

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### SEPTEMBER IS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my commitment to finding better treatments and, eventually, a cure for an all-too-quiet killer—prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is a deadly disease that affects American men. As protectors of the American family, it is crucial to inform the public of the crucial role a basic medical check-up can play in detecting this potentially deadly disease. In order to achieve this goal, our Nation's premiere health agencies must be fully engaged and adequately funded by Congress.

Mr. Speaker, in 1998, Congress recognized that prostate cancer research was underfunded and, as a result, requested that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) submit a five-year professional judgment budget (1999–2003). The purpose of this document was to demonstrate how best to improve federal prostate cancer research efforts.

Congress received the budget plan in June of 1999. The plan promised an investment of more than \$1.5 billion for prostate cancer research. Unfortunately, real investment has fallen short of its projected finding commitment, and prostate cancer research has not kept pace with scientific opportunities and the proportion of the male population who are afflicted with the disease. As a result, the 107th Congress is now asking NIH to provide an updated five-year plan for the next five years.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to instructing NIH to develop a new and achievable five-year plan, Congress must insist on greater accountability to ensure all federal funds for cancer research are appropriately expended for this purpose. An investment in cancer research will not only yield dividends in lives saved but, also, in dollars and cents. Cancer already costs this country more than \$150 billion annually. With the "graying" of the baby boomers, it has been estimated by THE MARCH Research Task Force that, if left unchecked, costs associated with cancer will jump to a staggering \$200 billion before we see the end of the decade.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon declared America's war on cancer, promising to end its toll on our society within a decade. Each subsequent Administration has reaffirmed this commitment, yet the number of cancer cases and death continue to grow. As you may be aware, more than 1.2 million new cases of cancer were diagnosed in the United States in 2001, and an estimated 553,000 lives were lost. Tragically, prostate cancer represents 15 percent of all cancer cases and accounts for 15 percent of all cancer deaths.

Mr. Speaker. This country can and must do better than this. While recent increases in prostate cancer research funding are welcome and have proved vital, the sad truth is that

Congress' efforts have not been sufficient to ensure the most promising paths to treatment and cure are adequately funded or implemented.

I encourage my Colleagues to join with me to ensure our country's war on cancer in general, and prostate cancer in particular, moves forward with a new resolve to beat these dreaded diseases once and for all.

#### HONORING CDR EARL BENNETT III FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS A NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER UPON HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor CDR Earl Bennett III for his service in the U.S. Naval Reserve. CDR Bennett will have completed 19 years of cryptologic service with the Air Force Security Service and the Naval Reserve Security Group as of September 30, 2002, as well as seven years in language assignments.

CDR Bennett is an outstanding U.S. Naval Officer who has served his country with distinction for over 25 years. His professionalism, commitment to sailors under his charge, and dedication to duty are truly deserving of special recognition. He is a highly dedicated man who has faithfully contributed to his community, the U.S. Naval Reserve, and the United States of America. On behalf of a grateful nation, I extend my warmest wishes of "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to CDR Bennett and congratulate him for a job extremely well done.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring CDR Earl Bennett III.

#### WPS, APA, AND MSDC PRESENT RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF TERROR: HEALING THE TRAUMA OF 9/11

#### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Washington Psychiatric Society, the American Psychiatric Association, and the Medical Society of the District of Columbia (MSDC) for collaborating to present "Resilience in the Face of Terror: Healing the Trauma of 9/11." This conference, of interest to primary care, emergency and psychiatric physicians, and other health professionals will be held at the new George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, September 14, 2002.

Resilience in the Face of Terror has several noteworthy goals and objectives: To evaluate

our responses to the crisis generated by the attacks in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001; increase our knowledge of the medical dimensions of disasters; learn about the psychological aspects of religious fanaticism and intolerance, and discuss medical, mental health, and public health lessons learned and their applications to prevention and healing of trauma.

This conference will be co-chaired by two exceptional individuals, Dr. Catherine May and Dr. Eliot Sorel, a close friend of mine. Dr. May is the president of the Washington Psychiatric Society (WPS), a practicing physician with expertise in women's health, psychiatric and emergency medicine, and an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Sorel is the president of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, a practicing physician with expertise in mood disorders and psychiatric disorders related to traumatic events, and clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Other notable attendees include Jeffrey Akman, M.D., president-elect of WPS; Robert Bonvino, M.D., a leader in the Medical Society of the State of New York; Daniel Ein, M.D., chairman of the emergency preparedness committee of MSDC; Colonel Jeffrey Elting, M.D., Medical Director D.C. Hospitals' Bioterrorism Preparedness; Colonel Theodore Nam, M.D., president of the Uniformed Services District Branch of the American Psychiatric Association; Jerrold Post, M.D., professor of psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and political psychology, in the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University; Steven Steury, M.D., chief clinical officer for the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health; Robert Ursano, M.D., chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Uniformed Services University and Health Sciences.

All of the aforementioned individuals and all those participating in the conference deserve commendation for raising awareness of this issue so other health professionals can use the knowledge to help those most affected by the tragedy on September 11. I applaud their generosity and salute their public service.

IN HONOR OF LARRY GREENE

#### HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 2002

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, award winning news cameraman, Larry Greene is the latest victim in America's ongoing fight against terrorism.

Larry was working on a special assignment in the Persian Gulf for Los Angeles based KCBS news. On Friday, September 6th, he boarded a U.S. Navy helicopter to capture on

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