

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
FRANCES CHAMBERS**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, South Florida recently lost a truly remarkable woman and pillar of our community—Mrs. Frances Chambers. Fran, as she was affectionately known, leaves behind a legacy that will long endure.

Fran was the consummate lifelong learner. Born on November 13, 1921, in Miami, Fran graduated from Booker T. Washington High, and then went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree—with highest honors—from Bennett College in 1942. She then received a Master of Arts degree from New York University, and later continued her studies, amassing more postgraduate credits than are required for a doctoral degree from several Florida universities.

She turned her enthusiasm for studies into a love of teaching. Fran taught and guided generations of students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where she was loved by her students and admired by her peers. For more than 37 years Fran shared her passion with her students at Dunbar Elementary, Miami Jackson Senior High, COPE Center North, and Holmes Elementary. She was involved in nearly every aspect of education for the children of South Florida—finally retiring in 1979.

But Fran was not just a perennial educator; she was also a committed volunteer. She began volunteering for the March of Dimes and American Heart Association in the 1950s. Later, she served as board chair of the James E. Scott Community Association, a group that provides social services for those in need, and was also a member of the Seniors Centers of Dade County, League of Women Voters and the NAACP. Fran remained active in the community well after her retirement from Miami-Dade County Public Schools—her commitment to volunteerism and the South Florida community is as impressive as it is praiseworthy.

Her other passion was for the preservation and dissemination of the history of Miami's African-American pioneers. Fran had a vision to research and publish a book, so that the records of these remarkable people could be recorded and shared. Her goal was to help assure that future generations could appreciate the long and difficult road so many of these pioneers had to endure, and to draw strength and encouragement from them.

In 2000, Fran learned she was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. But this bad news could not keep her dream from being realized. After nearly three decades, her vision finally came to fruition. Her resolve and her vision were so admired by those in the South Florida community that others picked up her mantle and carried out her work to completion. In 2010, a collaborative effort made her dream a reality. Linkages & Legacies was the end result of all of Fran's hard work. And in true Frances Chambers style, the publication was her gift to the community so that this history could be told for generations to come.

Fran may be gone, but her legacy and love will forever be a constant presence in South Florida. It is carried on through her work, and

through her 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She was a unique and truly awe-inspiring woman. All of our hearts in the South Florida community are a little heavier this week as we honor and remember Frances Chambers.

HONORING ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MIN-
ISTRY OF ASHEVILLE, NORTH
CAROLINA ON THE 20TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF ITS DOCTOR'S MED-
ICAL CLINIC**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, ABCCM, of Asheville, North Carolina, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of its Doctor's Medical Clinic.

The ministry was founded in 1969 by eight local churches and is now a cooperative ministry of more than 260 churches that strive to serve the needy citizens of Buncombe County. In 1991, the ministry opened a clinic to deliver quality medical care, referral management, and medication for the citizens of Buncombe County who are uninsured, underinsured and ineligible for Medicaid or Medicare. A number of volunteer registered nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers and physicians donate countless hours of their time to see to the medical needs of their fellow citizens in an empathetic and welcoming manner.

In addition to the Doctor's Medical Clinic, ABCCM also performs community outreach in other ways by providing counseling, food, clothing, furniture, rent and utility assistance, and transportation to the disadvantaged in the community. It provides educational opportunities and books and coordinates religious services for inmates at local jails. The ministry also operates two shelters, one to help homeless veterans reenter society and one to provide emergency shelter for homeless women.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry for the outstanding work they have done for more than 40 years in Western North Carolina. As they celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Doctor's Medical Clinic, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating their hard work and spirit of compassion that has had an enormous impact on the lives of many of the neediest in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTH-
DAY OF MARGARET ASKEW
COOPER**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of lifelong Memphian Margaret Askew Cooper. Born October 8, 1911, Mrs. Cooper is the mother of three children, Charles Askew, Mauri Askew and Turner Askew. She has five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Cooper has dedicated much of her life to serving the Memphis community. She was instrumental in the founding of the Le Bonheur Club which is a non-profit organization that supports Le Bonheur Children's Hospital through fundraising and volunteer service. Mrs. Cooper helped shape Les Passees, Memphis' original women's volunteer organization. Les Passees was incorporated in 1932 and has since supported the USO, the Shelby County Chapter of Society for Crippled Children and Adults, opened a center for children living with cerebral palsy and centers dedicated to the well-being of children and families.

Throughout her life, Margaret Cooper has had quite the reputation as a great dancer. Today, she still makes Saturday nights her dancing nights. During her 100th birthday celebration, well-known Memphis band leader Jim Johnson will fulfill a promise he made to Mrs. Cooper nearly 20 years ago. He told her that he would get his band back together to perform at her 100th birthday party. I am certain that she and all of her family and friends will have a memorable celebration filled with fun and dancing.

All who know Margaret Cooper admire her perennially positive outlook which has influenced hundreds throughout her life. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Margaret Askew Cooper a happy 100th birthday and in commending her on a life dedicated to her family and her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained at a meeting outside the Capitol, and I missed one vote on October 5, 2011. Had I been able to, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 747, an amendment offered by Mr. WAXMAN to H.R. 2681, the Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011.

PASSING OF HARRY KEMP

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Harry Kemp, who passed away on September 29, 2011, at the age of 78 years. Mr. Kemp was a mentor, community leader, veteran and most of all a consummate professional photographer. In fact, Mr. Kemp was often called the Visual Griot of Milwaukee's Black Community.

Through his camera lens Mr. Kemp captured over 50 years of Milwaukee's Black Community by recording countless historic functions, political gatherings, educational lectures and social functions. In the late 1960s, Mr. Kemp became a member of the Black Press and he took photographs for the Milwaukee Community Journal, the Milwaukee Courier and the Milwaukee Times. He was a photographer for the Milwaukee Brewer's Baseball Team and worked as a freelance and

commercial photographer. Mr. Kemp taught photography at North Division, Hamilton and South Division High Schools. Harry Kemp served with the U.S. Air Force in the 1950s.

Mr. Kemp was born in Racine and raised in Milwaukee and spoke of the values instilled by role models, including his father, also named Harry, mother Marie Gaines and stepfather Lincoln Gaines. Harry Kemp began taking pictures while in the Boy Scouts and received his first Brownie camera when he was 12. He began studying journalism in Texas and studied photography elsewhere.

In 1995, Mr. Kemp was officially honored at the Milwaukee City Hall Rotunda and by that time had taken 50,000-plus photos. By the time of his death it was estimated that Mr. Kemp had taken 100,000 pictures. Mr. Kemp leaves behind his sister, Yvonne Kemp his photographer partner, sister Jo Anne Kemp, brother William Kemp and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud Harry Kemp hailed from the 4th Congressional District and that I called him friend. He captured some of our most precious and poignant moments; he painted a picture through images sometimes preserving an event in a way maybe no one else could see. I am honored to give praise to his many accomplishments and life time commitment to Black Community of Milwaukee and in fact, the entire Milwaukee Community.

HONORING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To raise awareness for breast cancer prevention, I want to stress the importance of regular mammograms and following recommended screening guidelines.

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed form of cancer in women worldwide. Every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. alone. Every thirteen minutes, a woman dies of breast cancer. While these statistics are shocking, there is hope.

The 2.5 million breast cancer survivors in the U.S. today have shown that early detection and timely treatment are the keys to fighting the disease. The five-year survival rate for women who are diagnosed at the early stage of the disease's development has risen to 98 percent. It is undeniable that early detection saves lives.

Unfortunately, despite what we already know, the number of women receiving regular mammograms has declined in the past ten years. A recent study discovered that fewer than 50 percent of women over the age of 40 with health insurance had received a recommended annual mammogram. This must change.

In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I want to encourage women to follow the recommended screening guidelines. I hope this message reaches every woman, and together we can commit to ending breast cancer forever.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. RAZA DILAWARI

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Raza Ali Dilawari, a great Memphis surgeon known for his work in the field of oncology. He was born in the Walled City of Lahore, Pakistan and completed medical school there at King Edward Medical College in 1968. He then completed his surgical residency at SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, New York and his surgical oncology fellowship at the University of Rochester at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York and the Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Dilawari then went on to spend 35 years in Memphis serving the community as a doctor, teacher and mentor, touching thousands of lives in the process.

Dr. Dilawari was appointed Assistant Professor of the Department of Surgery at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in Memphis in 1978. He became the Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs there as well as Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Methodist University Hospital. His time in academia left a great legacy of research and peer-reviewed publications, but arguably his most significant contribution to Memphis was his mentoring of medical students and the training of over 200 surgical residents, ensuring his lasting impact and legacy. His focus and dedication to training the next generation of doctors and surgeons will have a lasting impact on patients in Memphis and around the world.

In addition to his great work as a teacher, Dr. Dilawari opened a surgical oncology practice at the Regional Medical Center and Methodist Central Hospital in Memphis. His surgical practice allowed him to operate on thousands of patients over the years, often without regard to payment. Dr. Dilawari was also very active in his community as a founding member of the Al Rasool Center and through his work with the Islamic Society of Memphis. Dr. Dilawari was a gracious and kind man who, until the end of his life, maintained the good nature and wisdom he had gained from years of treating cancer patients.

Dr. Raza Dilawari passed away on September 18, 2011, at 64 years of age. The Memphis community mourns the loss of one of its great citizens. He is survived by his beloved family: his wife Bushra A. Dilawari, his five children Asma, Amina, Mariam, Asad and Saba, his granddaughter Zara as well as a host of other family and friends across Tennessee and the world. We are grateful to have had the pleasure of his dedication, skill and compassion in the Memphis community. His was a life well-lived.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as National

Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month we stand together with those who have bravely faced this disease, as well as to raise awareness toward finding a cure.

I am proud to wear this pink ribbon pin in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to recognize the importance of early detection in an effort to eradicate this disease, including encouraging women and men to follow recommended screening guidelines. Furthermore, we must make certain that every woman has access to regular mammography screenings.

For more than 20 years, the observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month each October has provided a time for us all to reflect on loved ones who have won and lost the battle against breast cancer.

Every two minutes, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, and every thirteen minutes one woman will die of breast cancer in the United States. In Florida alone, an estimated 15,330 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in 2011 and 2,690 of these women will die from this disease. These statistics are some of the many reasons I am a supporter of legislation and action that aids the fight to end breast cancer. I have also signed the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Congressional Declaration of Support for Breast Cancer Deadline 2020. By declaring my support to end breast cancer by January 1, 2020, I am proud to commit to continuing to educate myself and my constituents about the issues surrounding breast cancer.

Unfortunately, today we see a decline in screening rates. A recent study of 1.5 million women found that of those over the age of forty, with health insurance, less than fifty percent had received the recommended annual screening. The key to ending this disease is early detection, which reduces costs associated with the disease. The costs for early stage treatment are estimated at approximately \$22,350 per person, while late stage treatment costs nearly \$120,000 per person. Early detection of this life threatening disease is crucial to saving lives and ultimately reduces the burden on patients and our health system.

There are 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the U.S. today. They are the embodiment of bravery, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, following recommended guidelines, offering treatment to those affected, and continuing to fund groundbreaking research.

Mr. Speaker, I commend those advocates, survivors, and men and women who fight the disease every single day. In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I encourage everyone to make a renewed commitment to following recommended screening guidelines and I will continue the effort here in Congress to eradicate breast cancer by supporting breast health awareness, education, research, screening and referrals.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE JEWISH CHAPLAINS ME- MORIAL

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of the Jewish