

of Brain Awareness Week, I would like to highlight a devastating neurological condition that affects millions of Americans: Alzheimer's disease.

As a former board member of the Delaware Valley Alzheimer's Association, I know firsthand the burden Alzheimer's disease places on families in my congressional district, our healthcare system and our local and national economies. Alzheimer's disease is not only an emerging problem in the United States, but around the globe. As the world population grows and life expectancies rise, the number of people suffering from age-related neurological diseases like Alzheimer's may skyrocket. According to the National Institutes of Health, experts suggest that between 2.6 million and 5.1 million Americans 65 years and older may suffer from the disease, with annual treatment costs estimated to exceed \$100 billion. However, research is paving the way to promising new treatments, providing hope for millions.

With age as the biggest risk factor for Alzheimer's disease, health officials estimate that due to the aging of the population, its prevalence could triple by 2050 if progress is not made. These forecasts make unraveling the mystery of Alzheimer's disease all the more important. While scientific research has brought us a long way, we still have a long way to go. Every day, neuroscientists are working to better understand and to treat this debilitating and terrible disease.

Mr. Speaker, is Alzheimer's disease preventable? Neuroscientists are not sure. But because it typically strikes later in life, they recognize that even delaying disease onset by several years would greatly limit the harmful effects of its reach. Achieving this goal will require the efforts of a global community of scientists and clinicians, sensitive to both similarities and unique needs of patients around the world. For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Brain Awareness Week and the outstanding contributions the field of neuroscience is making to uncover the mysteries of brain-based diseases such as Alzheimer's disease.

VIRGINIA DESIGNATES ANNUAL
"CANCER PREVENTION DAY"

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call to my colleagues' attention recent action in the Virginia General Assembly to designate February 4, 2011, and in each succeeding year, as "Cancer Prevention Day" in Virginia.

The Virginia Senate joint resolution introduced by Senator Jill Holtzman Vogel, who represents many constituents from the 10th congressional district, reads:

"Whereas, cancer is the leading cause of death around the world; and

"Whereas, during the 10-year period from 1995 to 2004, the rate of new cancer cases in Virginia increased by 10 percent; and

"Whereas, the most common cancers in Virginia—prostate, lung, and colorectal for men and breast, lung, and colorectal for women—are also among the most preventable; and

"Whereas, the 2008-2012 Virginia Cancer Plan developed by the Virginia Cancer Plan

Action Coalition contains specific goals and strategies related to prevention in the hopes of reducing the rates of cancer in Virginians; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, that the General Assembly designate February 4, in 2011 and in each succeeding year, as Cancer Prevention Day in Virginia."

I applaud Senator Vogel for her efforts to raise awareness in the Commonwealth on the fight against cancer, and also salute our mutual constituent Bill Couzens of Middleburg, founder and president of the nonprofit Next Generation Choices Foundation and the Less Cancer Campaign, who worked with Senator Vogel in the effort to secure passage of the resolution in the state legislature. As she noted, "The more energy and resources that we direct toward awareness, education and prevention, the more lives we save."

QUILEUTE TRIBE TSUNAMI
PROTECTION ACT

HON. NORMAN D. DICKS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Quileute Tribe Tsunami Protection Act. This legislation will provide Park Service land to the Quileute Tribe to enable the re-location of many facilities outside the tsunami zone. The tragic events in Japan that we have sadly witnessed over the last week illustrate the need for this legislation.

The threat of tsunamis is a harsh reality that the Quileutes face every day. The Tribe lives on a one-square mile reservation along the Pacific coast of the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State. It is a spectacularly beautiful place. Many of you, or at least your children or grandchildren, recognize the Quileute Tribe from the Twilight series of novels and movies.

But there is nothing romantic about the tsunami threat. Much of the Tribe's infrastructure, including a day care center, the elder center, government offices and Quileute Tribal members', homes are in the direct path of a potential tsunami. In addition, the Tribe faces a nearly annual flood threat from the Quillayute River.

The purpose of this legislation is to help the Quileutes move their people and buildings to safer land. The Olympic National Park would transfer land that is out of the tsunami zone to the Tribe for the development of new infrastructure.

The legislation also settles a long-standing dispute between the Olympic National Park and the Tribe over the northern boundary of the Reservation. The resolution of this dispute benefits the Tribe, the Park Service and the general public. The bill also guarantees access for the public to some of the most beautiful Washington State beaches, and will designate as wilderness thousands of acres currently in the Olympic National Park.

I want to thank the Quileute Tribe, National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis and Olympic National Park Superintendent Karen Gustin for their hard work over many years to resolve this dispute and provide safer land for the Tribe.

I ask my colleagues to consider the present danger to the Quileute Tribe and to support this bill.

IN HONOR OF ARMY CORPORAL
LOREN MILES BUFFALO

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero who died in service to this great country. On March 9, 2011, U.S. Army Corporal Loren Miles Buffalo was killed in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. According to initial reports, Cpl. Buffalo died of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol.

Cpl. Loren Buffalo, 20, of Mountain Pine, Arkansas, was assigned to B Troop, 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His mother resides in Ward, Arkansas, and his father resides in Mountain Pine, Arkansas.

Cpl. Buffalo joined the Army in May 2009. He had a passion for learning and for music and was always willing to help those around him. From playing his guitar to organizing the delivering of presents for the Salvation Army, Cpl. Buffalo left a lasting impact on everyone he met. As a dedicated soldier and as a great American, he made this nation a better and safer place to call home. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

When we think of inspiring leaders and American patriots, each of us should look to the too short life of Cpl. Buffalo for guidance. He risked everything to defend freedom and serve this nation and we will always be grateful for his selfless sacrifice. My thoughts and prayers go out to his parents and the rest of his family and friends during this very difficult time.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life and legacy of Army Corporal Loren Miles Buffalo, as well as each man and woman in our Armed Forces, and all of those in harm's way supporting their efforts, who give the ultimate sacrifice in service to this great country. We owe them our eternal gratitude.

THE HOME AFFORDABLE MODIFICATION PROGRAM TERMINATION ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 839, the Home Affordable Modification Program Termination Act.

The Home Affordable Modification Program is designed to help struggling homeowners avoid foreclosure by providing homeowners with financially responsible and affordable loans.

The program provides incentives to loan investors and servicers in consideration for the loan modifications, and incentives for homeowners to continue to make on-time payments.

At the end of January, there were 539,493 homeowners with permanent Home Affordable Modification Program loan modifications.

New permanent Home Affordable Modification Program modifications have averaged around 29,000 per month over the last six months of 2010.

This program saves homeowners on average 527 dollars per month.

If this bill is passed it would deny modification loans to more than a half million homeowners at risk of foreclosure.

I encourage my colleagues to stand up for homeownership in your districts and vote against this irresponsible bill.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. SUSAN C. PARKS, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2011

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March.

Today, I pay tribute to Dr. Susan C. Parks. As an educator and current Superintendent of the San Gabriel Unified School District, Susan has assisted in educating hundreds of students in the 29th Congressional District. A native Angelino, she spent her early years in Los Angeles City schools, where she proved herself to be a quick learner. Early on, Susan realized that many people held inherent beliefs that girls could not accomplish certain feats simply because they were girls. Determined to prove them wrong, Susan applied herself throughout high school and, as a result, received numerous scholarship offers. Thereafter, Dr. Parks decided to attend the University of Southern California (USC), where she was named a Trustee Scholar.

At USC, Susan Parks witnessed the struggle of the civil rights movement, encouraging her desire to promote peace throughout the world. After the Watts riots, Susan volunteered to help a pre-school recover and found that she had the potential to change the world by teaching young children. After graduating from USC Magna Cum Laude, she began teaching in Los Angeles where she strived to one day become a principal and eventually superintendent. She became the principal at Walnut Grove Elementary School and, after the passage of Proposition 13, she provided leadership to begin Hollow Hills Elementary School, a magnet school that achieved tremendous success. Her experience proved invaluable as she went on to hold positions as a Deputy Superintendent in Simi Valley, the Superintendent of Schools in the Baldwin Park Unified School District, and, in 2006, as the Superintendent of the San Gabriel Unified School District.

Today, Dr. Parks continues to work tirelessly for the students in San Gabriel schools and has taken large steps to give students in the 29th Congressional District the same opportunities for a superb education that she has enjoyed. She and her husband, Gary Parks, have three children and six grandchildren.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Dr. Susan C. Parks, for her service to the community and to our nation's children.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION'S COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the Prince William Ministerial Association's Community Appreciation Awards.

The Prince William Ministerial Association brings together church communities across ethnic, social and sectarian boundaries to celebrate their common faith and promote fellowship and action in the Prince William community. In keeping with that mission, the Association is awarding the First Annual Community Appreciation Awards to individuals who have made significant contributions to the areas of education, public safety and community activism in Prince William County.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names and accomplishments of the recipients of the Prince William Ministerial Association's Community Appreciation Awards.

Police Officer of the Year: Master Police Officer John Lavelly (Ret.) served 24 years in the Prince William County Police Department, including 13 years as a School Resource Officer.

Edward Kelly Teacher of the Year: Paulette Jones has taught at Gar-Field High School for 20 years and has dedicated her time to creating and sustaining a program that helps students perform community-based service projects and engage in self esteem-building activities.

Sheriff's Deputy of the Year: Deputy Thomas C. "T.C." Williams is being recognized for his service to the citizens of Prince William County and his ability to set a positive example for the community's troubled youth.

Firefighter of the Year: Deputy David Wood has served as a volunteer firefighter in Prince William County since April 26, 1976, and is an active member of the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department in his current capacity as Deputy Fire Chief.

Community Volunteer of the Year: Ernestine S. Jenkins is a dedicated community activist. She serves as the 1st Vice President of the Dale City Civic Association, Chairman of the Dale City 4th of July Parade Committee, Education Co-Chairman of the Bel Air Woman's Club; life member and Past President of VFW Post 1503 Ladies Auxiliary; charter member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 48; Sun Shine Chairman of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department; life member of American Legion Post 364 Ladies Auxiliary; Vice Chairman for Project Mend-A-House; and a member of the Finance Committee for Bethel United Methodist Church.

Vernon Williams, Jr. Young Person of the Year: Steven Blakely is a senior at Osbourn Park High School and captain of his school's swim team. Mr. Blakely created the "Foster Care Children's Gift Fund" to help the Department of Social Services purchase Christmas presents for foster children. During the past four years, the program has raised \$55,000 to help children in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the recipients of the Prince William Ministerial Association's Community Appreciation Awards. I extend my personal appreciation to the recipients for their contributions to effect positive change in our community.

INTRODUCTION OF BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO GRANT HOLOCAUST RAIL VICTIMS JUSTICE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing bipartisan legislation along with my colleagues Representatives ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, JERROLD NADLER, TED DEUTCH, LUIS GUTIERREZ, MAURICE HINCHEY, ALLEN WEST, GARY ACKERMAN, ELIJAH CUMMINGS, CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, and DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ that will finally grant holocaust rail victims justice in their lifetimes.

During World War II, more than 75,000 Jews and other "undesirables" were transported from France to Nazi death camps aboard trains operated by the Societe Nationale des Chemins de fer Francais ("SNCF"). Among those transported to death camps on SNCF trains were American airmen shot down over France. SNCF operated the trains as a commercial venture and were paid per head, per kilometer to deliver thousands to their ultimate deaths.

In the 66 years since the end of World War II, SNCF has never made restitution or reparations to its victims, and recently went so far as to tell a member of the California Assembly that "SNCF will never pay the survivors anything" and that the company "would rather not do business in California" than pay reparations.

Hundreds of known survivors and family members of those who have perished live in the United States today—although the number of living survivors is rapidly growing smaller—and litigation seeking to hold SNCF accountable for its actions during World War II has been ongoing for over ten years. SNCF has unfortunately thus far succeeded in cloaking itself in the veil of foreign sovereign immunity and thus evaded jurisdiction in United States courts.

This legislation would simply preclude, in this one limited instance, the defense of foreign sovereign immunity from being raised. As the facts make clear, this is not the type of situation foreign sovereign immunity was intended to cover.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation that would finally hold SNCF accountable for its wartime actions and provide survivors with what is likely their last opportunity for justice in their lifetimes.