

United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and nearly 40,000 will die. Breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer among women. It is also the second leading cause of cancer-related death among women.

Designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland and illustrated by Whitney Sherman of Baltimore, Maryland, the Breast Cancer Research Stamp was first issued in 1998. Since then, it has raised over \$74 million for cancer research at the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense. By renewing this stamp today, Congress is reaffirming its deep commitment to increasing awareness and finding a cure for this terrible disease.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan, lifesaving legislation.

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF
CAROL FIXMAN OF THE PHILADELPHIA EDUCATION FUND

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, on December 16, advocates for educational excellence in Philadelphia will be celebrating the service of a dear friend of mine, Carol Fixman, the soon-to-retire Executive Director of the Philadelphia Education Fund. Together, Carol and I have worked to make the dreams of Philadelphia's school children a reality and to brighten the future of our city.

Under Dr. Fixman's direction, the Ed Fund has been actively engaged in issues of school reform, teacher quality, college access, and community engagement in support of public education. Prior to her appointment at the Ed Fund, Dr. Fixman was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Philadelphia University, where she provided leadership for more than 40 undergraduate and graduate programs in business, design, architecture, engineering, science, and health.

She has held positions directing international programs at Temple University and at the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. She has also served as Director of the Philadelphia Education Fund's College Access Program and the Philadelphia Scholars, a citywide initiative to improve access to and success in postsecondary education for Philadelphia public school students. Dr. Fixman has played a critical role in GEAR UP, the nation's premier early college awareness and readiness program and CORE Scholars, a place-based scholarship program serving students in Philadelphia—two programs that I am proud to have launched, nationally and locally.

Dr. Fixman has a distinguished academic record in addition to her achievements in the field of education. She holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in German literature from Brown University and a B.A. in Russian literature from Indiana University (Bloomington).

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge Carol Fixman's dedication and perseverance toward improving the quality of public education in the Philadelphia region so that underserved youth are prepared for college and careers and thank her for making Philadelphia a better place.

As she retires from the Philadelphia Education Fund, she will surely be missed by all.

I urge this body to recognize her contributions and continue to support her work.

CONGRATULATING DR. DAVID
HALTIWANGER

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Dr. David Haltiwanger for his tireless efforts on behalf of the health and well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS and the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. In his work as a clinician, administrator, teacher and advocate, Dr. Haltiwanger has demonstrated a deep well of compassion, a vision for true inclusiveness and a commitment to using his voice and organizing the voices of others to improve the lives of those in Baltimore, in Maryland, and across the United States.

Dr. Haltiwanger has been involved in the fight against AIDS from the very beginning, first as support to friends and later as a therapist, clinical supervisor and administrator overseeing a range of mental health, substance abuse, health promotion and case management services at Chase Brexton Health Services, Maryland's largest community-based provider of healthcare services to people living with HIV/AIDS. At Chase Brexton, he served as Mental Health Director and later as Director of Clinical Programs and Public Policy. Even as his other responsibilities increased, Dr. Haltiwanger continued to see patients, giving him keen insight into the challenges on the ground and enabling him to be an especially effective advocate in Annapolis and here on Capitol Hill, where he has been a valuable resource to members and staff alike.

Dr. Haltiwanger has channeled his expertise and commitment into the work of two very important national organizations. He served for six years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition, a leading national voice for the treatment and care needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, and also as a Board Member and Co-Chair of the National Coalition for LGBT Health, which is committed to improving the health and well-being of LGBT individuals through federal advocacy focused on research, policy, education, and training.

In his work as an advocate, Dr. Haltiwanger has been especially committed to educating others in his community about the importance of participating in public policy issues and mentoring them in those efforts. Throughout his career, Dr. Haltiwanger has made an enormous impact on Baltimore and has changed the lives of countless individuals and families in the State of Maryland and beyond. As he retires from Chase Brexton, I would like to thank him for his many years of service and his visionary leadership.

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Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, Philadelphia's educational advocacy community will be losing one of its most respected and versatile leaders with the retirement of Thomasennia Amos.

Thomasennia Amos is stepping down as the Director of the College Access Program at the Philadelphia Education Fund, where she has served the cause of public education since 1999. Ms. Amos also has directed the Student Success Centers, a partnership between the College Access Program and the School District of Philadelphia to create a sustainable college-going culture within local neighborhood high schools. In addition, she has supervised the Scholarship Coordinator of the Ed Fund's Philadelphia Scholars.

Among her earlier assignments at the Ed Fund, it is noteworthy that she served as Director of the GEAR UP Initiative (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). GEAR UP, which I developed and guided into law in 1998, has been a national as well as local success story, impacting the educational prospects, jump-starting the higher education opportunities and improving the life chances of 12 million young people in 49 states plus U.S. territories. The GEAR UP partnership of the Ed Fund and the School District of Philadelphia has been a particularly fruitful one.

The Philadelphia Education Fund is simply the latest stop for Thomasennia Amos in her rich and varied career throughout my home town. Before joining the Ed Fund, Ms. Amos served as an instructional supervisor in the School District of Philadelphia. Throughout her career, she has worked in professional development, supporting new teachers and introducing and coaching instructional best practices to school communities. She served under several superintendents in a central office capacity.

Ms. Amos is a dedicated educator who has supported students and teachers in every region of the School District of Philadelphia. She has served as an Adjunct Faculty member at Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, Arcadia University, Drexel University, and Chestnut Hill College. She is also certified as a Principal, and has a strong personal commitment to improving education for Special Education students.

Ms. Amos holds an M.Ed. in Special Education from Arcadia University, and a B.S. in Elementary Education and K-12 Special Education from Pennsylvania State University. She has won countless honors for educational achievement and advocacy, including, in 2010, an award from the Philadelphia Alliance of Black School Administrators.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Thomasennia Amos on a lifetime of hard work, dedication and success instilling generations of Philadelphia's young people, especially those from underserved communities with the tools, the will and the incentive to succeed. For an educator as talented as Ms. Amos, transitioning to retirement, this is the highest honor of all.