

brilliant scientists from my home State. Larry Cornman, Robert Sharman, and Paul Polak have an impressive grasp of the most technical aspects of science, and they are using those talents to improve the quality of life of millions of people throughout the country and the world. I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing these three gentlemen and their tremendous service to the global community.

Larry, Robert and Paul were recognized recently with three of the year's top fifty science and technology awards by Scientific American magazine. Larry and Robert, of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, developed a computer program that allows the Doppler radar on commercial airplanes to see turbulence at the edges of a storm. This system will serve to increase the safety and comfort for all future commercial air flights. Paul, who is the President of International Development Enterprises, helped to create a low-cost drip-irrigation system for Third World farmers. The system has the potential to aide more than 30 million rural farm families to escape poverty.

Mr. Speaker, Larry Cornman, Robert Sharman, and Paul Polak are bright, enthusiastic individuals who dedicate themselves to the noble endeavor of improving the lives of citizens around the world. These three men have demonstrated a passion for science that resonates in their extraordinary achievements. I am honored to pay tribute here today to these devoted scientists before this body of Congress. Congratulations on your awards, gentlemen. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA CARMICHAEL, FORMER NORCO CITY COUNCILMEMBER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Norco, CA are exceptional. Norco has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Barbara Carmichael is one of these individuals. After 13 years of service to the city, Barbara will step down as a councilmember.

Barbara moved to Norco in 1980 and quickly became involved in the community as a 4-H leader. As an honorary FFA Chapter farmer Barbara truly fit in to the rural lifestyle of Norco. Barbara has been involved with many community organizations including the Chamber of Commerce Fair Committee, a Foundation Board Member for Corona Regional Hospital and member of the Riverside Community Hospital college advisory board. She has also represented the City of Norco as a Mosquito Abatement Trustee, on the Economic Development Advisory Council, the Ad Hoc Committee for the retention of the Naval Warfare Assessment Center. She is a member of the Corona/Norco School Advisory Board and the host of monthly Senior Town Hall meetings. She is also the current President of the Norco Seniors and Pet Relief organization and is a

Charter and active member of the Norco Horsemen's Association.

Barbara was first elected to the Norco City Council in November 1990, was elected Mayor in 1992 and 1998. She has served as Mayor Pro-Tempore three times. During her tenure on the Norco City Council Barbara has accomplished an enormous amount for the residents of Norco including the construction of five low-to-moderate income homes; a pilot curbside recycling program and the Sixth Street Façade program; a Directional Sign Program for new homes was approved; a new City Hall was opened; an agreement was reached with the City of Jurupa for the purchase of desalter water; the Lake Norconian Club and central hotel were designated as historic landmarks; the second phase of senior housing was approved; a new senior center was completed; the Animal Keeping Ad Hoc Committee was formed; the proposal to purchase Hidden Valley Golf Club was rejected and barbed wire was prohibited adjacent to equestrian trails.

Barbara's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Norco, California. She has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she steps down from the Norco City Council.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE DAY

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an issue that is too often overlooked in our society: the problem of suicide

According to the Centers for Disease Control, a suicide occurs once every 18 minutes. In the year 2000, we lost 29,350 people to suicide. It is the third leading killer of children ages 10 to 14 in the U.S., causing 7.2 percent of the total deaths in that age group. For children ages 15 to 19, the percentage jumps to 12 percent. When most people are starting a family and beginning their careers, between the ages of 25 and 34, suicide is the number two cause of death.

Too often suicide has been stigmatized as a weakness or character flaw. Instead, suicide must be viewed as it truly is: a symptom of mental illness. Viewing suicide as such allows us to recognize the warning signs (including depression, reckless behavior, substance abuse, and a drastic change in attitude and behavior) and helps encourage people to seek help.

While the number of males who commit suicide is about four times higher than the number of females, it is important that we pay special attention to suicide attempts among females, especially teenage girls. It is estimated that women attempt suicide at a three-to-one margin. In the case of teenage girls, these attempts are often a cry for help at a very confusing time in their lives.

We lose one person to suicide every 18 minutes. To put this in perspective, this

equates to nearly 13,000 more deaths per year than homicide. We must do more to educate people about suicide, thereby helping to prevent it. For this reason I am sponsoring a Concurrent Resolution in support of National Survivors of Suicide Day and the ideals it upholds. This resolution recognizes and praises the work that numerous public and private sector groups carry out to raise awareness about suicide and provide treatment for depression.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS NATIONAL HISTORICAL TRAIL ACT

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to reintroduce the Camino Real de los Tejas National Historical Trail Act. This legislation would recognize the historical significance of the oldest highway system in Texas.

Translated, camino real means "royal road" and was used exclusively to describe roads between economically important Spanish towns and Spanish capitals. In keeping with its roots, the Camino Real de los Tejas was the first overland route from the Rio Grande to the Red River Valley in Louisiana, and contributed enormously to the settlement and development of the Texas frontier. First traveled in 1689, for the next 300 years the road was worn by traders, immigrants, mail carriers, missionaries, cattlemen and their herds, soldiers, and settlers into an early-day "super-highway".

We would not only pay homage to our ancestors by designating the Camino Real as a National Historic Trail, but also develop a positive tool for economic development and historical preservation in the many towns and cities along the route. By promoting the preservation of this historic resource, the public will gain an opportunity to learn and small, rural communities will have greater opportunity for cultural tourism.

The bill I am introducing today contains special provisions to ensure that trail designation will not impair private property rights. Unlike prior versions of the bill, this one designates the trail only on public lands. Land condemnation is prohibited, and only willing sellers will be approached for acquisition purposes. No private lands will be included in the trail designation unless the private property owner affirmatively opts in.

Spanish conquistador Cabeza de Vaca, the first European to explore Texas, ventured up and down this trail. Both Davy Crockett and General Santa Anna journeyed to battle at the Alamo by way of the Camino Real.

The trails deserve national recognition for their tremendous historical and cultural value. In marking the trail, we honor our history and heritage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support and cosponsor the reintroduction of the Camino Real de los Tejas National Historical Trail Act. Join me in building up communities rich in history and economic opportunities.