

IN HONOR OF SUNNY M. SIMON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Sunny M. Simon, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Eleventh District.

Councilwoman Simon earned her Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors from John Carroll University and her Juris Doctorate with Honors from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law. She owns a private law practice, is a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association as a part of the Family Law section, and has served as a volunteer magistrate for Juvenile Court in South Euclid.

Councilwoman Simon was elected to the South Euclid City Council in 1999 where she not only served on the Finance, Legislative, Safety, Public Utilities, Planning and Zoning Committees, but also served as Council President.

Now as a member of the Cuyahoga County Council, she is serving as the Vice-President of the Council and the Chair of the Justice Affairs Committee. Councilwoman Simon is a strong supporter of the development of community policing initiatives, of strong services for senior residents, and of conservation, sustainability, and smart land use initiatives. She is also the founder of the South Euclid Humane Society and the South Euclid dog park.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Sunny Simon, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. In 2012 alone, it is estimated that roughly 22,280 American women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer; and 15,500 will die from this insidious disease. Because most women are diagnosed in later stages of the disease, ovarian cancer has the highest mortality rate of all types of gynecological cancer, and it is the fifth-leading cause of cancer death among women. In fact, the five year survival rate is only 45 percent—not much higher than when the War on Cancer was declared 41 years ago!

The word “cancer” evokes powerful emotions. Along with many of my colleagues, I know firsthand how devastating cancer can be to the individual who has been diagnosed as well as their family. Throughout September, all across the Nation, men and women will come together for events to both raise awareness of this terrible scourge and to show their support for the women and families struggling with this horrible disease. When September ends though, the fight against ovarian cancer will go on.

Without a reliable screening test, our greatest weapon against this disease is awareness.

If your mother, aunt, sister, wife or daughter experiences any of the following symptoms for more than a few weeks, strongly urge her to talk with her doctor or gynecologist immediately: bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, frequent or urgent need to urinate.

If everyone in this chamber learns and shares these symptoms with just one person, and asks that person to pass the information forward to just one other person; and so on, and so on; we can spare thousands of women and their families the extraordinary suffering that comes with a late-stage cancer diagnosis. The more women and health professionals know about the symptoms and risk factors associated with ovarian cancer the more lives that can be saved.

Our ultimate goal, however, should be the complete eradication of this disease. Research holds the key to identifying better treatments for ovarian cancer, as well as the development of a critically-needed screening test.

The Department of Defense Ovarian Cancer Research Program plays a key role in supporting unique ovarian cancer research and has already seen some breakthroughs in the fight against ovarian cancer. Adequate funding will allow the program to maintain current research and expand innovative investigations into much-needed early detection and screening or early detection tools.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) at the National Institutes of Health does crucial research work in all areas of cancer, including ovarian cancer. These efforts will hopefully one day lead to breakthroughs that reduce ovarian cancer incidence, mortality, and morbidity. NCI has more than 550 active research projects on ovarian cancer in its cancer research portfolio. Additionally, NCI supports the Gynecologic Oncology Group, which promotes clinical and basic research, and four ovarian cancer Specialized Programs of Research Excellence, or SPOREs, to focus on translational research and turning scientific discoveries into applicable solutions or treatments.

Finally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative works to coordinate and fund health activities working toward early detection and improved treatment options. CDC also plays a critical role in disseminating information about ovarian cancer risk factors, signs, and symptoms to women, health professionals, and the public.

We owe it to the women in our lives to fund the research necessary to purge this threat of cancer entirely. I fully understand the financial challenges facing our country, but I believe it is imperative that these programs continue to receive adequate funding in order to perform basic research and then translate that research into results for women with or at-risk for this terrible disease.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; and to wear Teal—the official color for ovarian cancer, like pink is for breast cancer, throughout September to show your support.

IN HONOR OF YVONNE CONWELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Yvonne Conwell, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Seventh District.

Upon graduating from Cleveland State University, Councilwoman Conwell has spent her time serving others, especially families and children. She has served at Parmadale, an organization that provides support to at-risk children, including those that may be severely emotionally disturbed and with Jewish Family Services assisting those with diagnosed developmental disabilities. Professionally, Conwell has worked for Cleveland Healthcare for the Homeless (now known as Care Alliance), at Bridgeway, Inc. providing case management to fifty individuals facing mental and physical challenges, and at Oriana House helping coordinate services for individuals re-entering the community after incarceration. Councilwoman Conwell also served five years as the Director of Outreach for the Cuyahoga County Recorder's office.

Together with her husband, Councilwoman Conwell donates much of her time to helping support local food drives and festivals whose admissions are food items for the needy, activities known as “Harvest for Hunger.” The Conwells have also established a charity of their own, “Operation Helping Hands of Greater Cleveland”—an organization with the mission of providing needy families with infant items, clothing, and financial support.

Now as a representative of the Seventh District of the Cuyahoga County Council, Councilwoman Conwell serves as the Chair of the Human Resources, Procurement, Appointments, and Equity Committee.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Yvonne Conwell, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

HONORING NEA JAZZ MASTER
JIMMY HEATH**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, legendary jazz artist Jimmy Heath will be honored this year by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, CBCF, at the Jazz Issue Forum and Concert that will take place during the 42nd Annual Legislative Conference, ALC. Mr. Heath will also perform at the concert, which will take place on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington, DC. Mr. Heath will receive the 2012 CBCF ALC Jazz Legacy Award for his six decades of contributions to jazz and world culture.

The oldest living member of the Philadelphia-bred Heath Brothers jazz family (bassist Percy and drummer Albert); Jimmy Heath rose to prominence during the forties, as a member of the Howard McGhee Big Band. In 1948 at the age of 21, he performed in the First International Jazz Festival in Paris with McGhee,

sharing the stage with Coleman Hawkins, Slam Stewart, and Erroll Garner. One of the earliest of Mr. Heath's own big bands (1947–48) in Philadelphia included John Coltrane, Benny Golson, Specs Wright, Cal Massey, Johnny Coles, Ray Bryant, and Nelson Boyd. He also played with and composed for Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Kenny Dorham, Milt Jackson, and Art Blakey. During his career, Mr. Heath has performed on more than 100 record albums, including 7 with The Heath Brothers and 12 as a leader. He has also written more than 125 compositions, many of which have become jazz standards, including C.T.A., and Gingerbread Boy. He has minted over 20 critically acclaimed recordings, including Really Big!, Love and Understanding, New Picture, Little Man, Big Band, and Endurance.

Mr. Heath first worked as an educator with Jazzmobile, New York City's premier not-for-profit jazz program. In 1987, he was appointed Professor of Music at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College, City University of New York. Professor Heath created the Jazz Program at Queens College, where he taught and mentored a generation of musicians, before retiring in 2004. He also taught jazz at Housatonic College and The New School for Social Research. In October 1997, two of Mr. Heath's former students, trumpeters Darren Barrett and Diego Urcola, placed first and second in the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition.

Mr. Heath is among the most honored of our nation's musicians. In 2003, he was presented with the prestigious National Endowment for the Arts, NEA, Jazz Master Award. He is the recipient of three honorary doctorates, including one from Julliard. He is the first jazz musician to be so honored by Julliard and has also received The Julliard Service to the Arts Centennial Award. He has received 3 Grammy Nominations, Howard University's Benny Golson Award and The Thelonious Monk Founder's Award among many other honors.

In 2010, he co-wrote *I Walked With Giants: The Autobiography of Jimmy Heath*, with Joseph McLaren (Temple University Press). Mr. Heath is still actively creative as a tenor and soprano saxophonist, composer and arranger.

Mr. Speaker, Jimmy Heath is a living jazz treasure and I urge all members to join me in commending him for his magnificent contribution to American and World culture.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL
GALLAGHER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Michael Gallagher, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Fifth District.

In 1999, Councilman Gallagher began his public service career as a member of Strongsville's City Council, a position he held for eleven years. During his time as a Strongsville Council member, he served on or chaired most of the council committees, served as a representative of the council to the Strongsville School Board and served as president for his final three years before his

2010 resignation. In 2009, he retired as Deputy Court Administrator of Ohio's Eighth District Court of Appeals in order to fulfill a campaign promise for his election to the Cuyahoga County Council.

Councilman Gallagher was elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010 and is now the Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Some of his achievements outside of public office include his membership in the Strongsville Rotary Club and Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. He has served as a Trustee on the Hospital Board of Southwest General Hospital for more than ten years and founded the Strongsville Youth Commission nine years ago. As a result of his dedication to his community, Councilman Gallagher was the recipient of the 2007 Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Award granted by the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Councilman Michael Gallagher, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

HONORING JANE SMITH OF
ESSEXVILLE, MICHIGAN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2012 a dedicated public servant and civic leader, Jane Smith, passed away and it is fitting that we honor and recognize her public service and commitment.

Jane Smith's inspired leadership, vision and courage has been an immense inspiration to those who believe every human being is endowed with dignity. She spent more than 30 years working to ensure the well-being of our most vulnerable children as a child protective services worker for the State of Michigan. When Robert F. Kennedy was asked how his obituary should read, he responded that he hoped that he made a contribution that improved the world by lessening the suffering of children. For her entire adult life, on a daily basis, Jane Smith lessened the suffering of children. After she retired, Jane Smith continued her compassionate life and dedication. She volunteered on political campaigns, was an active member of the Bay County Democratic Party and in 2004 was appointed chair of the Bay County Department of Human Services Board. She also actively supported the Alice and Jack Wirt Library.

Jane Smith was born May 7, 1945 in Pontiac, Michigan. She graduated from Rochester High School in 1963 and Michigan State University in 1967. She is survived by her brothers, nephews nieces and great-nieces and nephews and her many friends who deeply miss her wit, opinion and stories.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Jane Smith, a woman whose life was an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA
INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Virginia Industries for the Blind, an Ability One organization that began in Charlottesville that empowers blind and visually impaired Virginians in achieving their maximum level of employment and career development.

With 19 locations throughout Virginia, the organization employs approximately 150 people, including over 100 whom are blind or visually impaired.

In May, I had the opportunity to witness firsthand the good work that Virginia Industries for the Blind does for our local communities. Virginia Industries for the Blind operates retail stores on military bases and in federal buildings throughout Virginia. From making the mattresses used by our heroes in the United States Navy to the reflective vests that hard-working Virginians depend on for safety, Virginia Industries for the Blind gives back to our community in more ways than one.

Today, I hope my colleagues will join me in commending Virginia Industries for the Blind for their service to our local communities.

IN HONOR OF BONADINE P.
"BONNIE" NGUYEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bonadine P. "Bonnie" Nguyen who passed away on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at the age of 70 after battling an illness over the past three years. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Le; her four sons Paul, Matthew, Andrew, and Jason; her brother, Richard; and her two sisters, Carol and Tina.

Bonnie was born on June 16, 1942 in Columbus, Ohio and lived there until moving to the Cleveland area where she spent the last 31 years of her life. She became a Licensed Practical Nurse, a profession she held for 34 years, and spent most of her career with the Century Oak Care Center in Berea, Ohio—a center that opened in 1987 as a response to an increased demand in quality nursing home facilities.

When not working, she enjoyed traveling with her mother and spending time with her children; attending weddings, picnics, and family get-togethers; dancing; and watching Cleveland Indians baseball.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Bonnie Nguyen.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL OVARIAN
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as National