

in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and the Philippines.

Rotarians have also assisted in disaster relief efforts in Indonesia, Pakistan and New Orleans, helping to distribute food, clean water shelters and medical supplies. These are just a few examples of some of Rotary International's service projects. In addition to supporting projects like these around the world, Rotary International supports scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants.

Madam Speaker, let us take the time now to thank Rotary International for all that they continue to do to fulfill their mission of providing service to others, promoting integrity and advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace. I would, therefore, urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the resolution, which recognizes Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the distinguished gentleman from Texas, the sponsor of this resolution, Mr. LAMAR SMITH.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. I would like to thank the gentlewoman from Illinois for yielding me time. I also would like to thank my colleagues on the committee itself for giving this resolution bipartisan support.

Madam Speaker, this resolution honors Rotary International for 105 years of service and commends members for their dedication to the mission and principles of Rotary.

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world standing, goodwill and peace through its fellowship. All across the country, business, professional and community leaders better their communities by participating in their local Rotary Clubs.

Founded in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, Rotary International is the world's first service club and one of the largest nonprofit service organizations. Rotary International promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, humanitarian grants and service projects. Their motto is "Service Above Self."

Rotary International also promotes universal values with their "four-way test" that asks the following questions: "Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

It is a pleasure to recognize Rotary International for 105 years of service. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring them on this achievement.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, at this time I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of Pennsylvania (Mr. ALTMIRE).

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in commemorating the Rotary International Club for 105 years of service.

Like many Members of this House, I have been a member of my local Rotary Club, the McCandless Rotary. Over the years, I have served in many of the club's offices, including a term as its president. I have seen firsthand the great work that Rotary Clubs provide for their communities and literally around the world.

Founded in 1905 in Chicago, Rotary International is the world's first formal service club and has grown into one of the largest nonprofit service organizations in the world. The mission of Rotary is to serve others, promote integrity and advance worldwide understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship network of business and community leaders.

Today, there are 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 34,000 clubs across six continents. The district that I represent is home to 25 of those clubs. With a well-known motto of "Service Above Self," Rotary International promotes understanding through scholarships, student exchange programs, humanitarian grants, and other service projects.

I am sure every Member of this House has at one time or another attended a Rotary meeting or spoken to a Rotary group. The resolution we are debating today recognizes Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world and commends its members on their dedication to the mission and principles of Rotary International's organization.

I join my colleagues in support of this resolution.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I can't help but emphasize that Rotary International was founded in the great State of Illinois, in Chicago, in 1905; and it is the world's first service club and one of the largest nonprofit service organizations. Its motto, "Service Above Self," helps encourage members provide humanitarian aid, meet high ethical standards and promote international goodwill and peace. We salute all members of Rotary International for their great civic works as they celebrate this anniversary.

I thank the gentleman from Texas for sponsoring this resolution. I urge all Members to join in support of the resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1727.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL ESSENTIAL TREMOR AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1264) expressing support for the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1264

Whereas essential tremor is the most common movement disorder, affecting up to 10 million Americans, including 4 to 5 percent of people aged 40 to 60, and 6 to 9 percent of people aged 60 and older;

Whereas essential tremor is often misdiagnosed as Parkinson's disease, dystonia and other neurological movement disorders, most people with essential tremor are not diagnosed until after several visits to many physicians;

Whereas essential tremor is not a normal outcome of aging, as believed by many people including some physicians, but is an abnormal condition, primarily genetic, afflicting people of all ages, including newborns;

Whereas there are no medications that have been developed for people with essential tremor, the medications currently being used were developed for other conditions and only help 60 percent of the people affected, and the only treatment specifically designed for essential tremor is brain surgery;

Whereas essential tremor interferes with a person's ability to perform activities of daily living such as grooming and writing, and in approximately 5 percent of cases, is totally disabling;

Whereas research shows that people with essential tremor have a higher incidence of depression than the general population and that a significant number of these people isolate themselves in their homes;

Whereas essential tremor is a chronic condition that undermines the American economy through lost wages and work hours and high medical costs in getting an accurate diagnosis;

Whereas overcoming the medical, social, and economic issues listed in this resolution depends upon research and research funding is dependent upon awareness; and

Whereas March would be an appropriate month to designate as "National Essential Tremor Awareness Month": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of "National Essential Tremor Awareness Month" for the purpose of raising awareness about the Nation's number one neurological condition, affecting approximately 10,000,000 Americans; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to support the observance of National Essential Tremor Awareness Month by participating in the educational activities of the International Essential Tremor Foundation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, at this time I yield 5 minutes to the chief sponsor of the legislation, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE).

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. I thank the gentleman.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1264, a resolution supporting the designation of March as Essential Tremor Awareness Month.

As you may know, essential tremor, also known as ET, is a progressive neurological condition that causes a rhythmic trembling of the hands, head, voice, legs, or trunk. It is often confused with Parkinson's disease and dystonia. ET is estimated to affect up to 10 million Americans, including up to 5 percent of people aged 40 to 60, and up to 9 percent of people aged 60 and older.

ET can interfere with a person's ability to perform activities of daily living such as grooming and writing, and in approximately 5 percent of cases is totally disabling. Additionally, research has shown that people with ET have a higher incidence of depression than the general population and that a significant number of these people isolate themselves in their homes.

Because of stereotypes and a lack of awareness, many people with ET never seek medical care, though most would benefit from treatment. While no medications have been developed for people with ET, specifically, the medications currently being used for other conditions may help up to 60 percent of people with ET.

While this number is encouraging, clearly more research is needed to develop treatments from which all people with ET can benefit. Organizations such as the International Essential Tremor Foundation headquartered in my district in Lenexa, Kansas, are leading the way to promote research in an effort to determine the causes, treatment and ultimately the cure for ET, as well as provide information, services and support to individuals and families affected by ET.

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To bolster these efforts and to create more awareness about tremors as well as the need for greater ET research, please join me in supporting our resolution supporting the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today to support House Resolution 1264, which expresses support for the designation of March as National Tremor Association Awareness Month. ET is certainly the most common movement disorder, afflicting nearly 10 million Americans. And, of course, for

those who have this disease, everyday life can present some frustrating challenges.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of awareness and stereotypes, many suffering from essential tremor do not seek medical care. Unfortunately, there are no medications that have been developed for people with these tremors; so I thank the gentleman from Kansas for bringing this important issue before us today to raise awareness about ET.

I would also like to thank the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE) for his hard work and years of service—12 years, I think it is, since we came in at the same time—of service in this body and for his work as chairman of the Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, which I have the honor of serving with him as the ranking member. So I really appreciate everything he's done in this body, and I wish him well. We will miss him.

With that, Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to join me in support of this resolution.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I too, like my colleague from Illinois, want to thank my friend and neighbor from Kansas (Mr. MOORE) for introducing this important piece of legislation, but more than that, for his level of service here in this institution and someone that I can truly look to and call a friend.

It has been a wonderful 10 years for us, and thank you for your service to your State and your country, Mr. MOORE.

And with that, Madam Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure which supports the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1264.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF WORLD VETERINARY YEAR

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1531) expressing support for designation of 2011 as "World Veterinary Year" to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1531

Whereas the world's first veterinary school was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761;

Whereas 2011 will mark the 250th anniversary of veterinary education;

Whereas 2011 will mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the veterinary medical profession;

Whereas 2011 will mark the beginnings of comparative biopathology, a basic tenet of the "one health" concept;

Whereas veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect the people of the United States, such as salmonellosis, West Nile Virus, yellow fever, and malaria;

Whereas veterinarians provide valuable public health service through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, and scientific research;

Whereas veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and arthroscopy;

Whereas veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality and security of the herd and food supply of the United States;

Whereas military veterinarians provide crucial assistance to the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world;

Whereas disaster relief veterinarians provide public health service and veterinary medical support to animals and humans displaced and ravaged by disasters;

Whereas veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare;

Whereas 2011 would be an appropriate year to designate as "World Veterinary Year" to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary; and

Whereas colleagues in the United States will join veterinarians from around the world to celebrate this momentous occasion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of "World Veterinary Year";

(2) supports the goals and ideals of World Veterinary Year by bringing attention to and expressing appreciation for the contributions that the veterinary profession has made and continues to make to animal health, public health, animal welfare, and food safety; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to "World Veterinary Year" with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?