

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, (given in 2004).

"The concept and its underlying philosophy are right on target. We need to open cancer research in prevention, early diagnosis, and cure to scientists in diverse fields that include physicists, chemists, computer scientists and mathematicians."—Frederick P. Li, M.D., Director, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Control, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, (given in 2004).

"The 20th Century saw a 100-percent increase in worldwide life expectancy—one of the greatest achievements in history. Today's children face different challenges, including a higher risk of dying from cancer and other diseases of aging than their grandparents did. In the 21st Century, our challenge is to use incredible advancements in information technology and biology to defeat such diseases as cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, Parkinson's and many other afflictions that take years of quality life from our loved ones. The most-important benefit will be reduced human suffering. And the value to our economy will be measured in trillions of dollars. The American Center for Cures (ACC) legislation recognizes and responds to the imperative of defeating these deadly diseases in our lifetimes. I believe we can do that if we summon the will to change the way we pursue new medical solutions. FasterCures supports passage of the ACC legislation and urges its rapid implementation. There is not a moment to lose."—M. Millken, Chairman, FasterCures/The Center for Accelerating Medical Solutions.

"The American Center for Cures will be extraordinarily important for all Americans, and indeed all humanity. The new Center will combine scientific disciplines that have previously not been brought to bear upon biomedical problems. This is a unique and desperately needed approach will break through the impasse and finally bring the formidable power of all science to focus and solve the diseases that plague the world. The American Center for Cures has been designed to bring accountability and responsibility for ultimate cures. Its success will be measured by cures and cures alone. As a father, husband, entrepreneur, and one who has seen too much suffering, I believe it is incumbent upon us to take a bold approach to biomedical research that will make our children and future generations free of the diseases that have afflicted us and our ancestors. Let our descendents look back at our generation and say, 'They reached for the stars, and found they were capable of conquering old paradigms, fears, and diseases.'"—Lou Weisbach, C.E.O. Stadium Capital Associates, Founder, HA-LO Industries, Inc.

"Oscar Wilde once wrote, 'Morality, like art, begins with a line being drawn someplace.' With tremendous suffering and disease so prevalent in our country, the American Center for Cures' (ACC) proposed legislation being introduced by Senators Lieberman and Cochran draws a line in the sand for health and extending the lifetime of every individual. From a religious point of view, this certainly responds to the notion that we are identified with life affirmation. I heartily endorse this legislation."—Rabbi Steven B. Jacobs, Temple Kol Tikvah, Woodland Hills, CA—Rabbi Michael Lerner, Editor, Tikkun Magazine, Rabbi, Beyt Tikkun Synagogue, San Francisco, California.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 331—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING FERTILITY ISSUES FACING CANCER SURVIVORS

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 331

Whereas there are more than 10,000,000 cancer survivors in the United States, and approximately 1,000,000 of those survivors were diagnosed during their reproductive years;

Whereas approximately 130,000 people under the age of 45 are diagnosed with cancer each year;

Whereas up to 90 percent of patients diagnosed with cancer under the age of 45 will undergo potentially sterilizing treatments, such as surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation;

Whereas survivorship rates have dramatically increased so that 71 percent of patients who are diagnosed with cancer under the age of 45 can expect to live at least five years beyond the diagnosis of their disease;

Whereas long-term consequences of cancer treatment are of increasing concern to patients since they are increasingly likely to survive their cancer;

Whereas the diagnosis of infertility can be as devastating for many patients as the cancer diagnosis itself;

Whereas successful fertility preservation options for men and women exist and include: sperm banking, oocyte (egg) freezing, and ovarian and testicular tissue freezing;

Whereas many cancer patients have the option of taking steps to preserve their fertility before their potentially sterilizing cancer treatment begins;

Whereas many patients do not take steps to preserve their fertility before treatment because they are not informed by their health care professionals that their fertility is at risk, or, if they are informed of the risk, they are generally not counseled on their fertility preservation options;

Whereas unrelated factors such as marital status or poor prognosis should not preclude certain patients from being informed about their fertility risks and options; and

Whereas the 2003–2004 President's Cancer Panel Report recognized that comprehensive written and verbal information regarding fertility side effects and fertility preservation options for all reproductive-age patients should be provided before treatment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) cancer-related infertility is a serious quality of life issue for reproductive-age cancer patients;

(2) national and community organizations should be recognized and applauded for their work in promoting awareness of the risks of infertility and fertility preservation options for cancer survivors;

(3) the medical community should increase its efforts to ensure that discussions about the risk of infertility and fertility preservation options are an integral part of pretreatment planning and consent for treatment for all reproductive-age patients; and

(4) the Federal Government, acting through the National Institutes of Health, should endeavor to—

(A) encourage research that will strengthen fertility preservation technologies for cancer patients;

(B) continue to consider ways to improve access to fertility preservation options for cancer patients; and

(C) endeavor to raise awareness about the fertility side effects and fertility preservation options for cancer patients.

SENATE RESOLUTION 332—HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER GOVERNOR CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, AND EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE TO HIS FAMILY

Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 332

Whereas the Senate has learned with sadness of the death of Governor Carroll Campbell;

Whereas Carroll Campbell dedicated a lifetime of service to the State of South Carolina and the United States;

Whereas Carroll Campbell served most honorably as the Governor of South Carolina from 1987 to 1995;

Whereas from 1979, and until he was elected Governor of South Carolina, Carroll Campbell served with high moral character and integrity in the United States House of Representatives;

Whereas Carroll Campbell was the first Republican elected to the House of Representatives for the 4th Congressional District since the Reconstruction period;

Whereas during his service as Governor, Carroll Campbell provided extraordinary leadership and comfort to the citizens of South Carolina throughout the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Hugo and the rebuilding of the coast;

Whereas Carroll Campbell improved the economy of South Carolina and the livelihood of its citizens by attracting world class businesses;

Whereas Carroll Campbell worked diligently to restructure the Government of South Carolina, making it more accessible and responsive to its citizens;

Whereas Carroll Campbell focused on improving the quality of public education provided by the State of South Carolina to all of its citizens;

Whereas Carroll Campbell was as devoted to his principles as he was to his loving family, which included his wife Iris, his sons Carroll and Mike, and his grandchildren "Blakeney" Herlong Campbell, Carroll "Berrett" Campbell, Michael "Rhodes" Campbell, and Marie "Riley" Campbell; and

Whereas Carroll Campbell was a visionary who worked to improve the lives of all South Carolinians: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) extends its prayers and deepest condolences to the entire Campbell family;

(2) honors the life of Carroll Campbell and expresses profound gratitude for his years of public service; and

(3) acknowledges with appreciation the unfaltering commitment and loyalty of Carroll Campbell to his family and the State of South Carolina.