

IN MEMORY OF ESTHER
WEISSMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Esther Weissman understood with all her heart that the cause of injured workers is one of society's great moral callings.

Social consciousness infused her daily work as a lawyer. She knew she was fighting not only for just compensation for her clients, she was trying to save their lives from being sacrificed upon the altars of modern industrial society.

They came to Esther on crutches, wearing arm slings, with eye patches and bandages of every sort from their encounters with the hazards of the workplace. They came to her office as pilgrims, migrants to a sacred place, seeking a miracle that would save their lives. Again and again Esther gave them hope, through honest and aggressive representation.

In addition to her advocacy in the courts, Esther actively participated in the electoral system. She rallied other attorneys, labor leaders, and voters to protect the rights of workers and advance social justice at the ballot box. Her legacy includes preserving Ohio's legal protections for injured workers in the popular defeat of the anti-worker ballot initiative known as Issue 2, in 1997.

Esther's was the cause of human dignity. Hers was the cause of economic justice. Hers was the cause of worker rights. Hers was the cause of the safe workplace. Hers was the cause of just compensation for injured workers. Hers was the cause of advocating for those too hurt, those too poor, those too weak to advocate for themselves.

Esther Weissman was the Joan of Arc of injured workers.

Again and again, holding up the banner of worker rights, she fearlessly fought on behalf of her beloved workers, with every fiber of her being, with all of her resources, with her last ounce of courage, to her last breath.

CELEBRATE TAIWAN'S NATIONAL
DAY ON OCTOBER 10

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China (Taiwan) will celebrate its National Day October 10, 2005. I wish to congratulate the President and the People of Taiwan on this festive occasion.

Taiwan is a small island with few natural resources, yet it has prospered because of the opportunity provided by freedom and democracy. With one of the world's largest foreign exchange reserves, its 23 million people enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world. Politically, Taiwan is a full democracy, with free elections and a free press. Taiwan fully embraces the values of economic liberalization, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human rights.

Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian recently stopped in Miami, Florida en route to Central

America. Through a teleconference, President Chen was honored by the Congressional Human Rights Caucus in recognition of Chen's life-long campaign to promote and safeguard human rights not only in Taiwan but also in other parts of the world. In his teleconference, President Chen told Congressional members that Taiwan's democratic development is irreversible, that China could and should learn from Taiwan's history of democratization and that he would like to have direct talks with China's President without any prior conditions. I hope President Hu will take up President Chen's offer and move toward permanent peace in the Taiwan Strait based on personal freedom and individual liberty.

Mr. Speaker, President Chen is a man of peace. For the good of his country and his people, he has been pleading with Chinese leaders to resume talks over cross-strait disputes. In the meantime, President Chen has been asking the international community, to set up a mechanism to ensure that there would not be unnecessary military conflicts over the Taiwan Strait. I believe that the United States should, at the very least, continue to impress upon the Chinese that we will uphold our commitment and defend Taiwan if it is attacked without provocation.

On Taiwan's National Day, I join my colleagues in congratulating the Taiwanese people. We deeply appreciate our common bonds and friendship with them and look forward to strengthening our relationship in the future.

TRIBUTE TO TAIWAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in extending my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of 94 years of progress.

In recent years, Taiwan has become a model society. It has excellent schools, outstanding medical care, a strong economy, and many of its people enjoy one of the highest standards of living. Taiwan's social welfare programs have been laudable efforts to raise the standard of living for all. Moreover, Taiwan's constitution guarantees its citizens basic civil liberties, including freedom of peaceful assembly and association, freedom of speech and press, and freedom of religion. Taiwan's full commitment to democracy and human rights is commendable.

We are very appreciative of Taiwan's commitment to fight global terrorism, particularly by cooperating with our law enforcement agencies in sharing intelligence and doing everything possible to protect American interests in Taiwan. We are also aware of Taiwan's contributions to the Twin Towers Fund, the Pentagon Memorial Fund and to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

We wish the 23 million people of Taiwan continued progress and prosperity.

HONORING CAVION JAMIK
HOLLOWAY

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to a courageous person—a giant among men—that touched many lives in the short seven years he was with us.

Cavion Jamik Holloway slipped the surly bonds of this earth on the wings of angels to the heavens above on September 28th 2005 in Omaha, Nebraska. This is a boy who never gave up and had the courage of a lion, the ferocity of a bear, and the tenderness of a dove to fight the scourge of leukemia until it overcame his body—not his soul.

Cavion is survived by a loving mother, Danielle Holloway, a devout father, Billy Holloway and four compassionate grandparents, Americo and Mary Flaiban of Bohemia, New York and Billy and Anne Holloway of Warner Robins, Georgia.

For over a year, Cavion went toe-to-toe with a disease that ravages the body and demoralizes the soul. Despite this overwhelming challenge, Cavion stood tall with a smile on his face and faith in his heart that he would win this battle and return to a life free of doctors, needles and hospital rooms. With the total dedication of his parents, Cavion knew that courage, conviction, and faith would be his partners on the journey to a life free of this disease. Unfortunately, his body succumbed to the challenges his brain refused to accept. Simply put—Cavion never quit!

Now in the heavens above, Cavion is charged with the duty of serving our Heavenly Father by looking over the family that survived him. To quote one of the many well wishers who left notes for Cavion and his parents, "Cavion will sing to you in the wind; he will call to you from your dreams; he will walk beside you and whisper in your ears—he will always be there with you."

During this fight, Cavion had help from many compassionate folks around this country. I would like to take this opportunity to express a special thanks to the medical professionals that never gave up and were constantly a source of encouragement and compassion for Cavion and his parents. I would like to specifically thank the staff of the University of New Mexico's Pediatric Oncology Department, especially Dr. Jeff Hanrahan, aka "The Commissioner of the Albuquerque Chapter of Hoccerball" and their counterparts at the University of Nebraska's Medical Center, specifically Dr. Bruce Gordon, aka "Doc Hollywood".

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the fact that each one of us has an opportunity to help champions like Cavion have a fighting chance at life. I would like to encourage every eligible person to enroll themselves in the National Marrow Donor Program. This program helps people who need a life-saving marrow or blood cell transplant. The program connects patients, doctors, donors and researchers to resources they need to help folks live longer, healthier lives.

As the days move on, all who knew Cavion will work to lift their hearts and souls to carry on with life. In doing this, we will continue to