

IN HONOR OF SUNNY M. SIMON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Sunny M. Simon, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Eleventh District.

Councilwoman Simon earned her Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors from John Carroll University and her Juris Doctorate with Honors from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law. She owns a private law practice, is a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association as a part of the Family Law section, and has served as a volunteer magistrate for Juvenile Court in South Euclid.

Councilwoman Simon was elected to the South Euclid City Council in 1999 where she not only served on the Finance, Legislative, Safety, Public Utilities, Planning and Zoning Committees, but also served as Council President.

Now as a member of the Cuyahoga County Council, she is serving as the Vice-President of the Council and the Chair of the Justice Affairs Committee. Councilwoman Simon is a strong supporter of the development of community policing initiatives, of strong services for senior residents, and of conservation, sustainability, and smart land use initiatives. She is also the founder of the South Euclid Humane Society and the South Euclid dog park.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Sunny Simon, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. In 2012 alone, it is estimated that roughly 22,280 American women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer; and 15,500 will die from this insidious disease. Because most women are diagnosed in later stages of the disease, ovarian cancer has the highest mortality rate of all types of gynecological cancer, and it is the fifth-leading cause of cancer death among women. In fact, the five year survival rate is only 45 percent—not much higher than when the War on Cancer was declared 41 years ago!

The word “cancer” evokes powerful emotions. Along with many of my colleagues, I know firsthand how devastating cancer can be to the individual who has been diagnosed as well as their family. Throughout September, all across the Nation, men and women will come together for events to both raise awareness of this terrible scourge and to show their support for the women and families struggling with this horrible disease. When September ends though, the fight against ovarian cancer will go on.

Without a reliable screening test, our greatest weapon against this disease is awareness.

If your mother, aunt, sister, wife or daughter experiences any of the following symptoms for more than a few weeks, strongly urge her to talk with her doctor or gynecologist immediately: bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, frequent or urgent need to urinate.

If everyone in this chamber learns and shares these symptoms with just one person, and asks that person to pass the information forward to just one other person; and so on, and so on; we can spare thousands of women and their families the extraordinary suffering that comes with a late-stage cancer diagnosis. The more women and health professionals know about the symptoms and risk factors associated with ovarian cancer the more lives that can be saved.

Our ultimate goal, however, should be the complete eradication of this disease. Research holds the key to identifying better treatments for ovarian cancer, as well as the development of a critically-needed screening test.

The Department of Defense Ovarian Cancer Research Program plays a key role in supporting unique ovarian cancer research and has already seen some breakthroughs in the fight against ovarian cancer. Adequate funding will allow the program to maintain current research and expand innovative investigations into much-needed early detection and screening or early detection tools.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) at the National Institutes of Health does crucial research work in all areas of cancer, including ovarian cancer. These efforts will hopefully one day lead to breakthroughs that reduce ovarian cancer incidence, mortality, and morbidity. NCI has more than 550 active research projects on ovarian cancer in its cancer research portfolio. Additionally, NCI supports the Gynecologic Oncology Group, which promotes clinical and basic research, and four ovarian cancer Specialized Programs of Research Excellence, or SPOREs, to focus on translational research and turning scientific discoveries into applicable solutions or treatments.

Finally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Ovarian Cancer Control Initiative works to coordinate and fund health activities working toward early detection and improved treatment options. CDC also plays a critical role in disseminating information about ovarian cancer risk factors, signs, and symptoms to women, health professionals, and the public.

We owe it to the women in our lives to fund the research necessary to purge this threat of cancer entirely. I fully understand the financial challenges facing our country, but I believe it is imperative that these programs continue to receive adequate funding in order to perform basic research and then translate that research into results for women with or at-risk for this terrible disease.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; and to wear Teal—the official color for ovarian cancer, like pink is for breast cancer, throughout September to show your support.

IN HONOR OF YVONNE CONWELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Yvonne Conwell, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Seventh District.

Upon graduating from Cleveland State University, Councilwoman Conwell has spent her time serving others, especially families and children. She has served at Parmadale, an organization that provides support to at-risk children, including those that may be severely emotionally disturbed and with Jewish Family Services assisting those with diagnosed developmental disabilities. Professionally, Conwell has worked for Cleveland Healthcare for the Homeless (now known as Care Alliance), at Bridgeway, Inc. providing case management to fifty individuals facing mental and physical challenges, and at Oriana House helping coordinate services for individuals re-entering the community after incarceration. Councilwoman Conwell also served five years as the Director of Outreach for the Cuyahoga County Recorder's office.

Together with her husband, Councilwoman Conwell donates much of her time to helping support local food drives and festivals whose admissions are food items for the needy, activities known as “Harvest for Hunger.” The Conwells have also established a charity of their own, “Operation Helping Hands of Greater Cleveland”—an organization with the mission of providing needy families with infant items, clothing, and financial support.

Now as a representative of the Seventh District of the Cuyahoga County Council, Councilwoman Conwell serves as the Chair of the Human Resources, Procurement, Appointments, and Equity Committee.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Yvonne Conwell, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

HONORING NEA JAZZ MASTER
JIMMY HEATH**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, legendary jazz artist Jimmy Heath will be honored this year by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, CBCF, at the Jazz Issue Forum and Concert that will take place during the 42nd Annual Legislative Conference, ALC. Mr. Heath will also perform at the concert, which will take place on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington, DC. Mr. Heath will receive the 2012 CBCF ALC Jazz Legacy Award for his six decades of contributions to jazz and world culture.

The oldest living member of the Philadelphia-bred Heath Brothers jazz family (bassist Percy and drummer Albert); Jimmy Heath rose to prominence during the forties, as a member of the Howard McGhee Big Band. In 1948 at the age of 21, he performed in the First International Jazz Festival in Paris with McGhee,