

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is my hope the awareness of the breast cancer will continue throughout the year.

Last year 182,000 women were diagnosed with this horrendous disease. Breast cancer affects young and old—regardless of race, religion, or economic status. The women affected are our mothers, sisters, wives, and friends.

It is through brave women such as Helen Gibbons, Sammye Fark, Sandra Rank, Mary Dreas, and Lynda Long that I have learned about breast cancer. And most importantly the devastating effects it has on these women and their families. While the medical community has made great advances in the detection and treatment of this disease—chances of survival increase dramatically if breast cancer is caught early. That is why I encourage women over 40 to have regular mammograms and for all women to do a self breast exam once a month.

Even though October has ended, we all must continue to keep the spotlight on this devastating disease.

IN HONOR OF LUCRETIA L. STOICA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Lucretia Stoica, who will receive an honorary lifetime membership in the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Fulbright Association.

As a young child, Ms. Stoica moved to Romania, where she grew up and completed her university studies. Following World War II, Lucretia returned to Cleveland and joined the staff of the organization now known as the International Services Center. During her 41 years of service to the International Services Center, Ms. Stoica served as a case worker, deputy director, and executive director, a position she held for 26 years. As part of her professional activities, Ms. Stoica wrote for the Voice of America, defended aliens in immigration and deportation hearings at Ellis Island, and volunteered for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Over the years, Ms. Stoica received numerous civic and professional awards from various organizations, educational institutions, public officials, and nationality groups. In addition, she served on the boards and committees of the Ohio Arts Council, Greater Cleveland Round Table, Cleveland Bicentennial Commission, Zonta International and the Nationality Movement.

With great pleasure, I will be present on November 7, 1997, as my friend, Lucretia Stoica, receives this much deserved recognition for her tireless commitment to her community and country.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating Ms. Lucretia Stoica.

A MEMORIAL DAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF RUSSIAN COMMUNISM

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Congress of Russian-Americans has strongly supported the transformation of the Russian Federation into a prosperous and democratic society based on a market economy since Russia became independent in 1991 upon the dissolution of the Soviet Union. In fact, the Congress of Russian-Americans has joined the Government of the United States and numerous private organizations in directly supporting that transformation through humanitarian donations and cultural and educational contacts.

Now, as we approach November 7, a day that was celebrated by the former Soviet regime in honor of the Communist coup in Russia in 1917, and is now noted as a Day of Forgiveness and Reconciliation by the Russian Federation, the board of directors of the Congress of Russian-Americans has issued a statement calling for November 7 to be honored instead as a Memorial Day for Victims of Communism.

Mr. Speaker, we are all aware of the many millions of people of Russian, Ukrainian, and other ethnic backgrounds who suffered and died at the hands of Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin during the Communist dictatorship over Russia and its neighbors. I believe that the Congress of Russian-Americans makes a compelling point in suggesting that the Russian Government should take the opportunity every November 7 to remember those in Russia who died tragic and horrible deaths at the hands of the Bolshevik, Soviet dictatorship. I commend the following statement by the board of directors of the Congress of Russian-Americans to the attention of all my colleagues.

NOVEMBER THE 7TH—MEMORIAL DAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM

On the 7th November of 1917, in defiance of the people's will, bolsheviks brutally seized power in Russia: during the elections to the Constitutional Assembly, they received less than 25% of the vote. Lenin's program to bring about Russia's defeat in WWI (sponsored and financed by the German General Staff), led to the downfall of the new-born Russian democracy, to Russia's disintegration, and to a long and bloody Civil War.

Immediately after the November putsch, Lenin introduced mass terror tactics and executions by firing squad on the basis of social standing that resulted in the physical

annihilation of Russian Orthodox clergy, the intelligentsia, the officer corps, and millions of workers and farmers. The genocide that began on November 7, 1917, was continued and "perfected" by Stalin. It resulted in a loss of over 100 million of Russian and other lives, led to today's poverty, and, facilitated by the destruction of Orthodox ethics, to the universal spread of crime and corruption.

This is why November 7th is not a holiday for the Russian people!

It is the Memorial Day for the Victims of Communist Genocide!

Although after 1991 marxism ceased to serve as the official ideology and communism has lost its significance, communists remain active and are attempting to return to power, while communism still has not been condemned for what it is: an inhuman and anti-people doctrine that brought Russia to a dead end. *Communism must be denounced*, just as Nazism was in postwar Germany.

As a first step in this direction, Lenin must be exposed as a betrayer of Russia. His mummy, which still lies in honored repose beside the Kremlin walls and disgraces Moscow and all of the Russian people, must be removed (together with all his statues throughout Russia).

We call upon the government of the Russian Federation to replace the November 7th "celebration" with a national Memorial Day for Victims of Communism, to remove all communist regalia, to restore to cities, districts, and streets their traditional historical names, and to assign proper names to towns and streets built after 1917.

We believe, that the Russian people, having overcome numerous difficulties in their thousand-year old history, will survive the after effects of communism as well as the chaos of the present "Troubled Times," that they will resurrect Orthodox ethics, and then will rebuild the economy of the richest country on earth. The commemoration of November 7th, as the Memorial Day for Victims of Communism must become a Russian tradition for ages to come.—National Board of Directors, Congress of Russian-Americans.

UNITED STATES-CARIBBEAN TRADE PARTNERSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my opposition to H.R. 2644, the United States-Caribbean Trade Partnership Act. NAFTA parity for 24 Caribbean Basin countries will have a disastrous effect on the American worker and our domestic textile and apparel industry.

Since 1994, 250,000 American apparel workers have lost their jobs to Mexico and Caribbean nations. The negative effects of prior Caribbean trade agreements can be witnessed in the 7th Congressional District of North Carolina. Converse, which has the largest domestic shoe plant in the United States and is located in my hometown of Lumberton,

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