

The substitute ensures that such information could not be kept from employees. Also, the substitute holds executives accountable for selling company stock in their special pension accounts by including stiff new criminal penalties for violations.

H.R. 3762 also allows companies to offer workers investment advice, even if there is a clear conflict of interest. For example, an investment management company could serve as both the investment advisor and the plan manager chosen by the company.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 3672, support the substitute, and help protect the savings of hard-working Americans. The Pension Security Act of 2002 is nothing more than lip service to protecting pensions. 15,000 Enron employees lost more than \$1.3 billion. Clearly this calls for Congress to provide real security and real pension protection and reform of the system that allowed Enron officials to pull the sheets over the eyes of their employees. That is what the Rangel/Miller substitute does and that is the bill I will support. Thank you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 94, H.R. 4156, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT 1ST CLASS DANIEL AARON ROMERO

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and a tremendous amount of respect and admiration that I rise today to honor the tragic, yet heroic death of Colorado Army National Guard Sergeant 1st Class, Daniel Aaron Romero. On April 15, 2002, near Qandahar, Afghanistan, Sergeant Romero gave his life for his country, while fighting the battle against the evils of terrorism during Operation Noble Eagle. Upon reflection of his life and service to this nation, we have come to know Sergeant Daniel Romero as a man who loved his family, loved his home State of Colorado, and loved his country.

Born in Longmont, CO, Daniel was the only son of proud parents, Michael and GERALYN Romero. While earning his living as a Colorado rancher, Daniel decided to concurrently serve with the Colorado Army National Guard in 1991.

Sergeant Romero rose through the ranks of the Colorado Army National Guard, receiving the Army Service Ribbon, Non-Commissioned Officers Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, and the Colorado Service Ribbon with device. Eventually, Sergeant Romero became a member of the select B/5-19th Special Forces Group, headquartered in Pueblo, CO. This elite group of soldiers is known for parachuting at high altitudes, rappelling from helicopters face first, and furtively permeating

enemy lines. In December 2001, he was placed on active duty to serve in Operation Noble Eagle.

Sergeant Daniel Romero is survived by his wife Stephanie, mother GERALYN, father MICHAEL, and sisters Gabrielle and Stephanie. I am sure I speak for this entire Nation when I say our thoughts and prayers go out to the Romero family. May God send His grace upon them during the time of this tragic loss, and may Daniel's bravery and selflessness become the proud example for all those actively serving in America's War Against Terrorism.

HONORING ONCOLOGY NURSES AND THE ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the important and essential role that oncology nurses play in the provision of quality cancer care. These nurses are principally involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and the associated side-effects patients may experience. As anyone ever treated for cancer will tell you, oncology nurses are intelligent, well-trained, highly skilled, kind-hearted angels who provide quality clinical, psychosocial, and supportive care to patients and their families. In short, they are integral to our Nation's cancer care delivery system.

The setting for cancer treatment has changed over the last 10 years. Today, more than four out of five cancer encounters occur in community settings, where the majority of cancer care is provided by oncology nurses. However, Medicare does not adequately reimburse the administration of chemotherapy by oncology nurses, which are referred to as practice expenses. Last September, the General Accounting Office released a study indicating that Medicare's drug reimbursement system, based upon the Average Wholesale Price (AWP), is severely flawed and drug payments are inflated. While I strongly support the efforts to reform the AWP system and ensure that Medicare does not overpay for any supplies, I also believe that Medicare should not underpay for any benefits or services.

Today, more than two-thirds of cancer cases strike people over the age of 65 and the number of cancer cases diagnosed among senior citizens is projected to double by 2030. At the same time, many of the community-based cancer centers are facing significant barriers in hiring the specialized oncology nurses they need to treat cancer patients. It is estimated that there will be 115,000 nursing positions open in the year 2015.

The Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) is the largest organization of oncology health professionals in the world with more than 30,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals. Since 1975, the Oncology Nursing Society has been dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration and education in the field of oncology. Of the 13 ONS chapters in the State of Texas, one is located in the Houston area. These chapters serve the oncology nurses in the state and help them to continue to provide high

quality cancer care to those patients and their families in the State.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge nine special oncology nurses from my district who will be in Washington this week to participate in the ONS Annual Congress and the ONS inaugural Hill Day—Glenda Alexander, Laura Espinosa, Visitacion Junpratepchai, Sherry Preston, and Ellen Siegel from Houston, Vickie Dockery from Alief, Cynthia Segal and Paula Rieger from Bellaire, and Susan Stary from Pasadena. I am looking forward to meeting with these outstanding women who have dedicated their lives to improving the health and well being of people affected by cancer. On behalf of all the people with cancer and their families in Texas' 25th Congressional District, I thank these nurses as well as all of their colleagues in the Oncology Nursing Society for their outstanding contributions to the provision of quality cancer care to those in need.

I would like to also acknowledge Paula Rieger for her leadership within the Oncology Nursing Society. For the past 2 years, Paula has served as the ONS President of the Board of Directors and has been an outstanding leader and spokesperson for the organization. I have had the pleasure of working with ONS and Ms. Rieger over the past few years to advance programs and policies that work to reduce suffering from cancer. Her leadership and vision for ONS have resulted in the organization being more aggressive and effective in its health policy efforts. In addition, through her commitment to outreach and collaboration, ONS has expanded and strengthened its partnerships with other health professional, patient, and advocacy organizations. This week Ms. Rieger is stepping down from the ONS Board of Directors. I thank her for her commitment to ONS, for advancing oncology nursing, and for caring for the people of the greater Houston area.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the Oncology Nursing Society for all of its efforts and leadership over the last 27 years and thank the Society and its members for their ongoing commitment to improving and assuring access to quality cancer care for all cancer patients and their families. I urge all of my colleagues to support them in their important endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL MICHEAL J. COLEMAN

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Colonel Micheal J. Coleman to the U.S. Army. I join his family, friends, and colleagues as they celebrate his accomplishments and congratulate him on his retirement from 27 years of service in the U.S. Army.

Colonel Coleman is a native of Montgomery, AL, and earned a bachelor of science degree in Business Administration in December 1975 from Alabama A&M University. Immediately after graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps and entered active duty on January 6, 1976, thus beginning his long and successful