

Stepanos Church. In addition, she was also heavily involved in charitable causes, including founding and overseeing the Fund for Armenian relief, an organization dedicated to the advancement of a market economy and providing education and financial assistance for children in post-Soviet Armenia.

Sirvart and her husband, Kevork, turned personal tragedy into hope and inspiration. Both Mrs. and Mr. Hovnanian were instrumental in the creation of the Alton A. Hovnanian Emergency Room at the Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, New Jersey. Understanding the importance of giving back to the community, Sirvart was also heavily involved in the creation of the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at the Jersey Shore Medical Center, as well as funding the construction of the cardiac care wing of the New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. All of her charitable work and giving back to the community was done without sacrificing her obligations to her family. Sirvart Hovnanian is the proud mother of five children, grandmother of thirteen, and great-grandmother of four.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Sirvart Hovnanian. Her humble disposition and commitment to her family and community truly make her deserving of this body's recognition.

RECALCITRANT CANCER RESEARCH ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 733, the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012, and to thank the bill's sponsors, Representatives ESHOO and LANCE for all of their work on this legislation.

This bill is crucial to the search for a cure for pancreatic and other deadly cancers and it is important to everyone whose life has been touched by the deadly disease—those suffering now, survivors, and of course the loved ones that cancer leaves in its wake.

This bill is a great first step to addressing some significant scientific challenges.

A diagnosis of pancreatic cancer is all too often a death sentence. It is the only major cancer that carries with it a 5 year survival rate of just 6 percent—a statistic that has not improved in the last 40 years.

Sadly, cases are projected to rise if we do nothing. It's the fourth leading cause of cancer-related death and there are no proven early detection methods. In fact, a typical narrative is that a patient feels not quite right. She goes in for an unrelated problem or illness, often difficult to diagnose. It can be weeks or months before the cause—pancreatic cancer—is identified.

I am all too familiar with that story. It is my mother's.

My mother fought a brave, years-long battle with pancreatic cancer, ultimately succumbing to the disease last year. There is nothing that I wouldn't have done to help her, but there is nothing I could have done to save her. When she was diagnosed, as now, there were no proven early detection and treatment methods.

We simply must reverse these statistics. The Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act will help do just that—it calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework to deal with these types of cancers.

By defining a roadmap for success and creating a strategy for research in this area, we can begin the process of reversing the abysmal statistics.

Cancer is not partisan, and neither is this bill—with over 290 bipartisan cosponsors, I am thrilled to see this bill move forward. It is time to address these issues and really make a difference in pancreatic cancer and other resistant cancers.

HONORING JOHN RONALD “JACK” SCHUFREIDER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the contributions of a true American patriot, Mr. John Ronald “Jack” Schufreider, who is in Washington this week with other World War II veterans. Mr. Schufreider has already lived a full life: he is a husband, a father, a World War II veteran, and so much more. He is the epitome of the “greatest generation.”

Born in Chicago and raised in Oak Park, Illinois, Jack Schufreider left home to serve his country shortly after turning eighteen years of age in 1944. He was sent to the Pacific theater, where he served in the Field Artillery as a radio operator. After spending time in the Philippines, Jack was assigned to a unit and spent time interviewing soldiers who had been interred as prisoners of war under the Japanese.

When Jack Schufreider returned home after the war, he resolved to live a good life. With the help of the G.I. Bill he enrolled at Northwestern University, earning a degree in Business Administration. After graduation, he spent time as a salesman before he contributed almost thirty years of his life to the Channer Corporation—rising up to an executive position before retiring.

Jack saw remarkable success in the business world, and has seen similar success in his private life. He married his wife, Marjorie, and they have been together for over fifty five years. Over the course of those decades, they raised seven children, and I know they are quite proud of their twenty four grandchildren, and first great grandchild.

Today, Jack and his wife remain active members of the community. They are parishioners at St. Joan of Arc Church, and Jack continues to sing in the church choir. They regularly travel abroad and are very involved in community activities.

On behalf of myself and a grateful nation, I want to thank Jack Schufreider for all that he has done for our nation: for his service, his sacrifices, and the fruits of many decades of hard work. I want to welcome him and all the other veterans participating in the “Honor Flights” to Washington D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial.

IN HONOR OF LYNN BRAVEWOMON

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lynn Bravewomon, a resident of Hayward, California. Lynn was recently honored for her outstanding efforts to eliminate homophobic behavior and bullying in Hayward schools. On September 29, 2012, Ms. Bravewomon received the annual Pryor Conrad Award from GLOBE (Gays and Lesbians Organized for Betterment and Equality of Alameda County) for her exemplary efforts.

The Pryor Conrad Award is presented to an individual or group for outstanding service to the LGBT community. As the 2012 award recipient, Ms. Bravewomon exceeded all the qualifications.

Lynn Bravewomon has been actively supporting students, teachers and the Hayward community for over 20 years, working tirelessly for a safe school environment for LGBT students. She has made significant contributions to achieve this goal.

Her contributions include creating Safe Learning Environments for LGBT students; authoring a resolution for No Name-Calling Week and the use of inclusive curricula; facilitating the committee developing the current Hayward Unified School District's Safe and Inclusive School Program; establishing No-Name Calling Week, Ally Week and Day of Silence as annual district-wide events affecting more than 15,000 students each year; facilitating the development of a 9th grade health curriculum that addresses standards related to healthy relationships, inclusive of sexual orientation and all gender expression; producing the film “GSA Students Speak Out for School” in collaboration with the Middle School Film Club; providing support for Gay Straight Alliances for middle and high schools and developing a manual for Ally Clubs for elementary schools and participating in the creation of the Hayward Unified School District's Equity Action Plan.

I have listed a few of Ms. Bravewomon's many outstanding contributions. She has truly made a difference in the lives of others through her tireless commitment and exemplary efforts. Her service is a model to follow. I join Lynn Bravewomon's friends, colleagues and admirers in appreciation for her advocacy on behalf of students, teachers and the Hayward community for a safe school environment for LGBT students.

BARRY E. CONWAY

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2012

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, at the end of 2012 Barry Conway will retire as Commandant of the New Hampshire State Veterans Home after forty years of faithful service in health care administration. Mr. Conway began his career as a Corpsman with the United States Air Force serving from 1960–1964. Soon after leaving the Air Force, he pursued his post-secondary education in Rhode Island, before