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While these are important steps to help individuals cope with arthritis, more needs to be done to research the causes and new interventions for the disease. That is why I am a strong supporter of H.R. 1210, the Arthritis Prevention, Control and Cure Act. This bill, which currently has 173 bipartisan co-sponsors, would invest in needed arthritis research, provider training, and public education efforts. I encourage my colleagues to join me as a co-sponsor of this legislation to support all Americans currently living with arthritis, and those who will be diagnosed in the future.

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF SUSAN TOFT TO THE CARLSBAD HI-NOON ROTARY CLUB

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 28, 2010*

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the many outstanding achievements of Susan Toft, the outgoing president of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club. Susan's leadership during the 2009–2010 Rotary year has contributed significantly to the Hi-Noon Rotary Club, the community of Carlsbad and the mission of Rotary. During her tenure, the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club sponsored Interact, a youth service club; RYLA, a youth awareness leadership conference; a Christmas party and provided meals and gifts to needy elementary school children; an Oktoberfest fundraiser that benefited the Carlsbad Women's Resource Center, Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club and other charitable organizations; sponsored a golf tournament which funded scholarships for Carlsbad high school students and provided financial support to needy military personnel and their families; promoted literacy by providing dictionaries for English and Spanish speaking elementary school children; made 1,200 books available to the Jefferson Elementary School students; conducted a business and ethics conference for high school students; participated in a matching funds program with a local college to provide scholarship funds for returning Marines; supported the Boy Scouts of America Food Drive Program; teamed with the Assistance League to provide footwear to needy elementary school students and provided food and support to La Posada, a facility for the homeless.

In addition, under President Susan Toft's leadership the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary and its membership completed a number of other projects. We assisted in the distribution of food, clothing, and toys to over 400 needy Carlsbad families in conjunction with the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau. Through our Gazebo project, a city landmark structure was refurbished and relocated for public enjoyment. In addition, support was provided to the Veterans Association of North County.

In the international arena, under Susan Toft's leadership, a team of Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotarians joined with others to build a house in Mexico for a needy family. Through our support of the Paul Harris Foundation, we co-sponsored numerous other humanitarian

projects all over the world including the effort to eradicate polio world-wide, and provided funding for the Micro-banking project enabling third world countries to develop entrepreneurial skills and become self sufficient. We also participated in the Shelter Box program to help the needy in Haiti; helped provide computers to students in Belize, collected shoes for Haitian relief and provided support to the needy of Mulege, Mexico as a result of hurricane Jimena. In addition, one of our members made the largest bequest ever to the Rotary International permanent fund so that it may continue to carry out its international humanitarian efforts. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the many fine achievements of Susan Toft. Without question, her leadership and the fine work of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club are worthy of recognition by the House today.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LATE GEORGE ARNOLD

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 28, 2010*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognition of the late George Arnold, a founding faculty member of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, an avid nature lover, and a steadfast supporter of environmental initiatives. George passed away on May 14, 2010 at the age of 93.

George's great love for the environment began in Carbondale, Illinois, on an old family farm where his mother Elizabeth and his father William grew apples and peaches. From those early days, friends and family of George knew him as an environmental trailblazer, a man well ahead of his time, and an early leader in the green movement of the 1970s.

George received his Doctorate in Environmental Science from Washington University in St. Louis in 1964, proudly boasting the university's first doctorate in air pollution. He also received a Master's Degree in physics and a Bachelor's Degree in education, physics, and mathematics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Though George completed his education at Southern Illinois and Washington University in St. Louis, he never left academia. He taught classes at Kemper Military School, and moved on to teach physics, navigation, and meteorology at Glenview Naval Air Station following his enlistment in the U.S. Naval Reserve. George then became a founding member of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville where he returned as a staple of the college faculty and an influential member of the technology and engineering department. Most notably, Arnold was vital in creating a new environmental studies program for the university in the 1960s.

George was also essential to the green movement outside of education. He laid the foundation for a rich Madison County trails system, advocating for bike trails around the area. His hard work and dedication led some to call him "the grandfather of Illinois bikeways." In addition, he spent time lobbying for additional mass transit, determined to create livable and accessible communities.

George Arnold was active in numerous organizations and groups. He was the President of the Lewis and Clark Society, archivist for Marquette-Joliet Tercentennial, co-chair of the Illinois-Missouri Trails Coalition, secretary of the Grassroots Trailnet Committee, chairman of the Piasa Palisades Sierra Group, and president of the Vadalabene Nature Trail Volunteers.

As a celebrated environmental activist and educator, George received several awards and honors. He received the Edwardsville Meritorious Service Award and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Distinguished Service Award for his lifetime commitment to the environment. His efforts in securing outstanding bike trails around the region led Madison County Transit to honor him once more.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me to express appreciation and gratitude to Mr. George Arnold for his countless contributions to Madison County and to all of Southwestern Illinois.

HONORING HENRIETTA PLEASANT-LACKS

**HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 28, 2010*

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I wish to commemorate the Memorial Dedication Service in honor of Henrietta Pleasant-Lacks, which will take place this weekend at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Clover, Virginia. At this ceremony, the descendants of Henrietta Lacks will at last be able to dedicate a headstone for a woman who has for too long been buried in an unmarked grave.

Henrietta Lacks was born Loretta Pleasant on August 1, 1920, in Roanoke Virginia. The granddaughter of slaves, she was raised by her grandfather on a tobacco farm. She married David Lacks in Halifax County, Virginia in 1941, and moved to Baltimore County, Maryland, in search of work. Henrietta and David had five children: Lawrence, Elsie, David, Deborah and Joseph. In February of 1951, Henrietta was diagnosed with cervical cancer. Despite the treatments Henrietta received, she died just eight months later, on October 4, 1951, at the age of thirty-one. She was buried without a tombstone in a family cemetery in Clover, Virginia.

However, the story of Henrietta Lacks was far from over. Without the permission of Lacks, her husband, or any family members, doctors at Johns Hopkins had collected and saved samples of tissue from her cancerous tumor during her hospital stay. These tissue samples were given to George Gey, who had for decades had unsuccessfully attempted to grow cancer cells outside of the body in hopes of studying the causes of and cures for cancer. Lacks's cells finally provided the breakthrough he had been searching for: they doubled in number every 24 hours, and would continue to divide and replenish themselves indefinitely, providing an immortal line of human cells. The line was named "HeLa," and cells were distributed to researchers around the world. These cells are still in use today, and have provided invaluable advances in not only cancer, but also fertility, genetics, and