

the full measure of his devotion to the United States.

Madam Speaker, please join me and the employees of Norfolk Naval Shipyard in offering our sincere congratulations to Mr. Strickland on his exemplary service and a retirement well deserved.

EARLY DETECTION MONTH FOR BREAST CANCER

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 158 to express my support for the designation of an early detection month for breast cancer and all other forms of cancer.

Early detection is incredibly important in saving the lives of victims of cancer. While this is true for people suffering from every form of cancer, it is particularly important for those suffering from breast cancer. Breast cancer can be detected through procedures that screen for abnormalities in breast tissue, and it is considered to be the best way for women to lower their risk of dying from the disease. Essentially, these screenings find the cancer early, when it is most treatable, and for this reason, designating an early detection month is incredibly important to help save the lives of the almost 200,000 women in the United States who are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer each year.

It is important to note, as well, that the risk of getting breast cancer is much lower for African-American women than white women; however, African-American women are more likely to die from breast cancer. This is attributed partly to the fact that African-American women are less likely to get regular mammograms, resulting in a diagnosis of breast cancer at a later stage. This is one more reason why designating an early detection month is so important.

In my district, we are doing our part to ensure early detection. Susan G. Komen for the Cure is one of the leading advocates for breast cancer awareness and actively promotes early detection. From their headquarters in Dallas, they have been advancing the cause for breast cancer prevention and awareness across the country. I am proud of the work they have done to save countless lives across the country.

Mr. Speaker, today I encourage my fellow colleagues to join me in supporting this very important resolution that expresses support for the designation of an early detection month for cancer and breast cancer.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM MATSON BOYD

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of William Boyd of McKinney, Texas, who

passed away last year at the age of seventy-one.

Bill was born August 8, 1938 in McKinney, Texas to Roland and Nanette Boyd. He received both an undergraduate and JD from SMU in Dallas. He was elected Collin County District Attorney even before completing his law degree.

Bill realized his passion for law and gave up his political ambitions to work for the successful law firm his father founded. Over his career, Bill handled many prominent cases. He was well-known in north Texas area for his work with the Dallas police and firefighters in a back-pay lawsuit.

Bill was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of McKinney, Texas where he served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He was preceded in death by first wife, Betty Boyd.

He will be missed by wife, Barbara White Boyd and a host of friends. Bill and I stayed in touch. I received much advice that I acted on. Bill was a great lawyer and a super friend.

Madam Speaker, I commend Bill Boyd for his commitment to the legal community, and I ask the U.S. House of Representatives to retire at close of House business today in honor of this fine friend.

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SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 158, expressing support for the designation of an Early Detection Month to enhance public awareness of cancer screening.

As a young woman, I recently experienced firsthand why early detection is vital. As you may know, nearly two years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer.

During my year of treatment, I underwent genetic counseling and testing. I met with many specialists. I had seven surgeries. I am pleased to stand before you today cancer-free.

But the fact is, I may not have been around for any of these life saving procedures if I didn't have the knowledge and awareness to catch my lump early.

As a Member of Congress and lifelong advocate for early detection of cancer, I knew the statistics for breast cancer—that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed in her lifetime.

I knew the importance of knowing what your breasts are supposed to feel like—that's why I chose to do self-exams.

I knew the importance of early detection—clinical exams every 3 years as of age 20; every year after 40 . . . mammograms every year after 40.

And yet for all that I knew to help me increase my chances of early detection of cancer, I soon realized how much I didn't know.

I didn't know that—even with no immediate family history of breast cancer—as an Ashkenazi Jew I was five times more likely to have the mutation . . . and, if I did, that I'd have up to an 85 percent lifetime chance of getting breast cancer . . . and up to a 60 percent chance of getting ovarian cancer.

I didn't know that, because it's often more aggressive and diagnosed later, younger women—compared to older women—are more likely to die.

But I thank God that I knew enough. I didn't find my tumor through luck. I found it through knowledge and awareness, the fundamental tools for early detection.

These are the reasons why I commend my colleague, Congressman ETHERIDGE, for introducing this critical resolution that will enhance public awareness of screening for breast cancer and all other forms of cancer.

At the end of the day, knowledge is power. And with this resolution, we will give men and women all across America the power to detect cancer early, and we will save lives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ZANER FAY CULBERSON ROBISON BENETIN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a respected public servant, Zaner Fay Culberson of Royse City, Texas, who passed away this past June at the age of ninety-five.

Zaner was born to Tom and Hattie May Culberson on March 13, 1914 near Gilmer, Texas. In 1939 Zaner married Robert Robison. They soon moved to Caddo Mills, Texas, where they jointly founded the Caddo Mills Enterprise and purchased the Royse City American in 1942. They started the Tawakoni News in 1963. Robert passed away in 1975, and Zaner continued operation of the newspapers. She went on to found four more local papers in the region.

Zaner served as Mayor of Royse City from 1980 to 1982. She was a longtime member of the Chamber of Commerce of Royse City and the Texas Press Association. In 1979 Zaner married to John Benetin, whom she led into the newspaper industry.

Zaner was an active member of the Royse City United Methodist Church where she taught several classes and served as a member of the administration board. She was later President of the United Methodist Women for the region. She is preceded in death by husbands, Robert Robison and John Benetin. She will be missed by a host of nieces and nephews and the entire Royse City community.

Madam Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of Zaner Fay Culberson, who for many years I could count on for wisdom and support. I commend Zaner for her lasting impact on the newspaper industry and devotion to community service.

HONORING TONY KENNETH MEUNIER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tony Kenneth Meunier in celebration of his recent retirement from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) after almost 42 years of

Federal Government service. He is a remarkable, inquisitive man who, with passion and dedication, has worked tirelessly throughout his career to advance our knowledge of the Earth, Space and social sciences. He has been a soldier, educator, explorer, scientist, writer and devoted family man.

Mr. Meunier, originally from Buffalo, New York, began his Federal Career by enlisting in the U.S. Air Force (USAF) in 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was Commander-in-Chief. Staff Sergeant (E-5) Meunier served overseas for almost 3 of his 4 years with the USAF Security Service. After military service, he used the GI Bill (Vietnam War Era) to earn a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Geology, Geography, and Earth-Space Sciences from the State University of New York at Geneseo and SUNY Brockport, New York. After teaching math and science in the Rochester, New York area, Mr. Meunier joined the USGS Topographic Division, Office of Research and Technical Standards, in May 1972.

Always interested in cutting edge science and technology, Mr. Meunier became one of the USGS's first Research Digital Cartographers and an early advocate of using Landsat imagery for field research and mapping applications. Also, as a physical scientist/cartographer, Mr. Meunier made significant contributions to the USGS program in Antarctica, an international program that spans more than 60 years. He has been a member of three deep field expeditions to Antarctica, including a 14 month period, serving as a member of one of the first USGS satellite surveying winter-over teams at South Pole Station during 1974. For this expedition, in 1974, Mr. Meunier was awarded the Antarctic Service Medal of the United States of America. During the 1982-83 field season, as a member of Antarctic Search for Meteorites (ANSMET) group, working in a previously unexplored region on the East Antarctic Plateau, he initiated a successful plan for locating blue-ice areas with meteorite concentrations using Landsat satellite imagery and also developed a new satellite surveying positioning method to locate and map the meteorites discovered in field operations. In 1995-96, Mr. Meunier was a member of the first U.S. Absolute Gravity team obtaining measurements in the McMurdo and Dry Valley areas and as a supporting member of the South Pole Overland Traverses' search for a usable over-snow route to resupply the South Pole Station. Finally, during the just completed International Polar Year (IPY), Mr. Meunier published a series of USGS Open-File Reports on the Scientific Accomplishments of the USGS over the past 60 years.

Throughout his career, Mr. Meunier has demonstrated a continuing dedication to the advancement of polar science. His contributions to research and the mapping of Antarctica have provided the Nation an invaluable asset. In 1977, at the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names, Mount Meunier, a feature on the Walgreen Coast of Marie Byrd Land, Antarctica, was named in his honor by the United States Board on Geographic Names. Also, in recognition of his exemplary scientific and programmatic contributions to the U.S. Geological Survey's scientific activities in the exploration of Antarctica, the Department of the Interior, in 2009, awarded Tony Kenneth Meunier, its second highest honor, the Meritorious Service Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Meunier for his 42 years of public service, for his accomplishments and for all he has done to engender continued interest in the advancement of knowledge among his colleagues and the public at large.

HONORING BUD HUDDLESTON

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Bud Huddleston as a music legend from North Mississippi. Mr. Huddleston has been a working musician in Tippah County and across North Mississippi for over 50 years.

Mr. Huddleston, a lifelong resident of Tippah County, has spent the last half century making music and thrilling local crowds with his beloved wife, Hazel, now sadly deceased. The two met in the mid-1940s when Bud encountered Hazel playing at a dance in a band with her father and brothers. He remembers liking both her looks and her guitar playing. Despite the fact that Hazel's father accompanied them on their first date, they continued to see one another and play together, eventually getting married in 1949.

Both Bud and Hazel Huddleston played music from childhood and learned from family members. The Huddlestons attributes a 1979 encounter with bluegrass musician Clarence Goodrum as having a significant impact upon their career. Although the two played country music, Mr. Huddleston's great love was bluegrass. Having the opportunity to spend time and play with Goodrum convinced Mr. Huddleston to make the change and they have played mountain music ever since.

Despite an excellent reputation as live performers, the couple may be best known for their radio work. Since 1982, the Huddlestons were a fixture on the airwaves on Kudzu 102, a station that covers a large portion of North Mississippi, North West Alabama and South West Tennessee. They performed a bluegrass show on KUDZU 104.9 Saturday mornings and a bluegrass gospel program on Sundays. Mr. Huddleston is the voice of the program and chooses the music. Mrs. Huddleston lost her long battle with cancer on March 29, 2008.

Mr. Huddleston still lives in Ripley, Mississippi where the Huddlestons have sponsored the Tippah Lake bluegrass festival for over 20 years, now with crowds of more than 700. I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking Mr. Bud Huddleston for the joy his years of performances and broadcasts have brought to his audience. We recognize him today for a life of love and musicianship.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP DR. AUDREY F. BRONSON

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor Bishop Dr. Audrey F. Bronson in recognition of her investiture as President of the

Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 24, 2010.

Dr. Bronson is an ordained minister and consecrated bishop. She began preaching at the early age of fourteen and after many years of serving as an evangelist, she established the Sanctuary Church of the Open Door in 1975. Under her leadership, Sanctuary Church grew rapidly. She also founded the Sanctuary Christian Academy in 1978, a private academic school from pre-school to fifth grade; the Sanctuary Bible Institute and the Sanctuary Counseling and Referral Center.

Because of the demands of a growing church, Dr. Bronson retired from Cheyney University in 1984 as Associate Professor of Psychology after seventeen years of teaching. She served as Dean of the Philadelphia Urban Education Institute, a subsidiary of the African American Interdenominational Ministries, Inc. (AAIM, Inc.) of Philadelphia in association with the major seminaries of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Bronson serves as secretary on the board of One Church, One Child, Inc. of Pennsylvania, a statewide organization organized to encourage members of African American Churches to adopt African American children. She also served on the Mayor's Transition Team.

Dr. Bronson is deeply touched by human suffering and her church doors are open seven days a week to minister to people in need of both spiritual and physical help. Dr. Bronson has served as block captain; ministered in prisons; worked to rid the area of drugs surrounding her church and helped to feed homeless people. She has a tremendous desire to bring about changes in the lives of her fellowman and faith in his ability to help himself. Dr. Bronson will continue her good works as President of the Zion Baptist Church.

The Zion Baptist Church began as a missionary prayer meeting in 1882 led by Reverend Horace B. Wayland in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Simms. Over the years, Zion membership grew to an extraordinary 6,000 congregants. In 1955, Zion moved to its current location at Broad & Venango Streets, where it was transformed into an urban Christian center. To this end, the Church initiated the following programs: a day care center, credit union, community center programs, employment agency, retirement home, adult education courses, reading classes and family counseling.

The Zion Baptist Church and its leadership have consistently placed an emphasis on community development and Christian youth leadership. Community, social, and theological initiatives organized by the Church include the Zion Center for Corresponding Biblical Studies, weekly Bible Study, Transportation Ministry, Puppet and Clown Ministry, spiritual retreats, leadership workshops, Zion Outreach Support Ministry and the Human Services Center.

Dr. Bronson's selection as President of the Zion Baptist Church is the well earned result of many years of dedicated service to the church and the Philadelphia community at large. On behalf of the Seventh Congressional District, I wish Dr. Bronson continued success in this new endeavor.