

United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and nearly 40,000 will die. Breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer among women. It is also the second leading cause of cancer-related death among women.

Designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland and illustrated by Whitney Sherman of Baltimore, Maryland, the Breast Cancer Research Stamp was first issued in 1998. Since then, it has raised over \$74 million for cancer research at the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense. By renewing this stamp today, Congress is reaffirming its deep commitment to increasing awareness and finding a cure for this terrible disease.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan, lifesaving legislation.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF
CAROL FIXMAN OF THE PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION FUND

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, on December 16, advocates for educational excellence in Philadelphia will be celebrating the service of a dear friend of mine, Carol Fixman, the soon-to-retire Executive Director of the Philadelphia Education Fund. Together, Carol and I have worked to make the dreams of Philadelphia's school children a reality and to brighten the future of our city.

Under Dr. Fixman's direction, the Ed Fund has been actively engaged in issues of school reform, teacher quality, college access, and community engagement in support of public education. Prior to her appointment at the Ed Fund, Dr. Fixman was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Philadelphia University, where she provided leadership for more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs in business, design, architecture, engineering, science, and health.

She has held positions directing international programs at Temple University and at the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. She has also served as Director of the Philadelphia Education Fund's College Access Program and the Philadelphia Scholars, a citywide initiative to improve access to and success in postsecondary education for Philadelphia public school students. Dr. Fixman has played a critical role in GEAR UP, the nation's premier early college awareness and readiness program and CORE Scholars, a place-based scholarship program serving students in Philadelphia—two programs that I am proud to have launched, nationally and locally.

Dr. Fixman has a distinguished academic record in addition to her achievements in the field of education. She holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in German literature from Brown University and a B.A. in Russian literature from Indiana University (Bloomington).

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Carol Fixman's dedication and perseverance toward improving the quality of public education in the Philadelphia region so that underserved youth are prepared for college and careers and thank her for making Philadelphia a better place.

As she retires from the Philadelphia Education Fund, she will surely be missed by all.

I urge this body to recognize her contributions and continue to support her work.

CONGRATULATING DR. DAVID
HALTIWANGER

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Dr. David Haltiwanger for his tireless efforts on behalf of the health and well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. In his work as a clinician, administrator, teacher and advocate, Dr. Haltiwanger has demonstrated a deep well of compassion, a vision for true inclusiveness and a commitment to using his voice and organizing the voices of others to improve the lives of those in Baltimore, in Maryland, and across the United States.

Dr. Haltiwanger has been involved in the fight against AIDS from the very beginning, first as support to friends and later as a therapist, clinical supervisor and administrator overseeing a range of mental health, substance abuse, health promotion and case management services at Chase Brexton Health Services, Maryland's largest community-based provider of healthcare services to people living with HIV/AIDS. At Chase Brexton, he served as Mental Health Director and later as Director of Clinical Programs and Public Policy. Even as his other responsibilities increased, Dr. Haltiwanger continued to see patients, giving him keen insight into the challenges on the ground and enabling him to be an especially effective advocate in Annapolis and here on Capitol Hill, where he has been a valuable resource to members and staff alike.

Dr. Haltiwanger has channeled his expertise and commitment into the work of two very important national organizations. He served for six years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition, a leading national voice for the treatment and care needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, and also as a Board Member and Co-Chair of the National Coalition for LGBT Health, which is committed to improving the health and well-being of LGBT individuals through federal advocacy focused on research, policy, education, and training.

In his work as an advocate, Dr. Haltiwanger has been especially committed to educating others in his community about the importance of participating in public policy issues and mentoring them in those efforts. Throughout his career, Dr. Haltiwanger has made an enormous impact on Baltimore and has changed the lives of countless individuals and families in the State of Maryland and beyond. As he retires from Chase Brexton, I would like to thank him for his many years of service and his visionary leadership.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF
THOMASENNIA AMOS OF THE
PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION
FUND

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, Philadelphia's educational advocacy community will be losing one of its most respected and versatile leaders with the retirement of Thomasennia Amos.

Thomasennia Amos is stepping down as the Director of the College Access Program at the Philadelphia Education Fund, where she has served the cause of public education since 1999. Ms. Amos also has directed the Student Success Centers, a partnership between the College Access Program and the School District of Philadelphia to create a sustainable college-going culture within local neighborhood high schools. In addition, she has supervised the Scholarship Coordinator of the Ed Fund's Philadelphia Scholars.

Among her earlier assignments at the Ed Fund, it is noteworthy that she served as Director of the GEAR UP Initiative (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). GEAR UP, which I developed and guided into law in 1998, has been a national as well as local success story, impacting the educational prospects, jump-starting the higher education opportunities and improving the life chances of 12 million young people in 49 states plus U.S. territories. The GEAR UP partnership of the Ed Fund and the School District of Philadelphia has been a particularly fruitful one.

The Philadelphia Education Fund is simply the latest stop for Thomasennia Amos in her rich and varied career throughout my home town. Before joining the Ed Fund, Ms. Amos served as an instructional supervisor in the School District of Philadelphia. Throughout her career, she has worked in professional development, supporting new teachers and introducing and coaching instructional best practices to school communities. She served under several superintendents in a central office capacity.

Ms. Amos is a dedicated educator who has supported students and teachers in every region of the School District of Philadelphia. She has served as an Adjunct Faculty member at Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, Arcadia University, Drexel University, and Chestnut Hill College. She is also certified as a Principal, and has a strong personal commitment to improving education for Special Education students.

Ms. Amos holds an M.Ed. in Special Education from Arcadia University, and a B.S. in Elementary Education and K-12 Special Education from Pennsylvania State University. She has won countless honors for educational achievement and advocacy, including, in 2010, an award from the Philadelphia Alliance of Black School Administrators.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Thomasennia Amos on a lifetime of hard work, dedication and success instilling generations of Philadelphia's young people, especially those from underserved communities with the tools, the will and the incentive to succeed. For an educator as talented as Ms. Amos, transitioning to retirement, this is the highest honor of all.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. PHYLLIS
CAUSEY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great friend and remarkable Kentuckian, Mrs. Phyllis Causey. In January, after over 39 years of honorable and selfless public service, she will retire.

Her Lewisburg High School yearbook in 1968 contained a prophecy for her, saying, "Phyllis will be in President Nixon's Cabinet in ten years." And although Nixon resigned while she was at basic training for the Army Reserve in 1974 and she never did make it to the White House, lucky for us she still decided to follow her passion for politics and public service.

Phyllis graduated from Hopkinsville Community College in 1970 and received her Bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University in 1972. Upon her graduation, Phyllis worked for WKU for the following 23 years.

In 1995, she was hired as a field representative for Congressman Ron Lewis and when I was elected to replace Congressman Lewis upon his retirement, Phyllis was kind enough to continue working for me.

While traveling as a candidate for Congress, I met so many individuals whose first question to me was, to ask if I was keeping Phyllis on staff if I was elected. Their question was a testament to Phyllis' compassion, hard work, and dedication to the individuals in the counties she served. She was, and still is, irreplaceable.

Phyllis grew up on a farm in Logan County, where her parents taught her the value of hard work and the importance of giving and caring for others. And throughout the nearly 20 years I have known Phyllis she has exemplified these values every day.

She has been such an inspiration to me. She has always been devoted to the causes she believes in—church, family and friends. Phyllis is an incredible wife, daughter, sister and mother. I know her family, especially her husband Larry, will be happy to have her around more often.

Although I will miss her, I know this is in no way a goodbye. I am positive she will continue to be active and touch the lives of those of us who have had the privilege of calling her a friend.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Phyllis Causey, who exemplifies what it means to be an American, a Kentuckian, a Christian and a public servant.

REMEMBERING MARY BOYCE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Mary Boyce, who passed away on the morning of Thursday, December 1, 2011. Mary was the mother of my good friend Barry Boyce; my thoughts and prayers are with his family. She was a wonderful woman who lived life to the fullest and

always knew the importance of love and family. Therefore, on behalf of the family and friends of Mary, I would like to include her obituary, which appeared in the Public Opinion on December 2, 2011, in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

MARY T. BOYCE OBITUARY

Mary T. Boyce, 97, of The Village of Laurel Run, Fayetteville, died in the early morning on December 1, 2011. Mary was born in New York City, on January 15, 1914, to Cornelius (Neil) Gibbons, a New York City Police Sergeant, who was killed in the line of duty in 1924, and Mary Calhoun, both from County Donegal, Ireland. She graduated from Cathedral High School in Manhattan, 1932. She and her future husband, Donald C. Boyce, Jr., met while they were both working at the 1939 World's Fair, and they were married in New Orleans in 1941. Mary and her husband moved to Chambersburg, where he became personnel manager of T.B. Woods' Sons Company. Mary lived in Chambersburg from 1947 to 1949, and again from 1956 until 1982, shortly after Donald's death. Mary returned in 2006. In addition to raising her children, Mary worked at Sears & Roebuck and as a real estate and economic data gatherer for the Census Bureau.

During her time in Chambersburg, Mary was active in the Corpus Christi Catholic Church. She took part in the Red Stocking Revue and the garden club and was a dedicated member of the Chambersburg Country Club and played golf until age 88. She was a voracious reader and bridge player, a diligent letter writer, and an excellent cook. She kept track of the activities of her far-flung family on a daily basis until her final days. In April 2009, a video interview with Mary reflecting on her early life and memories of the Great Depression was featured on the New York Times website. The video may be viewed at the site's "The New Hard Times" section. Mary was predeceased by her eldest son, Donald, of New York City. She is survived by six children: Brian, of Virginia Beach; Neil, of New York City; Robert, of Fayetteville; Mary Jane, of Fairhope, Alabama; Margaret Anne, of Ashland, Oregon; and Barry, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday December 12, 2011, I missed four recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall 913, "aye" on Rollcall 914, "aye" on Rollcall 915, and "nay" on Rollcall 916.

MONI PIZ WILSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Moni Piz Wilson for her outstanding service to our community.

As owner and operator of Grandma's Frozen Egg Noodles, Moni carries the entrepre-

neurial spirit necessary to keep her business successful. Moni bought the business in 2001 without formal business training or experience running a company. She took her business from a small shop to one that delivers 200,000 cases of noodles each year.

Moni tackles all tasks with a get-it-done-today attitude. Her spirit for success is not constrained to her business, but extends to the Arvada community as well. Moni not only serves as Vice President of the Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) board of directors, but was instrumental in the Foot-hills Animal Shelter "Raising Capital" campaign to fund the construction of the new animal shelter.

Moni's success and community outreach won her the Lloyd J. King Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Moni Piz Wilson for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 916, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

CHRISTINE COOK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christine Cook for her outstanding service to our community.

Christine is CEO of INGATHER Research, where she has been a huge influence on the market research industry, developing the first residential home in market research called "The Reality House." Several facilities across the Nation have mirrored her model and efforts of thinking outside the box. With Christine's help, INGATHER Research received BBB's Gold Star Award for Excellence for the past 4 years and has also been chosen as a "Colorado Company to Watch" by Colorado Biz Magazine.

Christine is a leader in the community. She has served as president of Colorado Chapter of BMA (Business Marketing Association), MRA (Marketing Research Association), Colorado Chapter of AMA (American Marketing Association), and Celiac Disease Foundation. In 2010 Christine was awarded the Communicator of the Year Award from the Business Marketing Association and the Colorado Ethics in Business Award.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Christine Cook for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.