

All of his fellow soldiers gave some, Madam Speaker, but Shane Martin gave all in his defense of freedom. We are honored and humbled by his service and sacrifice for America.

Our brave Marines go to war defending freedom and liberty in faraway lands. In the dark, cold desert night and the parched, insufferable desert heat, these brave warriors pay with their blood and sacrifice for freedom and liberty and for America.

They sanctify with their blood lands they have never seen, and they fight for people they do not know.

President Ronald Reagan once said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem."

Shane was a Marine. He gave all to others during his short 23 years to family and friends and his fellow Marines. He was the poster boy for what is best about America.

Shane Martin was a hero in the tradition of our great men and women who defend the flag and liberty. It is America's warriors who pay the price for our freedom.

In America's first war fighting for freedom, Patrick Henry said, "The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, and to the brave."

These words still ring true today as men like Shane carry those values into battle. Today we mourn the loss of Shane Martin, but we should thank God that a man like him ever lived.

Madam Speaker, we shall always remember Shane and the precious life gave for our freedom.

As early American poet Joseph Drake once said, "And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave."

Today we are humbled and in awe of the man who gave so much in his young life so that others might be free.

I extend my prayers and condolences to Shane's wife Lauren and his mother and father Debra and Kevin Wallace, his brother Kyle, his beloved little sister Diane, his grandmother Pammy, his fellow Marines and friends in the Spring community.

When a warrior goes off to faraway lands, the family stands vigilant at home because they, too, have really gone off to war.

Today we honor the life of Marine Lance Corporal Shane Martin.

Semper Fi, Shane Martin, Semper Fi.
And that's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF UT SOUTHWESTERN'S HAROLD C. SIMMONS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern, UTSW, Medical Center for attaining the prestigious National Cancer Institute, NCI, designation.

The NCI designation is a national benchmark bestowed upon the top cancer centers in

recognition of their innovative research and excellence in patient care. The Simmons Center exemplifies this and is the first and only medical center in North Texas to attain this designation. Founded in 1989, the Simmons Cancer Center has been devoted to reducing the impact of cancer, aggressively striving to be at the forefront of cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The dedicated clinical and research faculty and their staff conduct numerous clinical trials and develop and test new cancer drugs. I commend their commitment to conducting cutting-edge medical research and providing quality care.

I am also pleased to recognize the Simmons family for their generosity and firm belief in giving back to our local community. Their charitable donation established this cancer center and they have remained strong supporters. Over the years, they have given and pledged over \$100 million to enhance the cancer programs at UTSW. With the continued help of numerous supporters and foundations, UTSW will be able to expand its reach and help countless more individuals affected by cancer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated efforts of UTSW and the Simmons Cancer Center to combating cancer and in congratulating them on achieving this nationally recognized status.

RECOGNIZING SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK 2010 AND THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF CRISISLINK TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to address an issue of critical concern. As my colleagues know, Sept. 5–12, 2010, has been designated as Suicide Prevention Week, and I am honored to do my part in raising the awareness of this threat so that we can better protect those most vulnerable in every community.

Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among teens and young adults. Every 2 hours, a person under the age of 25 commits suicide, resulting in estimated 12 youth suicides every day or more than 4,000 unnecessary deaths each year.

More than 78,000 veterans of current military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan have sought help for mental health related issues. I, along with my colleagues, have taken steps to provide the needed support to our warriors, but we must do more. More than 6,200 veterans commit suicide each year; our best and bravest feel that they have no options or way out of their despair.

Among our senior citizen population, the suicide rate is the highest. Although those over the age of 65 account for just 12.5 percent of the population, they account for nearly 16 percent of all suicides.

There is also an ethnic component to suicide rates. While CDC reports that the rate of white, non-Hispanic suicide attempts is 7.7

percent, the black non-Hispanic suicide attempt rate is nearly 10 percent and the Latino suicide attempt rate is an astonishing 14 percent.

We must do everything in our power to reduce this threat and to provide resources to those who need our assistance.

I would like to recognize and thank those people and organizations who are dedicated to reducing suicide rates and preserving life. One such organization located in the 11th Congressional District of Virginia is CrisisLink. CrisisLink is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and death and to providing resources that can ease the pain for the survivors affected by the suicide of a loved one. Through educational programs, research projects, intervention services and bereavement services, CrisisLink is at the forefront of providing needed support to those who need it the most.

For 40 years, CrisisLink has provided needed services to the community; answering more than half a million crisis calls, responding to more than 25,000 potential suicides, providing more than a quarter million referrals to community resources, promoting mental wellness, educating the community about depression and other mental illnesses, and reducing the stigma attached to mental illness.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in proclaiming September 5–12, 2010, as Suicide Prevention Week, and I ask that we commend CrisisLink for its unwavering commitment to providing assistance to so many in their time of need.

PASTOR GRACE C. WASHINGTON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, twenty-five (25) years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve as Senior Pastor; and

Whereas, Pastor Grace C. Washington has served twenty-five (25) years as a Senior Pastor with faithful service and devotion that has and continues to improve the lives of citizens in our district; and

Whereas, this great woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Counselor, Friend and Pastor, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our community; and

Whereas, Pastor Grace C. Washington's service to the Love Life Christian Church speaks volumes not only to our community, but to the nation as a whole; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Grace C. Washington on her anniversary as a Senior Pastor and to wish her well in her endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim October 9, 2010 as Pastor Grace C. Washington Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of October, 2010.