EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ONCOLOGY NURSING MONTH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the important and essential role that oncology nurses play in providing quality cancer care and to recognize May as ''Oncology Nursing Month.'' Oncology nurses are the health professionals involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and managing the associated side-effects patients may experience. As anyone who has ever been treated for cancer will tell you, oncology nurses are intelligent, well-trained, highly skilled, kind-hearted angels who provide quality clinical, psychosocial, and supportive care to patients and their families. Every day, oncology nurses see the pain and suffering caused by cancer and understand the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that people with cancer face throughout their diagnosis and treatment. In short, they are integral to our Nation's cancer care delivery system.

Cancer is a complex, multifaceted and chronic disease. People with cancer are best served by a multidisciplinary health care team specializing in oncology care, including nurses who are certified in that specialty. One in three women and one in two men will receive a diagnosis of cancer at some point in their lives, and one out of every four deaths in the United States results from cancer. Today, more than two-thirds of cancer cases strike people over the age of 65, and the number of Medicare beneficiaries is projected to double in the coming years. Last year approximately 138,680 people in California were diagnosed with cancer and another 55,960 lost their battles with this terrible disease.

Since 1975, the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) has been dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration, and education in the field of oncology. ONS is the largest organization of oncology health professionals in the world, with more than 35,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals. The Society's mission is to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. I am pleased that ONS has 19 chapters in California which support oncology nurses in their efforts to provide high quality cancer care to patients and their families throughout our state. I commend ONS and its members for their steadfast commitment to improving and ensuring access to quality cancer care for all people with cancer.

I am proud to support the goals and ideals ONS and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing oncology nurses for their communities not only in May, but year-round.

THE JOHN R. JUSTICE PROSECUTORS AND DEFENDERS INCENTIVE ACT OF 2007

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in supporting the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act, a bill that will help local governments to recruit and retain talented young people to their district attorney and public defender offices.

Tuition has been rising steeply at law schools across the country, increasing more than 130 percent at private law schools since 1990. Unfortunately, scholarships and pay at part-time jobs have simply not kept up. As a result, students have been forced to take on additional debt in order to afford a legal education. By 2006, the average law student graduated with nearly $80,000 of debt. Eighty thousand dollars would have bought a nice big house in Los Angeles in my parents' day!

But this debt load affects more than just the credit scores and disposable incomes of recent graduates. It affects their career choices. Young people bearing the burden of eighty and hundred thousand dollar debts must seek jobs that will provide enough income to allow them to make their loan payments as well as pay for transportation, rent, food, clothing, healthcare, and other necessities.

However, many government and public service jobs do not provide this level of pay to starting lawyers. Some locales can only afford to pay starting attorneys $36,000 a year (even while the top New York law firms pay their starting attorneys $140,000 or more). It's no surprise, then, that an entire generation of bright young people can't afford to consider the possibility of becoming a district attorney or a public defender.

That is why I am pleased to join the American Bar Association, the National District Attorneys Association, and the National Legal Aid and Defender Association in support of this important bill, which will provide student loan repayment assistance to borrowers who remain employed for at least 3 years as state or local criminal prosecutors or state, local, or federal public defenders.

We want and need the best and brightest to join these professions. Indeed, public trust in the justice system requires trust in the attorneys tasked with prosecuting and defending the accused. I am proud to support local and state attorneys in enforcing their laws and proud to support this bill.

CONGRATULATING THE WE THE PEOPLE TEAM FROM FINDLAY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I am honored to highlight the outstanding achievements of a group of young scholars from my congressional district.

Last month, Findlay High School students Christina Back, Anthony Baratta, Kyle Collette, Meghan Gannon, Jessica Gephart, Bryant Hendriksen, Emily Janowiecki, Stephen Kostyo, Jaime Malloy, Debra McCaffrey, Jade Mummert, Will Olthouse, Nicholas Rackley, Michael Sears, Caroline Solis, Stephen Strigle, Rebecca Walter, and Matthew Wiseman represented the State of Ohio in the national finals of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program. They joined more than 1,200 students from across the country at this three-day competition in Washington.

Authorized by act of Congress, the We the People program allows high school students to develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our republic. Students testify at mock congressional hearings before a panel of experts, answering questions that test their understanding of the Constitution and their ability to apply that knowledge. Columnist David Broder has described the national competition as ''the place to have your faith in the younger generation restored.''

These 18 students continue a long tradition of success for Findlay High School in this competition. I commend them for their hard work—along with the efforts of their teacher Mark Dickman, who helped them prepare for the local, state, and national competitions. In addition, I salute the tireless work of Jared Reitz, the state coordinator for We the People, and district coordinator Libby Cupp.

Madam Speaker, all of Ohio can take great pride in the performance of these scholars, who are excellent role models for their peers. They are perfect examples of all that is right in our education system today, and are to be commended for a job well done.

TRADE AND LABOR

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 21, 2007

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in addressing the House and the American people regarding our trade policy and its effect on working families.

I'd like to thank my colleague, PHIL HARE, who organized this special order debate and