HONORING THE PAMELA B. KATTEN LEUKEMIA RESEARCH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the important work being conducted by the Pamela B. Katten Memorial Leukemia Research Foundation. The foundation was formed shortly after the tragic loss of Pamela Katten in 2002 as a result of Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. Its mission is to promote research into the diagnosis and treatment of leukemia.

Pam was born in 1961 and grew up on the North Side of Chicago and the northern suburbs. She attended Northwestern University before heading to the East Coast to begin a successful career in the New Jersey Attorney General's office.

In addition to all her success in the courtroom, Pam was a loving mother to her son Max, and a caring sister, daughter and friend to many who knew her. They will tell you about her infectious laughter, off-beat sense of humor and love for story-telling. Most of all, they remember Pam for her zest for life and unyielding desire to live each day fully.

On November 19, the third annual ''Pam Jam'' will take place in Northbrook, Illinois to honor her memory and announce the establishment of a ''Pamela B. Katten Fellow'' at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to study stem cell proliferation.

Unfortunately, Pam and her family are not the only Americans that have had to wrestle with this devastating disease. There are over 640,000 people in this country alone who are fighting various blood cancers, including leukemia. Through the work of the foundation that Pam inspired and others like it, these families find hope.

Mr. Speaker, Pam's friends and family will never forget her glowing personality and daily joy for life. Her memory and her legacy are truly inspiring. I am proud of the work the Pamela B. Katten Memorial Leukemia Research Foundation has done, and I wish them the best in all of their endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING NICOLE DONANT FOR HAVING HER WISH GRANTED FOR ALL OF MINERAL CITY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Nicole Donant started with a small project to help start a library in Mineral City to earn a merit badge; and

Whereas, Nicole Donant, through hard work and determination, turned her small project into a dream for the community of having a library in Mineral City and collected over 5000 books; and

Whereas, Nicole Donant is an inspiration to us all and is an embodiment of the compassionate, moral and socially responsible spirit of the youth in Ohio.

Therefore, I join with family, friends, the people of Mineral City and the entire 18th Congressional district of Ohio in congratulating Nicole Donant for her wish coming true.

IN HONOR OF RICK MARTINEZ

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Martinez, former chief of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. Last month, Chief Martinez retired from a truly distinguished career of public service that spanned over thirty years. As his friends, family and colleagues all gather to celebrate his career, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the dedicated service of one of Sacramento's finest citizens.

Chief Martinez began his career as a firefighter with the Sacramento City Fire Department in the early 1970s. He quickly rose through the ranks as a Captain, EMS Coordinator, Battalion Chief and later, Division Chief, each time taking on positions of increasing responsibility and leadership. In 1995 he was appointed Fire Chief of the American River Fire Protection District, which was the precursor to today's Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (SMFD). He also served as chief of the Florin Road Fire Protection District and the Sacramento County Fire Protection District.

When the SMFD was formed in 2000, Rick was named the district's first chief. His management experience and expertise helped the district grow to serve over 600,000 citizens, spread over 417 square miles. He successfully managed 700 employees, over 40 fire stations and numerous other facilities, while also expanding specialized programs, such as the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force and the fire paramedic intern program.

One of Chief Martinez's many accomplishments with the SMFD has been the development of Sacramento's highly regarded Urban Search and Rescue Team. The team responded with great distinction to the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. In 2001, as our nation came under attack, Chief Martinez was responsible for managing all search and rescue teams at the site of the World Trade Center in New York City. Most recently, he helped direct the response to Hurricane Katrina's devastation along the Gulf Coast.

The constant display of leadership and integrity has led Rick to be honored by many of his peers. In 2003, he was named Fire Chief of the Year by the California Fire Chief Association. Due to his crisis management experience he was tapped to serve as Chief Deputy Director of the California Office of Homeland Security by former Governor Gray Davis. In 2002, he was appointed to the State Board of Fire Services. Rick has also been active in numerous local boards and commissions.

The people of Sacramento, California and our nation have been lucky to have Rick Martinez on their side in emergencies ranging from traffic accidents to natural disasters, structure fires to terrorist attacks. He has always risen to the occasion and led with knowledge, experience and reliability. His leadership will surely be missed by many.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most distinguished citizens, Rick Martinez. His successes have been great, and it is a wonderful opportunity for me to recognize his contributions to the people of Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing my friend, Rick Martinez, continued success in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to the illness and passing of my father and his subsequent funeral, I was not present for rollcall votes 521 to 569 from October 17 to November 4, 2005.

Had I been present and voting I would have voted in the following manner:

Yea on rollcall 521, yea on rollcall 522, yea on rollcall 523, no on rollcall 524, yea on rollcall 525, yea on rollcall 526, yea on rollcall 527, yea on rollcall 528, no on rollcall 529, yea on rollcall 530, yea on rollcall 531, yea on rollcall 532, no on rollcall 533, no on rollcall 534, yea on rollcall 535, yea on rollcall 536, yea on rollcall 537, yea on rollcall 538, no on rollcall 539, yea on rollcall 540, no on rollcall 541, no on rollcall 542, no on rollcall 543, no on rollcall 544, no on rollcall 545, yea on rollcall 546, no on rollcall 547, no on rollcall 548, yea on rollcall 549, yea on rollcall 550, yea on rollcall 551, yea on rollcall 552, no on rollcall 553, and yea on rollcall 554, yea on rollcall 555, yea on rollcall 556, yea on rollcall 557, yea on rollcall 558, no on rollcall 559, yea on rollcall 560, yea on rollcall 561, no on rollcall 562, yea on rollcall 563, no on rollcall 564, no on rollcall 565, no on rollcall 566, no on rollcall 567, yea on rollcall 568, yea on rollcall 569.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MARY AND JOSEPH L. DEGENOVA ON THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Mary and Joseph L. DeGenova are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary; and

Whereas, Mary and Joseph L. DeGenova were united in marriage on October 18, 1980 in Bellaire, Ohio; and

Whereas, Mary and Joseph L. DeGenova are the loving parents of two children, Annemarie and Anthony.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Mary and Joseph L. DeGenova as they celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.