

taught himself calculus, excelled at his SATs, and eventually received his doctorates from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he specialized in monetary policy.

Throughout the course of his career, he has taught our Nation's top schools and been a leader of our economic institutions. As President Bush's economic adviser, he has played a pivotal role in sustaining economic growth in our country. Today Dr. Bernanke is respected as one of the world's most accomplished monetary economists.

As a successor to Chairman Alan Greenspan, Dr. Bernanke will certainly have big shoes to fill. With his background, I am confident that he has the knowledge, experience, and ability to serve as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF ROSA PARKS AND JUDGE CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY

(Mr. MEEKS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with great pain that I stand here today to mourn the recent passing of several phenomenal women and leaders in our Nation's struggle for equal justice under the law. The passing of Rosa Parks and Judge Constance Baker Motley is a sad reality, but I stand to commemorate their triumphant lives. Judge Motley and Rosa Parks faced racism head on and continued to work for a more just world until their last days.

Rosa Parks was 92 years old and almost made it to the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery bus boycott, which she set in motion by refusing to give her seat to a white man on Montgomery's segregated city bus system. Mrs. Parks was arrested for her action.

As a New Yorker, I hold dearly the legacy of Judge Constance Baker Motley. That is why I introduced legislation to honor her. Constance Baker Motley won nine out of 10 civil rights cases she argued before the Supreme Court. She worked on all of the major school segregation cases, including *Brown v. Board of Education*, and advised civil rights leaders including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Judge Motley was the first African-American woman to serve in the New York State Senate. She was the first black woman to be appointed to a Federal judgeship.

Rosa Parks once said, "Memories of our lives, of our works, and our deeds will continue in others." She was absolutely right. Not only will the memories live on, but the legacy has forever stirred the resolve of many in our Nation to advocate for social justice, human dignity, and harmony.

CONTINUING THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today, as we near the end of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to emphasize that we must continue doing everything possible to help women across our country suffering from breast cancer. This Congress must remain committed to increased breast cancer research and ensure that necessary laws are in place so that no woman is forced to fight breast cancer and red tape at the same time.

I urge my colleagues to support the bipartisan Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act that I sponsored together with the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO). One hundred and fifty-one cosponsors in the House have recognized the importance of passing this bill, but we need more support. Together we can improve treatment coverages and access to inpatient care for the more than 200,000 women diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

The widespread commitment to fighting breast cancer was seen in so many amazing community efforts this past month. I particularly want to recognize the outstanding efforts of Lillian Jones and our Hudson Valley chapter of the American Cancer Society. They organized our very successful Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Central Valley, New York. Also deserving of tremendous praise are Willa Wright and the Putnam County chapter of ACS and so many other groups in New York's Hudson Valley who continue to unite to fight breast cancer.

Congress must unite and fight breast cancer right along with them.

SUPPORTING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. BISHOP of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, too many American families have experienced the loss of a loved one or know someone close who has suffered from some form of cancer. Breast cancer in particular is the leading cause of death among between 40 and 55, including my sister-in-law Abby Irwin, who died at 41 after an 11-year struggle.

Two hundred thousand new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year alone, including 1,100 in my district. The good news is the 96 percent survival rate when breast cancer is detected early. In fact, a study being published today in the *New England Journal of Medicine* found that mammograms contributed to a 65 percent drop in breast cancer deaths in the last decade.

Back home on Long Island, I am proud to have an active breast cancer advisory board with leading researchers, advocates, and survivors. I found their insights and ideas to be invaluable assets.

We should continue to do all that we can every day, not just during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to encourage the survivors, volunteers, and health care professionals to keep up the fight against breast cancer.

Madam Speaker, by raising awareness, we bring ourselves that much closer to the promise of a cure.

REFORMING OUT-OF-CONTROL FEDERAL SPENDING PROGRAMS

(Mr. HENSARLING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, this week the House will begin work on reconciliation, which is a way that we begin to reform out-of-control spending programs in order to help pay for the hurricane relief. There are only three ways that we can pay for this hurricane relief. Either, number one, we are going to raise taxes on the American people yet again, we are going to pass debt on to our children, or we are going to find a way to moderate the growth of Federal programs.

The Democrats say that this is tantamount to massive cuts that will hurt the poor. Madam Speaker, next year's budget is going to be greater than this year's budget, which was greater than last year's budget.

What we call mandatory spending, which encompasses most of these welfare programs, mandatory spending is going to grow at a rate of 6.3 percent as opposed to 6.4. I believe only an accountant for Enron would call that a cut.

Also, Madam Speaker, the best way to help the poor is through paychecks, not welfare checks. And under the economic policies of this administration, 4 million new jobs have been created with a future. We have the highest rate of homeownership in the history of America and unparalleled economic growth.

DENOUNCING THE PRESIDENT OF IRAN'S STATEMENT THAT "ISRAEL MUST BE WIPED OFF THE MAP"

(Mr. LANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANTOS. Madam Speaker, three generations ago Adolf Hitler threatened to destroy the Jewish people, and the appeasers and the pseudosophisticates said it was merely oratory. A few months ago, the leadership of Syria threatened to destroy the Prime Minister of Lebanon, and the pseudosophisticates and the appeasers thought it was only oratory. Yesterday