

colleagues to help make women aware of the potential warning signs to prevent future deaths.

September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month—an important time during which ovarian cancer organizations, advocates, and others will be helping to raise awareness about the disease and its symptoms. As a member of the bipartisan House Cancer Caucus, I urge my colleagues and their staff to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and to join us year round in working to increase public knowledge about this deadly disease and work towards a cure.

TAIWAN OBSERVER STATUS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as one of the Co-Chairs of the bipartisan Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I rise in strong support of S. Con. Res. 17. I particularly want to commend Chairwoman ROS-LEHTINEN and Ranking Member BERMAN for bringing this concurrent resolution to the floor. Additionally, I would like to applaud the work and leadership of our other Co-Chairs—Ms. BERKLEY of Nevada, Mr. DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia—for their work supporting our relationship with Taiwan.

Since its inception in 1947, the International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO, has been a great resource for the international community to develop and foster the most efficient and safest means of airline travel across the world. In the aftermath of the horrific terrorist attacks 11 years ago today on September 11, 2001, it was the ICAO that convened a conference to endorse a uniform international strategy to ensure aviation safety throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, our friends in Taiwan have been excluded from participation in the ICAO since 1971. Not only has that diminished Taiwan's ability to stay at the cutting edge of aviation, it has also presented obstacles to the international community as a whole because the ICAO cannot completely fulfill its mission to meet the needs of all people in efficient and safe air travel.

Taiwan has a very large footprint within commercial aviation that warrants its inclusion within the ICAO. The Taipei Flight Information Region covers airspace of 176,000 square nautical miles and provides air traffic control services to over 1.3 million flights annually. Additionally, there are over 174,000 international flights carrying more than 35 million passengers that fly in and out of Taiwan each year. With this high volume of air traffic, Taiwan certainly deserves to have a seat at the table of the ICAO—at least as an observer.

Mr. Speaker, this is precisely what this concurrent resolution seeks to accomplish. Providing Taiwan with meaningful participation at the ICAO only benefits both the Taiwanese and the international community as a whole. Due to our longstanding relationship and respect for our friends in Taiwan, I urge all of my colleagues to support S. Con. Res. 17.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME DU LAC ON THE
OCCASION OF ITS 170 YEARS IN
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today joined by members of the Indiana delegation, Senators DAN COATS and RICHARD LUGAR, Representatives LARRY BUCSHON, DAN BURTON, ANDRÉ CARSON, MIKE PENCE, TODD ROKITA, MARLIN STUTZMAN, PETE VISCLOSKEY, and TODD YOUNG to honor The University of Notre Dame du Lac on the occasion of its 170 years in South Bend, Indiana. The University has made significant contributions to the United States of America since its founding in 1842 by Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C. Fortified by a deep faith in God and an unwavering commitment to the common good, the University has impacted the Nation's history, its educational accomplishments, and its outreach and ministry to the vulnerable and the poor.

As Fr. Sorin sought to bridge the education gap in the expanding frontier, he began a history that intertwined with and influenced the history of our Nation. During World War II, Notre Dame established a Naval center that trained 12,000 officers in South Bend, Indiana, an episode that is commemorated yearly in a respectful football rivalry.

Notre Dame has been a leader in promoting diversity in higher education and American culture, especially the pioneering work of Fr. Theodore Hesburgh as the guiding voice of the Civil Rights Commission that crafted the framework to end segregation with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. An association with the Peace Corps goes back to the agency's founding in 1961, when the first volunteers were trained on campus under the strong support of Fr. Hesburgh; since then, more than 800 Notre Dame graduates have entered the Peace Corps, more than from any other Catholic college or university.

Notre Dame's dedication to educational excellence is reflected in its highly ranked Mendoza College of Business and Law School in addition to a well-regarded School of Architecture. Its research programs have made great contributions to national science and health over the years, ranging from the discovery of synthetic rubber by Fr. Julius Nieuwland in the 1920's to the mapping of the mosquito genome in this century as a way to prevent the spread of malaria and other diseases. More recently, the Nuclear Science Laboratory began construction on a new nuclear accelerator, the first accelerator the National Science Foundation has funded in nuclear physics in nearly a quarter century.

The University encourages research and innovation as evidenced by Innovation Park at Notre Dame which connects aspiring innovators with Notre Dame faculty, students and resources, collaborates with industry experts, and supports entrepreneurs.

Notre Dame continues to build on its inspiring legacy of service which has left a positive and lasting impact on the soul of this Nation for over 170 years. Its Summer Service Learning Program has provided some 4,000 undergraduate students with a scholarship to perform eight weeks of community service in the

communities of Notre Dame alumni clubs across the Nation. The Alliance for Catholic Education, ACE, sends nearly 200 recent graduates each year to teach in about 100 understaffed Catholic schools across the country.

The administrators, faculty, students and graduates, have provided leadership that has helped shape our Nation—and the world—with approximately eighty percent (80%) of Notre Dame students active in social service each year through the University's Center for Social Concerns. In addition, the Notre Dame family contributes more than 400,000 hours of volunteer service each academic year.

The University's mission is to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings, but also a love of God and a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice, and oppression that burden the lives of so many. Its aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice. Notre Dame makes our Nation stronger and deserves our deepest appreciation.

Once again, we offer congratulations to the University of Notre Dame and join the Northern Indiana Center for History as they celebrate Notre Dame's 170 years of vision, leadership, and engagement in the community, the State, the country, and the world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF J.R.
"DICK" BIRDWELL

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to J.R. "Dick" Birdwell, a proud lifelong Aggie and former City Councilman of College Station, Texas, and Mayor and City Councilman of Lake Jackson, Texas. He passed on April 4th at the age of 81, only two days after he and his beloved wife Joyce celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary.

Dick Birdwell was born in Stephenville and moved to College Station in 1945. He graduated from A&M Consolidated High School and went on to receive his undergraduate and masters degrees from Texas A&M University. While at A&M he was a member of the Ross Volunteers and a battalion commander in the Corps of Cadets.

Birdwell was a longtime Dow Chemical Company employee in Houston; Brisbane, Australia; Lake Jackson, Texas; and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After retiring he returned to College Station.

Mayor Birdwell served the citizens of Lake Jackson as Councilman and Mayor from 1979 to 1982, he also served as Councilman of College Station for three terms, serving two consecutive terms from 1988 to 1992, and a third term from 1996 to 1998.

While serving on City Council, Birdwell was known to extensively study the issues and was not shy about expressing his ideas. He was always well prepared for council meetings and showed pride in serving his community.

While residing in College Station, Birdwell would begin to serve his community through numerous engineering organizations, as a mediator for the Dispute Resolution Agency of

Brazos County, as an active member of the Rotary Club of College Station, and as a docent for both the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and the Texas A&M Sports Museum.

Even after leaving City Council, Birdwell would take on other city causes such as a petition drive that led to freezing property taxes for senior citizens and the disabled. He would also serve on the cemetery board and as an alternate member of the zoning board of adjustments.

College Station Mayor Nancy Berry may have said it best when she described the passing of Dick Birdwell as "a phenomenal loss for our community."

Today I pay tribute to a great Aggie who served College Station with honor and great respect. I know I am not alone as I say thank you, Dick Birdwell, for all that you have done for the Aggie community.

SUPPORT OF HOME HEALTH CARE

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for home health care providers and care givers. As we look for ways to ensure that Medicare remains solvent in the years to come and continues to provide affordable, quality health care to our nation's seniors, it is important to highlight those initiatives that are currently working well and saving money for the program.

Studies have shown that home health care services have saved Medicare \$2.8 billion dollars over three years. This is because it is often less expensive to care for Medicare beneficiaries in their own homes than a skilled nursing facility or hospital setting. Further, quality care at home can prevent these more costly and intrusive interventions in the first place, as well as prevent repeat hospitalizations.

Home health care also provides a more convenient and comfortable standard of living both for those receiving care and their families. The advantage of being home with your loved ones can make the world of difference in positive health outcomes. This is particularly important in rural areas like many parts of my district, where there often are fewer providers and choices when it comes to nursing care.

As we work to find cost savings, it is important to keep in mind that home health care providers deliver quality, effective health care to our seniors and helps to keep Medicare costs down.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the members of the Hammond, Indiana Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club as they celebrate the organi-

zation's 80th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club will be hosting an anniversary banquet on September 15, 2012 at the Restaurant at Lost Marsh in Hammond, Indiana.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Club of Hammond, Indiana was founded by forty-two members of Polish ancestry on December 3, 1932. The Club has grown over the years, and currently consists of 110 members. The mission of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club is to "maintain high standards and secure the best possible candidate for the Democratic Party." Since its inception, club members have selflessly given their time and support to the community of Northwest Indiana. The residents of Northwest Indiana truly benefit from the Club's "Candidates' Night," which is held the week before each primary and general election. This is an outstanding opportunity for voters to meet candidates and discuss with them the needs of their community. For their significant contributions to upholding the ideals of the democratic process in their communities and throughout Northwest Indiana, the members and leaders of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club are to be highly commended.

The dedication and generosity of the Club and its members has also been evidenced over the years by their innumerable charitable acts to those in need throughout the broader community, irrespective of their political beliefs. I also must acknowledge the sheer kindness the members of the Club show to all.

I still fondly recall the first Franklin D. Roosevelt Club meeting I attended in March of 1983. I didn't know anyone in the Club when I entered St. Casimir Hall. But through the graciousness of the late President Ed Nawracaj and his wife, Sophie, as well as Wally and Paula Skibinski, Dorrie Kometz, and many others, I was welcomed as a lifelong friend and left the hall "knowing everyone."

The warmth a "total stranger" enjoyed that evening, and many to follow, remain forever in this Member's heart.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge the 2012 Franklin D. Roosevelt Club officers. They are: President Gregory J. Sanchez, First Vice President Kay Pucalik, Second Vice President Leslie Stanish, Secretary Barney Stodola, Treasurer Mary T. Hildebranski, Sergeant at Arms Brian Krupinski, Chaplain Reverend Stephen D. Kosinski, and Trustees Diana Beyer, Joe Scasny, and Rosemary Wojdyla.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the members of the Hammond, Indiana Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club on the 80th anniversary of their organization. The work of this truly admirable organization is a great asset to the people of Northwest Indiana, and for their selfless service, the leadership and members of the Club are worthy of the highest praise, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, D.C.

REMEMBERING ANN ARNOLD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ann Arnold. After a decades-

long battle with leukemia, she passed away earlier this month at the age of 67. Ms. Arnold is the longtime president and CEO of the Texas Association of Broadcasters, and served as the press secretary to former Texas Governor Mark White.

Ms. Arnold was always fascinated by the media and its ability to uncover the truth. She founded her junior high school newspaper and moonlighted for community newspapers, covering evening city council and school board meetings. In 1968, she earned a journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin. To pay her way through college, Ms. Arnold worked three jobs; including working at the Capitol Bureau of the Dallas Times-Herald. In 1966, she received the Headlines Award.

After graduation, Ms. Arnold joined the Capitol Bureau of United Press International. That same year she married her high-school sweetheart, Reg Arnold. In 1980, Ms. Arnold joined the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Capitol staff. In 1983, she became the press secretary for Governor Mark White, the first Texas woman in history to hold the position.

Shortly after Governor White lost his bid for re-election to a second term, Ms. Arnold was diagnosed with leukemia. Although she was told that she only had six months to two years to live, twenty years later, and after an experimental treatment at Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Ms. Arnold was still going strong and became an icon of hope statewide.

As executive director of the Texas Association of Broadcasters, and through her work at the Texas Capitol, before Congress and the Federal Communications Commission, Ms. Arnold was influential in helping broadcasters achieve a positive business climate in Texas. Ms. Arnold also positioned the Texas Association of Broadcasters as a primary defender of Texas' open government laws and was repeatedly recognized for her achievements on behalf of the industry. In 2001, she received the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas' James Madison Award with then Attorney General JOHN CORNYN.

During her tenure at the Texas Association of Broadcasters, Ms. Arnold doubled station membership, expanded an array of member services for stations, recruited top professional staff, and oversaw the construction of the association's permanent home just blocks from the Texas Capitol. In 2007, Ms. Arnold received the Texas Association of Broadcasters' "Lifetime Achievement Award".

Ms. Arnold's successes with the broadcast industry and local communities throughout Texas have strengthened the communities she worked with and her passion and dedication will certainly be missed. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to Ms. Arnold's family and friends.

MAJOR DONALD HOLLEDER

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Donald Hollender, Major, United States Army.

Donald Hollender was born on August 3, 1934, in Buffalo, New York. He was an outstanding high school athlete, and was sought