

Although veterans could receive compensation for service-connected loss of sight in one eye, they were not eligible for increased assistance if subsequent loss of sight occurred in the second eye until complete blindness set in. A service member himself, Dr. Allen recognized the tremendous sacrifices our veterans make and knew that they should not be forced to struggle with related optical issues without any additional assistance and care. For 7 years, Dr. Allen worked with me and Donald May of Lodi, Wisconsin to craft long overdue legislation that would ensure the correction of this inadequacy.

In 2007, Congress unanimously passed and the President signed H.R. 797, the Dr. James C. Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act, allowing disabled veterans to receive greater compensation if they begin to lose sight in the second eye, regardless of whether or not that loss of sight is service-connected. The Dr. James C. Allen Veteran Vision Equity Act will directly impact the lives of those who sacrificed to defend our freedom. Over 13,000 veterans have been blinded in conflict since World War II, including veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan who are incurring eye wounds at the highest rate of a major conflict since World War I.

Over the years, Dr. Allen has received countless awards and honors, including the 2008 Wisconsin Medical Society Physician Citizen of the Year Award and the Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs Veteran Lifetime Achievement Award. However, no amount of accolades could accurately reflect how invaluable his work has been and will continue to be to our most courageous citizens. The American spirit embodies the idea that one thoughtful, committed citizen possesses the ability to create meaningful change and Dr. Allen exemplifies this spirit. I join the greater Madison community and veterans everywhere in honoring Dr. Allen for his unwavering commitment and dedication.

A TRIBUTE TO BOB HOPE AIRPORT  
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF  
SERVICE

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bob Hope Airport as it celebrates its 80 anniversary of service. Since its opening as United Airport on Memorial Day in 1930, the Bob Hope Airport has grown to accommodate 5 million passengers a year with more than 80 daily non-stop flights, making it a vital member of the Southern California airport system.

Previously known as the Union Air Terminal, the Lockheed Air Terminal, the Hollywood-Burbank Airport and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport, in 2003, the Burbank Airport changed names once again, now paying homage to the great Bob Hope, one of our country's legendary entertainers and a long time resident of California. In its 80 years, the airport has been a witness to some of our country's greatest triumphs as well as some of our greatest struggles.

Movie and aviation stars alike attended the 1930 opening of the airport amidst a three day celebration in which 200,000 people partici-

pated. Ten years later and with the approach of World War II, it developed a reputation of being the primary airport of Los Angeles. During the war, the airport was the birthplace of many important aircraft, including B-17 Bombers, Hudson Bombers and over 10,000 P-38 Fighters. However, a testament to its vitality, in the middle of the chaos, the airport remained open as a commercial airport, connecting citizens with the rest of the country and showing that although its name has changed through the years, its commitment has not wavered.

Today there are 2.5 million people living within 15 miles of the Bob Hope Airport, and its airline service continues to be a dependable link to the rest of the nation. In 1977, three cities in my congressional district, Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena joined to form a separate government agency, the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, and today the airport operates under their control, demonstrating efficiency and safety.

On the occasion of the Bob Hope Airport's 80th anniversary, I would like to recognize the nine authority commissioners, President Joyce Streater, Vice President Frank Quintero, Secretary Don Brown, and Commissioners Bill Wiggins, Charles A. Lombardo, Dave Weaver, Rafi Manoukian, Chris Holden and Francis D. Logan for their commendable work, and thank all those who have served previously in this role.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Bob Hope Airport on this milestone anniversary, and wish the airport continued success in the future!

CONGRATULATING 'IOLANI  
SCHOOL'S ECONOMICS TEAM, NA-  
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**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 'Iolani School's Economics Team for winning the 2010 National Economics Challenge.

More than 1,200 teams from across the country competed in this year's event sponsored by the Council for Economic Education. This year marked Iolani's fourth national championship and 11th state championship. 'Iolani has also won two second place national titles.

I would like to recognize team members Andrew Ellison, Jesse Franklin-Murdock, Sean Cockey, and Mark Grozen-Smith as well as coach Richard Rankin. In the fall, Andrew will be attending the University of Pennsylvania, Jesse will be attending the George Washington University, Sean will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Mark will be leading next year's team in defending 'Iolani's title.

Our Nation's recent economic meltdown has demonstrated how essential economic understanding is for all of us. Continued federal support for the Council for Economic Education is critical as it works to empower students through economic and financial literacy programs to help future generations make in-

formed and responsible choices throughout their lives as consumers, savers, investors, workers, citizens, and participants in our global economy. I joined a number of my colleagues to advocate for continued funding for the Council in fiscal year 2011.

Again, congratulations Andrew, Jesse, Sean, Mark, and Coach Rankin. Best wishes on your continued academic success.

NATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH  
MONTH

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the millions of Americans and the researchers that are fighting every day to end cancer. As you know, May is National Cancer Research month and all across our great Nation, men and women are working not only to overcome this devastating disease that claims half a million American lives every year, but also to prevent it.

Unquestionably, the Nation's investment in cancer research is having a remarkable impact.

Thanks to discoveries and developments in prevention, early detection, and more effective treatments, many of the more than 200 diseases called cancer have been cured or converted into manageable chronic conditions while preserving quality of life. The 5-year survival rate for all cancers has improved over the past 30 years to more than 65 percent. Advances in cancer research have had significant implications for the treatment of other costly diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's, HIV/AIDS and macular degeneration.

However, there is much left to be done, as cancer remains the leading cause of death for Americans under age 85 and the second leading cause of death overall. We must continue to strengthen our Nation's commitment to life-saving research for the health and wellbeing of all Americans.

I want to commend the hard work and dedication of all those who are on the front lines of the quest for the prevention and cure of cancer. Organizations such as the American Association for Cancer Research, AACR, American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network are fighting hard every day to eradicate Cancer in partnership with the American taxpayer and NIH.

I was pleased to learn that President Obama nominated Dr. Harold Varmus to head the National Cancer Institute, NCI. As NIH Director under President Clinton, Dr. Varmus was instrumental in the historic growth of this great agency. As NCI tackles the health mysteries surrounding Cancer, it is heartening to know it will be led by such a distinguished and capable scientist.

As we celebrate National Cancer Research Month this May, I hope that this Congress will continue to make cancer research a national priority and ensure continued progress for the hope and benefit of all Americans who have or will be touched by this dreaded disease.