

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2013*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month is devoted to raising awareness and educating individuals about breast cancer and honor the thousands of women across our nation who have been diagnosed, fighting or have survived breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States. 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer over the course of her lifetime, and it is estimated that this year more than 230,000 cases of breast cancer. In the great state of Texas, 13,856 women were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010.

In the Second District of Texas, I am proud of our local hospitals, school districts, and non-profits who promote breast cancer awareness and prevention during this month. My own staffer and casework manager, Whitney Rahim, has been affected personally by this disease. Whitney's mother, Cynthia Bryant, is a 5 year breast cancer survivor and a community volunteer for the Houston Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and the Houston Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Whitney and her mother, along with friends and family, walk in both races to raise funds for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. Almost everyone we know has been touched by this disease.

Last year, my friend John Garza with the Houston Police Department, received news that his wife, Virginia had stage 2 breast cancer. Virginia, like her husband, is a lifetime member of what is referred to in my part of Texas as the Poe-leece. It is an informal organization made up of my longtime friends in the Texas law enforcement community. I first met Virginia in 1993 at the North Harris County Criminal Justice Association breakfast meeting in Humble; she was then an agent with the DEA (United States Drug Enforcement Administration). I knew then that Virginia was a fighter and survivor. Virginia is a highly trained federal and state narcotics investigator; she has worked for the DEA, Harris County, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Humble Police Department. When Virginia was first diagnosed, she had just started working as a Senior Investigator at the Harris County Attorney's Office and had very little sick time accumulated. While receiving chemo treatments for a course of six months, she never missed a day of work! Virginia and John have five children and four grandchildren. One of Virginia's biggest fears was not being present or helpful for the birth of their third grandchild, I am happy to report that Virginia courageously battled cancer and she is cancer free and she recently saw the birth of her fourth grandchild.

Unfortunately, this disease has hit home for another one of our very own from the Houston Police Department. Senior Police Officer Linda Reichert was diagnosed with breast cancer in December of 2011. Every year, she made her routine mammogram appointment and on that day in December, she never thought she would receive the news that she did. Stage 0 breast cancer. Zero was a small number in

her mind but it wasn't until doctors discovered stage 2 cancer in her lymph nodes that she realized she couldn't take the small number for granted. It was an arduous road to recovery for her. However, after a double mastectomy, intense chemotherapy, and lymph nodes removal, she was able to return to a job that she is immeasurably passionate about. It was more than the medicine and surgeries that led her to becoming a breast cancer survivor. Officer Reichert exuded positive energy and happiness, even during her lowest moments. Hair loss and skin deterioration were part of her recovery, but with her support team of family, friends, coworkers and doctors at her side, she beat the odds that come along with this disease. Today, she feels top-notch with lots of energy and is back at work pushing her goal each and every day: making a difference in someone's life, even if it is just one person.

As a husband and father of three girls, I support funding for breast cancer research, screening, and treatment programs. I am an advocate for organizations that are dedicated to educating women about early detection by practicing regular self-breast exams and scheduling regular mammograms.

I would like to express my sincere admiration to the 2.8 million breast cancer survivors in our country, like Cynthia and Virginia, who have demonstrated courage in their personal fight against this disease. Their tireless work is an inspiration and a reminder that we must keep up the fight until there is a cure.

And that's just the way it is.

GREENE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 100th anniversary of the Historic Greene County Courthouse in Springfield, Missouri. The centennial will be celebrated on October 26, 2013.

The Greene County Courthouse was the fourth courthouse built for county use. It was moved to the geographical center of the city in order to unite the cities of what had been North Springfield and Springfield. After many political and financial battles, construction began in 1909.

The Historic Greene County Courthouse has proved important to economic growth, development, and prosperity for the city of Springfield and Greene County. The courthouse was a key part of the county's history and will be celebrated with displays, demonstrations, stories of numerous trials, as well as recognizing the elected officials who served in this grand building over the past 100 years.

On a personal note, the Greene County Courthouse is very special to my family and me. My Great Grandfather, Judge Benjamin Jacob Diemer, was the presiding judge of the county court and helped lead the drive for the new courthouse. He was a key figure in getting the courthouse built on its current location.

I am proud to honor the Greene County Courthouse's Centennial Anniversary.

CHUCK BAROCH

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Chuck Baroch for receiving the 2013 Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

This award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the Golden community and is presented to Chuck Baroch for his long service leading the Golden Civic Foundation, which supports economic development and nonprofit organizations in Golden, and for his 13 years on Golden City Council, the last six as mayor. He enhanced relationships with the Colorado School of Mines and represented Golden well in the disputes over the "Northwest Parkway," as well as contributed to the city's sustainability efforts. He brought an inclusive and gentlemanly manner to his interactions.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Chuck Baroch for this well deserved recognition by Mayor Marjorie Sloan and the City of Golden. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF "NATIONAL  
MANUFACTURING DAY"

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2013*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Manufacturing Day, and to encourage our young people to seriously think about what manufacturing entails.

According to recent reports, 55 percent of manufacturers reported business growth in 2012 and 63 percent anticipate growth this year. Meanwhile, most of their employees are at least 45 years old, with retirement on the horizon. Within the next decade, three-quarters of the workforce in this sector will need to come from Generation Y if the industry is to keep growing and evolving at its current rate.

With statistics like these, companies across the nation recognize the need to recruit younger generations. For this reason they are opening their doors and welcoming our young people to tour factories and consider a career in manufacturing. By opening their doors, they want to educate young people on the skills necessary to find manufacturing work, and advise them that this work still pays better than many jobs.

Take Detroit's historic rise in automotive manufacturing and production as an example. Thousands of families found quality good-paying jobs, with benefits secured through collective bargaining at the auto plants. Although many of the manufacturing jobs that built our middle class over the 20th Century were shipped overseas, there is a new focus on bringing them back by recreating what manufacturing in American looks like today.

Right now, manufacturers are adding jobs at the fastest pace it has seen in the last few years, ramping up production of "Made in America" products. But while the manufacturing community is currently in the midst of resurgence, they are struggling to find qualified employees to fill these job openings.

Since much of the industry has modernized over the last few decades, these job positions are high tech, working with robots and cutting-edge technologies that require strong math and computer skills. Manufacturing is no longer dangerous, dirty, or backbreaking work—it is a modern, technologically advanced profession. In order to continue the current manufacturing resurgence, we need to focus on preparing our youth with STEM educations to help them garner the skills that will allow them to transition into modern plants that require smart, high-tech employees.

I applaud American manufacturing companies pulling together to highlight the advances across the industry, and I strongly encourage these sorts of educational opportunities for our youth. Manufacturing has long been a source of good-paying jobs that provide economic security for American's middle class and I fully support efforts to ensure it holds this position into the future.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

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**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,747,468,275,799.27. We've added \$6,120,591,226,886.21 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

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ED DORSEY

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ed Dorsey for receiving the 2013 Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

This award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the Golden community and is presented to Ed Dorsey for his long-term efforts as the exemplary volunteer contributing to the success of a variety of activities in the City of Golden. He has served as an active member and chair of several key organizations including Leadership Golden Board, Visitors Center Board, the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, GURA and the Buffalo Bills Days Committee, just to name a few. Most recently he has been a lead advocate to inform the community about the Downtown Development Authority. His singular distinctive contributions set a superlative example of volunteerism in Golden as detailed in Vision 2030.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ed Dorsey for this well deserved recognition by Mayor Marjorie Sloan and the City of Golden. Thank you for your dedication to our community.

CELEBRATING PAT AND JERRY  
EPSTEIN

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**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2013*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friends Pat and Jerry Epstein on the October 12 celebration marking both their wedding anniversary and Jerry's 90th birthday.

Jerry was born on August 29, 1923, in New York, and this year he turned 90 years young. Pat and Jerry were married in her native home town of Atlanta, Georgia, in December 1948, and this year marks their 65th year of marriage. The October celebration is halfway between Jerry's birthday on August 29 and their wedding anniversary on December 26.

Pat is an active sculptor. For many years she worked with alabaster, but her latest works are composed of paper mache. Her work is on display at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica and the Jewish Home for the aging in Los Angeles. She also participates in a number of charitable activities, most notably for Hadassah and the Irene Dunne Women's Guild for St. John's Hospital.

Jerry is a true patriot. From his participation in three Pacific island invasions as a soldier in World War II, through his Reserve career after the war, and continuing through his active civic involvement on local city, county and state commissions for the past forty or more years, Jerry Epstein is a "Horatio Alger" who has always believed in giving back to his country and community.

Jerry has been involved with Marina del Rey since its inception in 1955. He participated in the Master Planning process even before dredging began to create the Marina del Rey Harbor in 1958. He was among the original developers to bid on County of Los Angeles ground leases when the new community was developed through a then-unique public private partnership in the mid-1960s. Today Marina del Rey is the largest single income-producing asset owned by the County of Los Angeles, and Jerry is currently co-General Partner of Marina Harbor Apartments and Anchorage as well as Managing Partner of Shores.

Jerry's vision and tenacity extends beyond the creation of the community of Marina del Rey to his leadership on transportation and other public infrastructure issues in Los Angeles County and throughout the state of California. He has served as President of the Board of Airport Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles; Chair of the California Transportation Commission; Vice Chair of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, and President of the Los Angeles State Building Authority. Jerry has also served as President of the St. John's Hospital Foundation and was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Boys and Girls Club of Venice, among other charitable activities and honors.

Together Pat and Jerry have an interest in American historical documents. Jerry's interest in American historical documents reflects his patriotism. They have donated a collection of these documents to Colonial Williamsburg, including a rare stone imprint of the Declaration of Independence. The Colonial Williamsburg web site includes information on the Pat and Jerry Epstein Collection of American Historical Documents.

Mr. Speaker, I admire and am proud of Pat and Jerry's involvement and commitment to our community and our nation. Their generosity and civic engagement is an example we can all emulate and is one from which we all benefit.

I am honored to call Pat and Jerry my dear friends and I wish them my sincerest congratulations on sixty-five years of marriage, my best wishes for many more happy years together and a very happy 90th birthday to Jerry.

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HONORING SUSAN WOODS AND  
MISTY FURGENSEN

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**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2013*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Golden Living Center of McDonald County's Executive Director, Susan Woods, and Director of Nursing, Misty Furgenson, as recipients of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living 2013 Silver National Quality Award.

Susan joined the facility in 1995 as a Certified Nursing Assistant. After holding just about every position in the living center, she became the Executive Director in 2005. Misty joined the Living Center as the Director of Nursing eight years ago.

The Golden Living Center provides patients with quality health care in a comfortable living environment during their recoveries. Susan and Misty have led the McDonald County facility as a model of excellence in providing that care.

The National Quality Award Program highlights facilities across the nation that serve as models in providing high-quality long-term care. Recipients of the Silver-Achievement award have demonstrated systematic advancement in quality, plans for continual improvement, and sustainable organizational goals.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Susan Woods and Misty Furgenson.

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PRESTON DRIGGERS

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**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2013*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Preston Driggers for receiving the 2013 Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

This award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the Golden community and is presented to Preston Driggers for his decades of citizen service to our community. Golden has been shaped by the contributions of many, and Preston is an example of one who has made a big difference. From working towards the open space purchases of both table mountains and the Bachman property, serving on the GURA board, to even commenting on the transit oriented development on Golden Ridge Road, Preston has always made sincere, important, and unselfish contributions. The Golden community knows Preston as someone