

When the BP/Deepwater Horizon oil spill hit Alabama's Gulf Coast, Matt helped Congressman Bonner advocate for our coastal communities. Matt played an important role in crafting the RESTORE Act, which was intended to keep oil spill settlement money under control of the coastal counties.

I am especially grateful for Matt's service to our nation's service members and veterans. Matt did tremendous work supporting our nation's Navy and the thousands of Alabamians who work at the Austal USA shipyard in Mobile, Alabama. Matt has also assisted countless veterans with various issues related to the Department of Veterans Affairs and has supported my efforts to give veterans greater access to private care.

Mr. Speaker, I asked former Congressman Jo Bonner to share his gratitude with Matt as well. Congressman Bonner said, "Matt is one of the most talented and dedicated young men I know. He thinks strategically, always looking for ways to build consensus and get the job done. He was invaluable to the people of South Alabama during the aerial refueling tanker war, but he was equally helpful in getting those early contracts for Austal and during those difficult months following the BP/Deepwater Horizon explosion. I can't say enough good things about Matt Weinstein; he is truly one in a million."

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Matt has served his hometown with dedication, passion, and steady leadership. I wish him and his wife, Paige, all the best in their future endeavors. Alabama's First Congressional District will be forever grateful for his service.

HONORING HO FENG-SHAN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery and heroism of Ho Feng-Shan, the Chinese Consul-General stationed in Vienna during World War II.

At great risk to his personal safety, Mr. Ho issued Chinese visas to thousands of Austrian Jews, allowing them to flee the country and escape the atrocities of Nazi concentration camps. Despite strict orders from his superiors to stop issuing visas on such a large scale, he refused to abide by these instructions and undoubtedly saved thousands of lives.

On August 7, 2000, Mr. Ho was recognized by Yad Vashem with the title, "Righteous among the Nations" for his selfless and courageous actions.

Please join me in honoring Ho Feng-Shan for his sacrifice and brave display of noble humanitarianism.

IN HONOR OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF MEDICAL RESEARCH IN
GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss a disease that is impor-

tant to my family, breast cancer. This devastating disease strikes 1 in 8 women, affecting our mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, and loved ones. In Georgia, breast cancer is a particularly serious problem as it is the most common type of cancer and the second most deadly type of cancer among women in the state. According to the nonprofit Sisters by Choice, 6000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and 1000 will die from breast cancer in Georgia each year. This epidemic is made worse by the fact that 19 percent of Georgians do not have health insurance, 33 percent of Georgia counties do not have mammography machines, and 75 percent of Georgia counties are medically underserved. Due to slow detection caused by these facts, 30 percent of breast cancers will have metastasized and be present in other places throughout the body by the time they are found.

Despite the disheartening statistics about cancer, I know that there is still hope. Detection and treatment advances found in the past few years will help to both lessen the risk of cancer and win the fight to eradicate cancer. I am pleased that Georgia is a hub for medical innovation in the fight against cancer, utilizing public and private partnerships to research the disease. Moreover, the CDC and the internationally regarded cancer centers at Emory University, Georgia Regents University, the University of Georgia, Northside Hospital, and other centers throughout the state have pioneered effective, yet minimally invasive ways to treat this disease.

Additionally, the CDC has contributed to this effort through public outreach programs aimed at improving surveillance so that cancers can be caught early. In addition, the internationally-renowned Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University has tested 75 percent of FDA-approved new cancer treatments in the past seven years. At another renowned institution, researchers at the University of Georgia have discovered a vaccine that attacks a previously unassailable protein. This vaccine is vitally important because this protein is found in the majority of killing cancers and in the "triple-negative" tumors common in a particularly dangerous variant of breast cancer.

In addition to the work done by the professional research institutions in Georgia, I am proud that the Georgia community has come together to support those who are suffering from not just breast cancer, but cancers of all types. For instance, Sisters by Choice, a nonprofit organization centered around helping underinsured and underserved women to find and treat breast cancer, is working on creating a mobile clinic that will provide screenings, diagnostic services, access to clinical trials, and other resources to these disadvantaged populations. In addition, wonderful nonprofit organizations working with cancer centers, such as the Cancer Support Community Atlanta and the Treehouse Gang, an organization based around supporting children with a parent suffering from cancer, provide vital assistance and hope to cancer sufferers and their families. Finally, the Atlanta 2-Day Walk has raised \$11 million in just 13 years to help find new ways to treat and prevent breast cancer. Through these initiatives, and the hard work of the cancer centers in Georgia, I know that definite progress has been and will continue to be made to treat and eradicate this deadly disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICIA
MILJANICH

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Patricia Miljanich, a departing member of the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Community College District. Ms. Miljanich has served the public in her position since 1995, and she has been part of a board of trustees that has created over 20 years an outstanding college system for residents.

When Trustee Miljanich began her service, the district had decades-old buildings, stagnant enrollment, and curriculum that needed upgrading. She and her fellow trustees went to work hiring new staff, passing several bonds, and overseeing the resurrection of a community gem. In addition to her role as a trustee, Patricia Miljanich has served on the board of the nonprofit corporation overseeing an innovative housing project on the campuses of the community colleges. She has also served as a board member of the foundation supporting the community colleges.

As a result of her leadership and that of her board colleagues, the San Mateo County Community Colleges now have stunning state-of-the-art campuses, classes that offer a broad path to a four year institution, and several shorter programs that prepare students to be job ready through two year degrees and certificates. As a pathway to lifelong learning and prosperity, the college district reflects the vision of Trustee Miljanich that every young person, and many who are in mid-career or retirement, should view the community colleges as their ongoing ticket to a rigorous education.

Ms. Miljanich has another side to her public service beyond her years as a trustee. At one point she served as a field representative for a member of the state assembly, and as a legal advocate for low income children while Director of Legal Services for Children in San Francisco.

Most of all, Ms. Miljanich has distinguished herself as a remarkable leader of the nonprofit Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), an organization that pairs caring adults with children who are in the protection of the courts when their parents cannot care for them. There is no question that Patricia Miljanich, in this role, has saved the lives of many children. CASA is an extraordinary organization which brings out the best of caring volunteers and matches it with the most basic need of a child: to have a friend and advocate during times of tremendous insecurity and trauma.

Patricia is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of San Francisco School of Law. Her greatest achievements, no doubt, are her four children, Nicolene Mefford, Martine Miljanich, Peter Miljanich, and Sophia Miljanich, and her four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and members, Patricia Miljanich is retiring from the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo County Community College District, but she will remain very active in our community. She put in countless hours during her 20 years of service to the district, and offered decades of additional help to children and our most vulnerable residents. As she leaves, the wind at her back is the force of