

Mrs. Frederick began her career in 1957 as Secretary to the Registrar at Lander University. In 1960, she began working part-time in order to raise her children. Over the next thirteen years, she divided her time between family and career; and in 1973 she rejoined Lander's full-time staff. Less than ten years later, in 1981, Mrs. Frederick was promoted to Assistant to the President and Director of Alumni Relations. In addition to the duties she encountered with these new positions, Mrs. Frederick also coordinated the activities of the thirty-six member Lander Board of Visitors.

In 1984, Mrs. Frederick moved to Florence to join the staff of Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) as Executive Assistant to the President. She served FDTC's Commissioners with an unbridled enthusiasm that secured her tenure through the leadership of five different Presidents of FDTC. Mrs. Frederick's dedication earned her the title of Director of External Relations in 1994. With this promotion she had oversight over all of FDTC's Public Relations, Marketing, FDTC Education Foundation, Alumni Relations, and Print Shop. After these many years of service, Mrs. Frederick is entering a well-deserved retirement, and looks forward to spending more time with her husband and their five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in honoring Mrs. Helen Frederick, an outstanding South Carolinian whose dedication to helping those in higher education has touched the lives of countless students and a number of administrative staffs. I congratulate her on her retirement and wish her good luck and Godspeed.

INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. —

**HON. LYNN N. RIVERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2002*

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. \_\_, commending the NephCure Foundation headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan for establishing National Kidney Cure Week in the first week of October and encouraging the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make more information on kidney diseases available to the public.

Today, chronic kidney disease affects 2.5 million Americans. The U.S. Surgeon General has designated kidney disease as a focus area of the Healthy People 2010 campaign. The incidence of glomerular diseases, which attack the filtering mechanisms of the kidney, is increasing rapidly in the US. These diseases typically strike children from sixteen months to four years of age and often are difficult to diagnosis and treat. In their most severe form, glomerular diseases can lead to end stage renal disease—near or complete kidney failure requiring dialysis treatments or even kidney transplants. Sadly, even after a patient finds a donor, undergoes surgery, and receives a transplant, the disease can recur.

Glomerular diseases impact more than the patients and families directly affected—the economic costs associated with care, treatment, and loss of productivity are staggering. In order to raise public awareness and improve diagnosis and treatment of glomerular diseases, I am introducing this resolution commending NephCure Foundation for designating

the first week of October as National Kidney Cure Week and encouraging the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make more information available to the public concerning kidney diseases.

While treating kidney diseases effectively remains a challenge, there is potential for substantial scientific progress toward finding cures. Researchers at the National Institutes of Health are beginning clinical trials, with the goal of discovering new and innovative therapies for patients suffering from various kidney diseases.

National Kidney Cure Week activities will help develop public and private partnerships, encourage competency among health care providers, and promote health education and training. There are many national and regional organizations that will greatly contribute to and benefit from such partnerships: the NephCare Foundation, American Association of Kidney Patients, American Kidney Fund, American Society of Pediatric Nephrology, American Society of Nephrology, Association of Nephrology Nurses, the National Kidney Foundation, the PKD Foundation, and numerous other private foundations, universities, and hospitals.

Events held in connection with National Kidney Cure Week could lead to improved diagnosis, acute treatment, and disease management for Americans who are susceptible to kidney disease. The Secretary of Health and Human Services also could greatly improve awareness and treatment by strengthening kidney disease public education efforts. I am happy to support these efforts and to commend the NephCure Foundation for its leadership on this issue.

IN MEMORY OF EDITH DIVICINO DIFAZIO

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2002*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special woman, Edith DiVincino DiFazio, who passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2002. Edith was married to Pasquale (Pat) DiFazio for 53 years and they were the very proud parents of two children, Paul and Linda, and the ever loving grandparents of Michael and Allison Lech.

Mr. Speaker, Edith DiFazio was born and raised in New Britain, Connecticut and lived there her entire life. She made an indelible impact on the community she loved so much through her participation in local politics, her support of her husband in his business development, her community activism as well as the countless friendships she made and kept during her ninety years of life in New Britain.

Mr. Speaker, Edith was a woman who loved and was loved deeply in return by her family and her friends. She was in many ways a woman who was ahead of her time and she was a role model to everyone who knew her. Edith worked alongside her husband Pat who was the owner and president of Ames Construction Company. Among the Company's many projects are Pulaski Middle School, Chamberlain School, Knapp Village Apartments and Schaller Oldsmobile. With a constant smile and engaging personality, Edith found enjoyment in all aspects of life. She

learned the pleasure of raising plants and flowers from working in her father's greenhouse, Davis Florist Company in New Britain. She was a gourmet cook and her Italian cooking was considered to be the gold standard of cuisine and she served her community as a volunteer at the New Britain Memorial Hospital and as a member of the Greater Italian Junior League.

Mr. Speaker, if Edith DiFazio were asked what the greatest accomplishments of her life were, she would say her two children Linda and Paul. For almost half a century I have known and been part of the DiFazio family. Edith and Pat DiFazio were two of the most widely respected and loved members of our community. Edith was the core of her home and her family. She was as comfortable with U.S. Senators and Governors as she was with her pals at the senior center. Her dignity, her gracefulness, her kindness and her gentleness were her hallmarks. I have no doubt that as Pat welcomed her to heaven, so too did the angels because they wanted to add to their ranks.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House to join me in expressing our collective sympathy to Edith DiFazio's family and to give thanks for all she did throughout her life to make her community and our country better for human kind.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JODY VOSS

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Jody Voss and thank her for her extraordinary contributions to the Boys' and Girls' Club of Pueblo, Colorado. Her life-long dedication to both her job and the youth of Pueblo is matched only by the level of integrity and honesty with which she has conducted herself each and every day while at her post. She is known as a kind and caring soul with the utmost dedication and talent, and is known as a leader in her community. As Jody celebrates her recent milestone of twenty years with the organization, let it be known that I, along with each and every person with whom she has worked in Pueblo, are eternally grateful for all that she has accomplished in her many years of service.

Jody went to work for the Boys' and Girls' Club of Pueblo in 1982. As executive director, Jody, and the rest of her dedicated leadership, grew the organization from one center serving two-hundred fifty kids to seven centers involving over three thousand kids. For over twenty years, Jody has selflessly given her time, energy and unrelenting commitment to the youth of Pueblo, a milestone recently celebrated by the organization in early March. She is considered by many to be the backbone of the organization and the success the club enjoys today is a direct reflection of her diligence and commitment to our younger generations.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Jody Voss is a woman of unparalleled dedication and commitment to both her professional endeavors and the people of her community. It is her unrelenting passion for each and every thing she does, as well as her spirit of honesty and integrity with which she has always conducted