

a son. I join Congressman SAM GIBBONS, Mr. Stewart's close personal friend and Representative, in saluting the life of G.V. Stewart, a great man.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TILLIE K. FOWLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 1996*

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, September 28, 1996, I was unavoidably detained at the Atlanta Airport and could not be present to vote on rollcall No. 453, the omnibus parks and public lands management bill (H.R. 4236), and rollcall No. 455, the Fiscal Year 1997 Department of Defense appropriations conference report and Fiscal Year 1997 omnibus consolidated appropriations bill (H.R. 3610).

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on both of these measures.

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REPORT FROM INDIANA—HOOSIER HERO THANK YOU

HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 1996*

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give special report from Indiana. Each week throughout my first term, I have come before this House to life up kind and caring people in the Second District. Caring individuals who continue to strive day and night making their communities better places to live.

I've tapped these special people Hoosier Heros. Hoosier Heros because they truly have made a difference. Whether it be the MOM program in my hometown of Muncie that teaches inner city children to think they can until they know they can or the school children at Shadeland Elementary in Anderson, who stand up to the drug pushers, the gang members and criminals who roam their streets.

They continue to stand firm and say: "We aren't going to take any more." Or the good people in Richmond who love and care for battered and abused children at Wernle Home. Or the Shelby Co. Youth Shelter folks who take in troubled teenagers and provide them a new birth of hope for a brighter future.

And the Lincoln Central Neighborhood Association in Columbus, can not be forgotten. A poor neighborhood by monetary standards but a community rich in hope.

Imagine inner-city residents taking responsibility to rebuild, clean and revitalize their once poor and dilapidated neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, these are certainly not the only Hoosier Heros that I have lifted up in my weekly report from Indiana during the 104th Congress. There are so many special places we have visited. So many new friends we have made throughout my first term here in Congress. So many people who have reached out and touched our heart with heir firm commitment to making their community a better place.

And, so many Hoosier Heros we've met along the way—makes me proud to represent them—proud of my District, the Second District of Indiana.

My wife Ruthie and I have met so many good people all across Indiana. These people are Hoosier Heros.

Today as we prepare to adjourn I'd like to not only lift them up one final time. But let me say, thank you, from the bottom of my heart. It's truly an honor to represent you. And that concludes my report from Indiana.

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PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 1996*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, I commend to your attention a patient education conference that was held earlier this year in the 11th Congressional District—Prostate Cancer: Today and Tomorrow. Cohosted by the American Foundation for Urologic Disease, Morristown Memorial Hospital and the Prostate Cancer Support Group of Morristown Memorial Hospital, it was an effective grassroots effort to warn and educate local residents on the importance of early detection of and continued research into prostate cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the greatest cancer risk for American men, and over 317,000 males will be diagnosed with this type of cancer in 1996. It is vital that prostate cancer be recognized as a serious threat to American men and their families.

Increased awareness of health issues, improved detection and testing techniques, and national awareness programs for this disease have all played significant roles in increasing public knowledge of prostate cancer.

There are a number of individuals and organizations I want to recognize for holding such an important conference:

First, Hon. Dean A. Gallo, the former Congressman of New Jersey's 11th Congressional District, died of prostate cancer on November 6, 1994. His widow, Mrs. Betty Gallo, is now a trustee of the Dean Gallo Foundation and she instituted the Dean Gallo Prostate Cancer Research Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund will help fund career investigators who are committed to prostate cancer research in the State of New Jersey.

Second, I commend the American Foundation for Urologic Disease, a charitable organization, whose mission is to prevent and find a cure for urologic diseases through the expansion of research, education and public awareness. For over 20 years, the Research Scholar Program of the AFUD has funded over 300 urologic researchers as they established their scientific careers. Over 98 percent of the investigators have continued in these career paths.

Third, Morristown Memorial Hospital, a not-for-profit hospital serving northern New Jersey, for its leadership in the field. Founded in 1892, it has expanded in size and services to become a 599-bed medical center and the third largest in the State. It is a major teaching hospital, affiliated with Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. Its regional Cancer Center is affiliated with the Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick and offers expertise in surgical, urologic, medical,

radiation, and gynecologic oncology specialties. Center highlights include clinical trails, cytogenetics, and patient support programs.

Fourth, the Morristown Memorial Prostate Cancer Support Group which is chaired by Mr. Peter Doherty, a prostate cancer survivor. Over 75 persons, including physicians and medical professionals, prostate cancer survivors, their partners and families and friends gather to exchange information and provide support, encouragement and hope.

Finally, I would also like to commend the participants of Prostate Cancer: Today and Tomorrow, outstanding physicians and an organization whose research is making significant inroads in the field of prostate cancer. They include:

E. David Crawford, M.D. professor and chairman, Division of Urology of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO. He is also chairman of the Prostate Cancer Education Council [PCEC], national sponsor of Prostate Cancer Awareness Week.

Charles Myers, M.D., was chief of the Clinical Pharmacology Branch of the National Cancer Institute, where he directed clinical trials of drugs used in the treatment of advanced prostate cancer.

William H. Hait, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

Arthur Israel, M.D. is chief, Section of Urology, Morristown Memorial Hospital. Dr. Israel is a member of the American Foundation for Urologic Disease and the American Urological Association. He is currently president of the New Jersey Urological Society.

Schering Oncology Biotech, a corporation headquartered in Kenilworth, NJ and TAP Pharmaceutical, Inc. of Deerfield, IL for providing educational grants for prostate cancer research.

All those who participated in Prostate Cancer: Today and Tomorrow made a powerful impact on patients, physicians, medical institutions, research and educational foundations, and industry to collaborate and provide accurate medical information to prostate cancer victims, survivors, and their families. I salute their work.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MATTHEW FLETCHER

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 30, 1996*

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with my colleagues the remarks I made at a memorial service for Matt Fletcher who passed away on August 31, 1996.

Matt Fletcher was a friend of mine—oh, he also worked for me—but that was secondary to the fact that he was my friend and I mourn his too early loss, with all of you, as we come together this afternoon to celebrate his life.

As an employee, Matt was a highly intelligent, incredibly hardworking, and extremely skillfull staff member. But more importantly, as a human being he was an engaging companion who was solicitous, generous, and above all loyal to all of his friends, and they were legion.

I first met Matt in 1987 when he came on board as the sole professional staff member on the old Energy, Environment and Natural