

health needs of children afflicted with the disease. The Children's Oncology Group has been at the forefront of raising awareness about the challenges that exist in the post-treatment, cancer survivorship period. For example, few may know that two-thirds of the children who survive cancer will ultimately experience at least one, if not more, long-term health issue as a result of their treatment. These so called "late-effects" pose substantial health challenges for those who are fortunate enough to survive childhood cancer as well as for the doctors who treat them.

To that end, the Children's Oncology Group has taken an important lead in focusing greater attention on long-term complications that arise from radiation and other therapies and has worked to study the long-term care needs of childhood cancer survivors. In fact, one of my constituents, Dr. Smita Bhatia, a resident of Arcadia who works at the City of Hope, served as the Chair of the Late Effects Committee at the Children's Oncology Group for eight years and was instrumental in establishing national guidelines for survivorship care. Today, these guidelines are being used to help equip survivors with the tools they need to identify the side-effects of specific cancer treatments and remain healthy as they mature into adulthood.

The measure before us today will help advance our understanding of childhood cancer by addressing the need to obtain more accurate data to study trends and evaluate the most effective courses of treatment. While approximately 12,500 children in the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year, researchers have experienced great difficulties in pinpointing the exact causes of childhood cancer. Because of its random occurrence in children across the United States, it has been nearly impossible to acquire statistically significant data on the causes of and effective treatments for childhood cancer. The work of Cure Search and the City of Hope will be amplified by the underlying bill, which authorizes the creation of a national childhood cancer research database to provide better statistics on the occurrence of childhood cancer as well as the most effective treatments for patients. Building this database is critical to ensuring that those who are responsible for treating childhood cancer have the very best data available to them.

Additionally, the bill authorizes \$30 million to enhance and expand biomedical research programs that allow scientists to study how tumors form and spread as well as the impact that genetics can have on the likelihood of cancer and relapses of the disease. The bill also will provide better educational and informational services for childhood cancer patients and their families to ensure that they have access to appropriate clinical treatments and support services.

H.R. 1553, Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act, affirms a long-term commitment to providing a cure to childhood cancer and also will ensure that doctors and patients alike are provided with the best information to make important medical decisions in the near-term. As we seek to address the needs of childhood cancer patients, survivors and their families, I urge my colleagues to recognize the importance of the research that will be authorized by H.R. 1553 and support this bill.

HONORING DR. DONALD F. AVERILL FOR 47 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATION

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true leader in my community, Dr. Donald F. Averill, who is retiring after 47 years of dedication to education and economic development throughout the Inland Empire.

With 14 years of teaching at the secondary level, and 33 years of community college experience, Dr. Averill was chosen to be Chancellor of a very important education provider in my home town of San Bernardino, California, a position he held for 8 years. The San Bernardino Community College District is comprised of two colleges, San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College, the Professional Development Center, and its own public television and radio station, KVCR.

Beginning with 140 students at two high school campuses in 1926, San Bernardino Valley Community College has grown into a district with two modern campuses and thousands of students. It has served more than 700,000 students over the past 80 years.

Our district is blessed with many fine educational professionals who are passionate about their work and care deeply about the lives of their students. Dr. Averill took his interest one step further by working with the county and the K-12 students to increase the college-going rate in the region by 45 percent, with the majority of that enrollment going to the community colleges.

Dr. Averill's forward-thinking skills are an essential part of what has made San Bernardino a model community for educational development. In particular, he is credited with developing and implementing extensive workforce development programs that incorporate education and economic development in California. He was one of the founders of the Economic Development Network of the California Community Colleges, or EdNet, an innovative technological tool that utilizes existing community college infrastructure to promote the State's economic expansion. He also was instrumental in completing extensive long-range facilities plans for San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa. Dr. Averill's hard work and dedication to ensuring the future success of our young people is truly appreciated.

My constituents in the 41st District are particularly grateful for Dr. Averill's role in adding a simulated fire fighting unit for training in aircraft fire fighting. Our region is always at risk from devastating wildfires and it is crucial that our firefighters have the training tools they need to protect our communities.

Beyond his achievements in the educational field, Dr. Averill is a community leader. He serves on the executive committee of the Economic Development Network of California, and is a board member of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, the Workforce Investment Board, the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce and Arrowhead United Way.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dr. Averill for his many accomplishments and thanking him for making our com-

munity a leader in educational, professional and economic advancement. The valuable contributions he has made throughout his career will be remembered for years to come.

NATIONAL D-DAY REMEMBRANCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1235, a measure expressing support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and recognizing the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II.

On June 6, 1944, the largest sea-borne invasion in military history led to the defeat of Hitler and the Nazis' stranglehold on Europe. Nearly 7,000 ships and landing craft, loaded with American, British and other troops, crossed the English Channel to destroy tyranny and restore freedom to Europe. Nearly 3,500 lives were lost in this immense display of courage and sacrifice.

The heroism displayed by the Allied forces on D-day should never be forgotten and we should always honor the men and women who saved democracy from the shadow of oppression. That is why we should approve H.R. 1235 calling on Congress to support the designation of a National D-Day Remembrance Day.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to recognize and honor the veterans who served on D-day, and join me in supporting this bill thanking them for their courage and sacrifice.

CONGRATULATIONS PROFESSOR JEFFERSON DAVIS FUTCH, III

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, for 46 years, Dr. Jefferson Davis Futch, III has been a member of the faculty at Washington and Lee University, my alma mater, in Lexington, Virginia. At the end of this school year, Professor Futch retired from his post. While he may no longer be teaching, his legacy of scholarship and dedication to the W&L community will never be forgotten.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1932, J.D. Futch earned an Associate Bachelors degree in humanities and a Ph.D. in history from Johns Hopkins University. He spent three years in the United States Army from 1957 to 1960, and joined the Washington and Lee faculty in September of 1962.

Throughout his life and career, Dr. Futch has been honored as a member in Phi Beta Kappa and as a recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship from 1955-1956. He contributed to articles in the widely respected magazine National Review from 1958-1976. And, in 1987, he was recipient of the W.W. Pusey Award which recognizes outstanding and dedicated service to Washington and Lee University.