

OCTOBER AS THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize this October as the 26th anniversary of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the United States. Every day women across our nation live in fear of being abused by a partner. An estimated 1.5 million people in the United States fall victim to domestic abuse each year and one in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in her life. Like a cancer, this abuse knows no limits and crosses all ethnic, socioeconomic, and party lines.

For years, the consequences of domestic violence were ignored or minimized, but our nation has since witnessed many advances to protect and support victims of domestic abuse. The reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), passed into law this year, will be critical in strengthening the ability of governments, law enforcement, and service providers to combat domestic violence.

But the effects of domestic violence are far-reaching and plague generation after generation, so we must continue to work hard to intervene in ways that fit individual victims' needs and prevent future violence. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting stronger public policy initiatives to meet the overwhelming need that remains for victim services and a range of domestic violence programs. As community leaders, we must pursue every opportunity for domestic violence education, advocacy, and prevention services. These are the means by which we can help turn domestic violence victims into survivors and prevent future domestic abuse.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Work and Family Month.

As a mother of three school-aged children, I know how difficult it is to juggle a demanding career while caring for a family. Despite our best attempts, our schedules are never entirely predictable—fevers, flight delays, and life's unexpected surprises have a way of throwing off the schedules we planned so meticulously. As we try to navigate life's twists and turns, a big part of our success hinges on the flexibility in our work environments.

Advances in technology are making greater workplace flexibility possible, but there is still a lot more we can do to make a healthy work-life balance become the norm rather than the exception.

The importance of employers promoting policies that support their employees' success within and outside the workplace must not be underestimated. Study after study shows that employers who offer effective work-life bal-

ance programs are able to attract and retain more talented employees and also maintain a healthier and happier workforce. Workers who have more input and flexibility with their schedules, such as accommodating work hours and paid sick leave, are able to care for their dependents without worrying about their job security—whether that means caring for a sick child home from school with the flu, a husband or wife recovering from a surgery, or an elderly parent who needs help getting to the doctor. Workers who can successfully manage their personal lives are less stressed, which results in a more productive workforce and lower costs associated with employee turnover.

More and more children are now growing up in a household with two full-time working parents, or are being raised by a single parent who works. For the sake of healthy children and families, employers must update their practices to reflect 21st century realities.

Investing in the health and wellbeing of our nation's workforce is not just smart for business; it's smart for our nation's long-term success. As research shows, increased parental involvement is associated with greater academic achievement and lower dropout rates for children, some of whom will become our nation's next generation of leaders.

So as we recognize National Work and Family Month, I encourage my fellow policy makers, employers, and employees to come together to create workplaces that are more flexible and supportive of our nation's hard working families.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for votes on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, due to the death of a very close family friend. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

H.R. 2374—"To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes," Amendment No. 1. Vote: "no"

Motion to Recommit H.R. 2374, with Instructions: Vote: "no"

H.R. 2374—"To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes." Vote: "yes"

CONGRATULATING THE FULBRIGHT-HAYES DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH ABROAD GRANT RECIPIENTS FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Duke University students Ms. Sarah Jones Dickens, Ms. Caroline Garriott, and Ms. McKenzie Johnson for being recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as

2013 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Grant recipients.

Since 1961, the Department of Education has provided funding for the Fulbright-Hays Program, which seeks to improve relations and understanding between the U.S. and foreign countries. Fulbright-Hays DDRA Grants are awarded on an annual basis to outstanding graduate students who wish to conduct research in foreign countries for periods of six to twelve months. Ms. Dickens plans to conduct her research in Cambodia; Ms. Garriott plans to research in South America and Europe; and Ms. Johnson plans to research in South Sudan.

Duke University students received three of the 80 Fulbright-Hays DDRA Grants awarded this year. The Department of Education awarded \$3 million to students on a competitive basis from 34 different institutions of higher education for the program in 2013. These achievements are a tribute to the exceptional academic accomplishments of these students and the innovative and quality academic environment at Duke University.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these students and the faculty at Duke University for their commitment to academic excellence. The global approach toward education and the understanding of other cultures demonstrated by these gifted students is essential for achievement and success in today's competitive worldwide economy. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating these students' great achievement by being recognized as a 2013 Fulbright-Hays DDRA Grant recipients.

HONORING SARAH (SALLY) LEONHARD

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Dr. Sarah Leonhard, who retired last month after more than 18 years of dedicated service to the Greater Baden Medical Services (GBMS) and the surrounding community of Southern Maryland.

Sally, as she is known to many, received a bachelor's degree from Loyola University in New Orleans, a medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine, and a law degree from the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Few people can claim to embody the spirit of compassion and community engagement as completely as Sally. An active participant in the Regional Primary Care Coalition, she was also the president of the Community Health Integrated Partnership. Sally is licensed by both the Maryland Board of Physicians and the Maryland State Bar.

The state of Maryland has long benefited from Sally's tenure in the health care field. In addition to serving as the Chief Executive Officer of GBMS for the past 12 years, she previously served as the Medical Director for the multi-site Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Under her leadership, the FQHC has grown to provide primary health care services to more than 15,000 patients annually in Prince George's, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

Sally has played a pivotal role in ensuring uninsured and underserved individuals and families throughout Southern Maryland have access to affordable primary care, and her leadership will be greatly missed. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Sarah Leonhard on an exceptional career in the field of public health. On behalf of all Marylanders, I wish her the best in all future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WHITE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the White Memorial Medical Center. Since its beginnings in 1913, the White Memorial Medical Center has shown a deep commitment to providing health services to the residents of Los Angeles. The Seventh-day Adventist Church founded the hospital with the guiding principles of efficiency, honesty, compassion and respect. The hospital was named after Ellen G. White, a Seventh-day Adventist pioneer, who had the vision of integrating healing, healthy living and whole-person care.

Initial treatments were administered at White Memorial Medical Center's First Street Clinic. Since then, the hospital has seen major growth and expansion. In 1950, the hospital expanded by adding a new wing that doubled the number of beds and added a radiation laboratory, an electroencephalography unit, a psychiatric ward and comprehensive emergency facilities. Recently, the hospital undertook a \$250 million project to renovate and modernized its facilities. Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for seismic upgrades and \$30 million in community support made these renovations possible.

Today, White Memorial Medical Center along with its physicians and community partners provides valuable services to the community of Boyle Heights and the greater County of Los Angeles. The hospital serves over 126,000 patients each year and is staffed by 462 physicians, 86 residents, 1,879 employees and nearly 700 volunteers. Services offered include behavioral medicine, diabetes care, cardiac and vascular care, intensive and general medicine care, oncology, orthopedic care, rehabilitation, specialized and general surgery, stroke care and specialized medical services for women and children.

As a major teaching hospital, White Memorial Medical Center plays a significant role in training physicians, nurses and other medical professionals. Training programs focus on teaching doctors to care for the underserved and deliver culturally competent care to its neighboring communities. The hospital also serves the international community by sponsoring medical mission teams around the world and sending supplies to its adopted sister hospital in Zambia, Africa.

I salute the White Memorial Medical Center on the occasion of its centennial celebration. I wish it continued success in its ongoing effort to serve as a teaching hospital and its work with local community-based organizations to bring health, safety and wellness programs to

the residents of Los Angeles. Happy Birthday White Memorial! May the next 10 years be even better and brighter.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILD SAFETY NETWORK

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Child Safety Network. As the nation's largest distributor of child safety information, CSN has tirelessly fought to make our nation a safer place for children by preventing child abuse, abduction, injury, and exploitation.

Through the youth violence prevention and intervention initiatives, as well promoting the safety of all children who ride public school buses, CSN's efforts to safeguard children and educate parents are impressive and imperative. For instance, adding free extended driving training to the 2,700 school districts that currently use CSN's endorsed training courses has reduced preventable accidents by over 30 percent.

CSN has worked with schools and schools districts in CA-17, and have worked extensively with the California State PTA and the National PTA Association. Throughout the past several years, CSN has provided free child safety information, including the free CSN Safe Family CD to thousands of parents in CA-17. The Safe Family CD and the CSN website provide child safety and health information, immunization schedules for children, child product recall information, and several new child safety programs which include School Bus Safety and driver training, extending Drug Free School Zones to Bus Stops, child nutritional information, preventing child bullying, and many other issues.

As the Representative of California's 17th district, as an educator of over 30 years, a parent and a grandparent, I am grateful to the countless CSN staff and volunteers who are committed to raising safer and healthier children. Mr. Speaker, I applaud the Child Safety Network for their admirable work these last 25 years in my district, California, and our nation—and I extend my warmest wishes in their next 25 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GLORIA JOHNSON

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, today we pay tribute to the life of Gloria Johnson, a nationally recognized activist and San Diego community leader who worked tirelessly for more than 50 years for social justice and civil rights. With Gloria's passing this September, it is fitting we honor her as a strong-willed, compassionate, loyal, and tenacious trailblazer whose legacy will continue through those she mentored and in the communities she nurtured. Gloria will be remembered as a

champion for women, the LGBT community, and progressive values.

Gloria was born on August 26 and took immense pride in the fact she shared her birthday with Women's Equality Day, and she lived in accordance with its principles. Gloria was a member of the National Organization for Women for more than 40 years, including serving as a state board member and president of the local chapter. She campaigned for the Equal Rights Amendment, even receiving jail time for civil disobedience after protesting the measure's defeat. In addition to campaigning arduously for women leaders including Hilary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, and many in our local and state legislatures, Gloria served as a mentor to many young women and was appointed to the Governor's Committee on Women's Issues and inducted into the county's Women's Hall of Fame, thus promoting women's rights in multiple forums.

Gloria worked for the County of San Diego for thirty years, serving as a champion for the LGBT community. During the latter half of her tenure, and at the onset of the AIDS epidemic, she was one of the first social workers in San Diego to work with individuals suffering from the disease in the county's AIDS Case Management Program. Gloria took immense pride in that work, for which San Diego's LGBT community is profoundly grateful. Additionally, she served as cochair of a committee created to defeat a 1978 California state initiative that would have banned gays and lesbians from teaching in public schools.

While she most recently served as cochair of the California Democratic Party LGBT Caucus, Gloria's extensive political activism and leadership began many years prior. In 1977, she joined the newly formed San Diego Democratic Club (now Democrats for Equality), became president of the club in 1980, and remained a sitting board member until her death. Named one of The Advocate's top 400 U.S. gay leaders in 1984, she also served as founding member of Lesbian Rights Task Force and board member of the National Stonewall Democrats.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the life of Gloria Johnson. Gloria's active leadership, steadfast beliefs, pioneering character, and inclusive spirit will be missed by many.

HONORING BRAD STUTZMAN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of journalist Brad Stutzman. With his retirement approaching, he will soon begin the next chapter of his life.

Brad began his newspaper career 35 years ago in his hometown of Binghamton, N.Y. where he worked as a copy boy. Moving to Texas in 1981, Brad quickly put his stamp on journalism in the Lone Star State writing news and feature articles along with editorials and columns. His commentaries also appear in the Pflugerville Pflag, Cedar Park-Leander Statesman, Bastrop Advertiser, and Smithville Times. Brad Stutzman has served as editor for the Round Rock Leader, my hometown paper, since 2005.