need it. Through a competitive process, the NMDP has been entrusted to operate the Program since its inception in the mid-1980s. Every day, this Program assists thousands of patients with leukemia, certain lymphomas, and other life-threatening diseases find a matching donor or umbilical cord blood unit. For many of these patients, a transplant may be the best and only hope for a cure. NMDP has facilitated more than 40,000 transplants. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the ongoing sustained support of Congress and its efforts to in-

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HONORING ALICE WILLIAMS TOWERS HOUSING COMMUNITY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, since 2000, the Alice Williams Towers Housing Community for Senior Citizens has been and continues to be a great institution in our district; and

Whereas, under the vision of Pastor Jasper Williams, Jr., of Salem Bible Church, the Alice Williams Towers began and have given Senior Residents in Georgia, a place to live and play for ten consecutive years; and

Whereas, the residents and staff of this remarkable community continue to be involved in the matters of the district; and

Whereas, the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia is very proud and honored to have the Alice Williams Towers Housing Community as a partner in the district, mentoring our future leaders to better serve our nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the residents, family members, friends and staff of the Alice Williams Towers Housing Community for their outstanding service and leadership and to congratulate them on their ten year anniversary;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 18, 2010 as Alice Williams Towers Housing Community Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of June, 2010.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EMMIT JAMES SMITH III

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the inspirational career and achievement of Emmitt James Smith III, on the occasion of his recent induction into the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

A Pensacola, Florida native and a fellow University of Florida graduate, Emmitt Smith is regarded not only as one of the greatest running backs in the history of the NFL, but also as a role model for young athletes everywhere.

During his freshman year at Escambia High School, Emmitt Smith rushed for 19 touch-

downs and over 1,500 yards. He continued his training during the off-season. As a result of his hard work and determination, he improved his game and rushed for 26 touchdowns and over 2,200 yards during his sophomore year—leading Escambia High School to their first state football championship. Smith's high school football career did not stop there, and he had an even more impressive season junior year. Rushing for 33 touchdowns and over 2,900 rushing yards, he once again led the team to win another state title.

Throughout college and his career in the National Football League, Emmitt Smith overcame many odds to establish himself as a tremendous individual both on and off the field. He has many awards and accolades attributed to his name, including: being inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame, leading the league in rushing touchdowns, leading the league in 100-plus yard rushing games, winning 3 Super Bowl Championships and being named NFL Most Valuable Player in 1993. However, breaking Walter Payton's NFL record for the most rushing yards is certainly his greatest feat—a feat that he dreamt of many years before his first professional football game.

Madam Speaker, there are few athletes who walk onto the gridiron and play with the level of emotion and passion as Emmitt Smith. His impressive football career and his dedication to self-improvement have taken him to a level that transcends most professional athletes and have won the hearts of many in Northwest Florida and all across this Nation. On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate Emmitt Smith for all his great achievements. My wife, Vicki, joins me in this commendation and in extending our best wishes to him and his family.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST FAITH HINKLEY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to Specialist Faith Hinkley, a brave young woman from Monte Vista, Colorado. Specialist Hinkley died in Baghdad, Iraq on August 7, 2010, from injuries sustained from an insurgent rocket attack. Colorado, the San Luis Valley, and the country have lost a tremendously respected leader and soldier.

Specialist Hinkley led a remarkable life. Growing up in Monte Vista, everyone around her admired her hard work and incredible talents. She played the clarinet in the marching band, was a member of the National Honor Society, and of the National Business Leaders of America. She was also a Rainbow for Girls Worthy Advisor. After her first year in college, she enlisted in the Army, and was trained in military intelligence.

Her record in the Army again testifies to her incredible abilities. She was assigned to the 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. While serving, her awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War

on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Those who knew Faith Hinkley testify to the warmth of her laughter, her beauty, her intelligence, and her care and concern for others. As a veteran myself, I honor her commitment, her passion, and her sacrifice for this country. Specialist Hinkley is an example to all of us who strive to serve the public.

My sincere condolences go out to her family, especially her parents Dr. David and Annavee Hinkley and her siblings Matt and Shannon, and friends in this difficult time. She will be profoundly missed, and her legacy and inspiration will live on through all the lives she touched.

PORTS OF SEATTLE AND TACOMA: ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I'm always pleased to thank our business leaders for their environmental stewardship and leadership. In Washington State, our two largest ports—the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle—just received recognition from the American Association of Port Authorities for innovative and remarkable environmental stewardship.

The Port of Tacoma won the Environmental Enhancement Award and Honorable Mention in the Environmental Mitigation category. The Port was recognized because of its demolition program that produced 7,071 tons of recycled or reused materials—nearly 90 percent of the total materials used. The Port also converted a former public landfill along the Puyallup River into a wetland habitat for native plants, shore birds, and juvenile salmon.

Not to be outdone, the Port of Seattle earned this year's Comprehensive Environmental Management award for its Environmental Compliance Assessment Program. The program was implemented by the Port in 2009 to evaluate and assist with tenant environmental compliance to better meet high expectations and environmental quality regulations; obviously the program is working well!

The wonderful people of Washington State are very fortunate to have two world-class, busy ports that help drive our region's economy. The newly appointed Port of Tacoma CEO, John Wolfe, is a well-known and well-respected business leader committed to keeping the Port competitive in a global marketplace and making his Port environmentally sound. I can say the same for the Port of Seattle's CEO, Tay Yoshitani. My staff and I have enjoyed working with both Ports in the past and look forward to continuing our working relationship into the future. Madam Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Yoshitani, the executive leadership teams, and the staffs tasked with carrying out a forward-looking, innovative agenda.

RECOGNIZING CAROLE VACCARO UPON HER RETIREMENT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of a dedicated and caring city of Buffalo employee, Carole Vaccaro.

Public service is both a difficult and fulfilling career. Carole Vaccaro served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. Carole began her career with the city of Buffalo on March 7, 1988, assigned to the Parking Violations Bureau. Carole's spirit of understanding and her pleasant demeanor were widely recognized in the office. Carole had the task of receiving complaints from parking violators, but never failed to approach her job with a refreshingly pleasant and helpful attitude.

Carole was rewarded with a promotion in July of 1995 to the Department of Assessment and Taxation. She quickly became known in her new office for the same pleasant attitude and efficient manner of accomplishing any task which served her so well in her previous position.

Carole's dedication and work ethic were beyond reproach. She was the first to arrive at the office, often by 7 a.m., long before the official opening at 8:30 a.m. In addition to her strong work ethic, Carole always made time to promote positive relationships among her co-workers. A birthday, wedding anniversary, job promotion, or even an anniversary of one's first day on the job was a cause for a celebration with Carole's famous baked goods. Carole is the consummate example of a giving spirit.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carole for her 22 years of exemplary service on behalf of the western New York community. Carole will always be remembered for putting a friendly face on Buffalo's City Hall. Buffalo, the City of Good Neighbors, is proud to call Carole one of her own.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD M. MC CARTHY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Donald M. McCarthy, a 30-year veteran of the Daly City Police Department.

Officer McCarthy graduated from the Basic Police Academy at the College of the Redwoods in 1979 after earning a B.A. in sociology at San Francisco State University. He was appointed as a police officer on August 6, 1979, and was assigned to the Detective Division in 1982. He received numerous department commendations during his career. Of special note was the day a woman pointed a gun at him before fleeing to her house which she then set on fire. Sergeant McCarthy was fired upon when he entered the house—he returned fire, extinguished the flames, then put the woman in custody—just another day at the office!

Sergeant McCarthy has been a mentor to many recruits and he served bravely for many years on the Daly City Police Tactical Response Team. He was long recognized for his compassion, knowledge of the law, public relations skills and an undeniable ability to problem solve; in other words, he was a great investigator.

Madam Speaker, on September 10, 2010, members of the Daly City Police Benevolent Association will honor Sergeant Donald McCarthy at a special dinner and, as such, I ask that this body extends its thanks for a job well done.

IN MEMORY OF THE HEROES OF 9/11

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of the upcoming anniversary of 9/11 in New York City, and the lives which were lost in the World Trade Center buildings, and aboard the planes. And in honor of all of those heroes, The fire fighters and police officers and regular citizens who gave That Last Full Measure to help save lives. Our prayers lie with the families and the children of all of those lost loved ones. The world on that day, truly saw the very heart of America, and why we have such a great nation. I ask that this poem penned in honor of them, by Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

GOTHAM GLORY

In . . .
In this great city . . .
That which so towers . . .
High above all of those clouds, throughout
all of the hours . . .
But, lie such majestic buildings . . . that
which so make mere men so cower . . .
All in their presence and circumstance, as
this Gotham City they do so enhance
. . .
With but all of their power . . .
But, nothing in this Gotham City rises . . .
or will ever reach any higher, than
what so happened all in these hours
. . .
Then, all of those Brave Hearts . . . who so
on that fateful day of 9/11, would so inspire!
All in the midst, of America's darkest of all
hours . . .
To bring their light! Showing us all, what
lies within a soul to take us higher!
As why high above all of this, their fine souls
do so tower!
With all of their faith and love, that which
now so showers . . .
So showers, this Gotham City forever more
. . . all throughout her hours . . .
For in life, there can be no greater story . . .
Nor no Greater Gift, or so sacrifice . . . so
then this their Glory!
Then, to give up one's life . . . as was their
fine story . . .
All at the very height, of what a Hero can be
. . .
For No Greater Love, burns brighter through
eternity!
As why the face of God, they would see . . .
As on that morning that which hate, evoked
. . .
As a time, now all so etched all in our hearts
and souls that spoke . . .