

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Mercy-Douglass nurses, who led the way to integrate Pennsylvania's healthcare system.

In the 1940s and 1950s, there were few nursing programs available to Black women. At that time, two West Philadelphia hospitals founded by Black doctors merged and created the Mercy-Douglass Hospital School of Nursing.

Mercy-Douglass trained young, Black women for professional careers at a time when few nursing schools would enroll them, and most hospitals in Philadelphia or across the Commonwealth had few, if any, Black nurses on staff.

Early graduates of Mercy-Douglass were often the first Black nurses in a facility and had to deal with doctors and White nurses who questioned their qualifications or refused to be supervised by them, no matter their training or seniority.

Nevertheless, Mercy-Douglass nurses, like Susan Blake from my hometown, persisted to break barriers and emerge as leaders in their communities.

Today, we celebrate the legacy and commitment of the trailblazing nurses of Mercy-Douglass Hospital Nursing School to improve the lives of those in need of care and for the women who followed.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

(Mr. GOSAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Children's Dental Health Month.

Each February, the American Dental Association unifies members of our healthcare community to recognize the importance of good oral health for our children and many others.

As a former dentist, I know that quality dental healthcare impacts your overall well-being. Proper oral health starts with the very first tooth, as baby teeth are the building blocks to a healthy smile.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 20 percent of children ages 5 to 11 suffer from tooth decay. When a child suffers from dental pain, the impact is far-reaching and can affect critical developmental stages, including speaking, eating, and learning.

Although tooth decay is widespread, it is preventable. Tooth decay is the number one chronic infectious disease among children in the U.S., and programs like Give Kids a Smile Day enable thousands of dentist volunteers to give their time and efforts to make a difference in the health of children.

Since this program has started, volunteers have treated over 6 million children across the country, in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. They have truly made a huge impact in

their communities and improved the oral health of so many children.

CONGRESS SHOULD FIGHT FOR AMERICANS WITH RARE DISEASES

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, we can't let disputes over dollars and cents diminish the hope for more smiles and laughter from sweet children like Jordan Ogman.

This week, I visited 4-year-old Jordan to bring attention to the fight to save his life from a rare genetic disorder, TECPR2.

Jordan's parents, David and Stacey, refused to view his diagnosis as a tragedy. They are inspired by his laugh, by his beautiful smile, and by his love for his family—especially his sister, Kira. They are ready to fight for him.

The Ogman family is counting on Congress to do what is right. This Rare Disease Week, the 30 million Americans living with 1 of over 7,000 rare diseases are counting on Congress to invest in the research that can give them hope.

Jordan's mom says: "He is a warrior. He is resilient and bright, and we are fighting every minute to save his life."

Congress needs to be there to fight alongside the Ogman family and every American family battling a rare disease.

Jordan, you keep fighting.

My colleagues, let's join this fight together.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT WILSON'S EAGLE SCOUT ACHIEVEMENT

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I recognize Robert Wilson on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

Robert is with Troop 4 in Millville in southern New Jersey.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It is a prestigious honor bestowed upon only the most worthy and the most qualified individuals. Only 4 percent of all Boy Scouts ever achieve this prestigious recognition. Eagle Scouts are likely to dedicate their lives to service, becoming future leaders in industry, politics, the military.

My office was proud to be at Robert's ceremony to celebrate his achievement earlier this week with his scout leader, Lou Charlesworth.

I am proud of your accomplishments, Robert, and I am looking forward to big things in the future from you.

Some people look for heroes with celebrities, God help them. Some look in Washington, God help them, too. My hero is Robert.

God bless you and your family, Robert.

HAPPY 105TH BIRTHDAY, ERMA HELEN ROSENHAN

(Mr. McADAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McADAMS. Madam Speaker, Erma Helen Rosenhan turns 105 years old today. Erma was born at home in 1915, in Salt Lake City, the seventh of nine children born to German immigrant parents.

During Erma's lifetime, she has witnessed such developments as electricity, radio, television, telephones, computers, cellphones, automobiles, and airplanes.

These are all things that she did without for much of her young life, and she has said that she was better off without them. Erma loves simplicity.

Most of Erma's life has been dedicated to genealogy research of her German ancestors. She has researched over 450,000 family names, going back to the year 1150 AD.

Erma has also lived a very simple life, living very modestly and saving her money. She once debated whether or not to extend her grocery list to include a loaf of banana bread. After a minute of thought, she said: "Oh, what the heck. I feel reckless today."

Because of her frugality, Erma has been able to donate tens of thousands of dollars to humanitarian needs over the many years she has been living.

At 105, Erma says: "One person can make a difference, no matter how old they are, so don't ever give up. I tell the Lord, I know I am old, but I will do what You would have me do if You will help me, and He always does."

Erma's faith has influenced many, and she is not afraid to tell people when they ought to shape up. Erma's 105 years has been exemplary, a life full of selflessness and sacrifice.

From the United States Capitol, happy 105th birthday to Erma Helen Rosenhan.

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CONGRATULATING THOMAS EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL OF MERIDEN, CONNECTICUT

(Mrs. HAYES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Thomas Edison Middle School of Meriden, Connecticut, for being named a National Magnet School of Distinction by Magnet Schools of America.

Thomas Edison is one of 12 schools in Connecticut and one of only 142 schools in the country to be given this prestigious distinction. Its challenging curriculum, full engineering program, innovative technical supports, and strong family and community partnerships have resulted in high student achievement at the school.

Thomas Edison started an innovative program that provided every student