

dedicated federal employee—Sheldon Kotzin, the Associate Director for Library Operations at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). For the past 43 years, Mr. Kotzin has provided outstanding service to NLM, the largest medical library in the world, a hub of national and international scientific medical communication, and a respected leader in information innovation. When he retires on June 29, 2012, Mr. Kotzin will have left his imprint not only on NLM but on generations of its employees, librarians, users and stakeholders, information professionals in the United States and around the globe, journal publishers, and countless others whom he has advised, assisted, and mentored, and with whom he has collaborated.

After earning his Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University in 1968, Mr. Kotzin came to NLM as a Library Associate. Over the years, he has served as Head of the Catalog Maintenance Unit in the Technical Services Division; Head of the Collection Access Section in the Public Services Division (then Loan and Stack); and Coordinator of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (then the Regional Medical Library Network). Mr. Kotzin became Chief of the Bibliographic Services Division in 1981 and assumed his post as Associate Director for Library Operations in 2006.

Since 1998, Mr. Kotzin has been Executive Editor of the widely-used MEDLINE database, which provides the bibliographic information of esteemed international biomedical journals from around the world, and Administrator of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee, the body that reviews and recommends journals for indexing in MEDLINE. In addition, Mr. Kotzin served as NLM's representative to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, a group of clinical journal editors that establishes the standards for the submission of journal articles and comments on ethical principles related to publication in biomedical journals. Mr. Kotzin has chaired the Janet Doe Lecture Jury and the Joseph Leiter Lectureship Committee for the Medical Library Association, which elected him a Fellow in 2007.

Mr. Kotzin's work has had an enormous influence on journal publishers, NLM users, and countless others. His leadership and tireless efforts have had a significant impact on the development of federal information policies that ensure broad public access to electronic government health information resources.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to represent Sheldon Kotzin in the U.S. Congress and ask my colleagues to join me in extending to him our gratitude and appreciation for his years of service to our country and his contributions to international scientific medical communication.

MAY 2012 AS NATIONAL CANCER
RESEARCH MONTH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of May 2012 as National Cancer Research Month.

National Cancer Research Month recognizes the important role that cancer research

plays in the lives of all Americans. Over 570,000 people in the U.S. die from cancer every year. However, federally and privately funded cancer research has led to the development of innovative diagnostics and treatments that have greatly increased the odds of survival. As a result, the country's cancer death rate has decreased 17 percent in the past 20 years.

Besides improving the health of Americans, cancer research also has dramatic impacts on our economy. Research funding supports employment at universities and research institutes and it also leads to the formation of new businesses that spread biomedical innovation and sustain jobs.

Despite real progress in recent years, now is not the time to rest on our laurels in terms of either funding or attention. There is still significant progress to be made in the battle against cancer. Continued investment in research through the federal government is vital for ensuring that we move forward in this fight for health and survivorship. That is why I joined Representative MARKEY and over 150 of my House colleagues in asking the Appropriations Committee to provide at least \$32 billion in funding to the National Institutes of Health for the 2013 fiscal year. Fighting cancer is a national priority, and Congress must step up and provide the necessary resources.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of cancer research and its essential role in supporting the health, economy, and international leadership of our nation.

HONORING THE FORENSICS CHAMPIONS OF THE CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the accomplishments of Arvind Venkataraman and Azar Hussain, both students of Carroll Senior High School, in the field of forensics activities.

Forensics competitions consist of multiple formats of speech and debate in which students demonstrate their respective skills with the spoken word. The Speech and Debate team at Carroll High, ably led by their director, Diana Forbes, has a strong tradition of success in these competitions. This school year, 1,600 students from 200 high schools competed in the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament at which Carroll produced two champions. Senior Arvind Venkataraman won the state championship in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking and freshman Azar Hussain won the state championship in Congressional Debate. Their excellence in speech and debate reflects a talent and a work ethic worthy of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Arvind Venkataraman and Azar Hussain on their state championships in forensics.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF FIREFIGHTER,
DOUGLAS E. MILTON

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Chief Firefighter, Douglas E. Milton for 35 years of dedicated service to the Jordan Fire Department, which provides fire and EMS services to the Village of Jordan, New York and neighboring areas.

Chief Milton joined the Jordan Fire Department in 1964 where he served as Lieutenant, Captain, and First Assistant Chief, before being elected to the seat of Chief of Department in 1977. In his role as Chief of Jordan Fire Department, Chief Milton has demonstrated commitment to the safety and well-being of his community through exceptional leadership and management.

Among his many accomplishments, Chief Milton was instrumental in securing several grants which greatly improved service to the community, organizing and overseeing multiple restoration and construction projects, collaborating with local government officials to expand the department's areas of emergency services, and improving the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the Jordan Fire Department.

It is important that we give special recognition to our local leaders in emergency services, particularly firefighters like Chief Douglas E. Milton who put the safety of their community above all else. It is with privilege that I praise and thank Chief Milton for 35 years of leadership and service to others with the Jordan Fire Department.

HONORING HARDY AND ROSE
DOGAN

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, the union of Hardy and Rose Dogan in Charleston, Mississippi has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Dogan Family has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Dogan Family are pillars of strength that have touched many throughout our nation; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Dogan family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Dogan family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Dogan family;