

of Marijuana Act, introduced by Representative BARNEY FRANK. This bill would move marijuana from Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act to Schedule II of the Act, allowing physicians to prescribe marijuana to patients with a clear medical need for the drug.

Institute of Medicine studies have shown that components of marijuana relieve symptoms associated with terrible diseases such as AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, and epilepsy. The New England Journal of Medicine also supports the medical use of marijuana in relieving the symptoms linked with these illnesses. As an appetite stimulant, marijuana can help prevent the weight loss associated with cancer and AIDS. It can alleviate the nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy. Marijuana has also been proven to provide some relief to patients with glaucoma and epilepsy. Additionally, marijuana can provide pain relief to millions of patients suffering from conditions ranging from post-surgery pain to chronic muscle spasms. Often the alternative pain relief options for these conditions have serious side effects such as liver and kidney damage, stomach bleeding, and ulcers. Marijuana has never been shown to cause death or serious illnesses such as these.

Opposition to medical marijuana use has often focused on the belief that legalizing the drug for medical use will lead to an increase in its recreational use. I do not condone recreational use of marijuana, nor does H.R. 912 seek to increase illicit use. This bill is simply meant to treat marijuana as we treat drugs such as morphine. It would only be available to those with a doctor's prescription.

A recent Institute of Medicine report entitled "Medicine and Health Flash," concluded that there is no convincing data to support the belief that the medical use of marijuana will lead to an increase in its illicit use. The point of making marijuana a Schedule II drug is so that it can be regulated as closely as other prescription drug with the potential for abuse. As we have learned in the failing, "War on Drugs," treating marijuana as an illicit drug in all circumstances not only fails to curb its recreational use, it eliminates a potential treatment for some of the most painful and terrible diseases. Treating marijuana as a prescription drug will give doctors more alternatives for alleviating the pain and suffering of their patients.

H.R. 912 would allow for the use and possession of marijuana by those who have been prescribed the drug by a physician. Passage of this bill will succeed in opening the door to increased research into the ways marijuana can be of a medicinal value. We must not eliminate the drug as a potential tool for alleviating the suffering of millions of Americans. I urge my colleagues to support the Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM
ZIMMERSPITZ

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend, William Zimmerspitz, who is being honored this evening for his contributions to the community

and his efforts on behalf of Judaism. Born in 1926 in Crakow, Poland, Bill survived the horrors of the Crakow-Plascow, Auschwitz, Rounienburg-Sachsenhausen and Mauthausen concentration camps during World War II.

Arriving in America in 1949, Bill lived first in Pennsylvania. He served as Vice President of Congregation Ohev Zedek, and was an active supporter of its day school, Beth Jacob, for 13 years. Oftentimes, when funds were low at the day school, Bill personally provided funding to meet the school's expenses. Bill Zimmerspitz is justly proud of his service as President of the Sabbath Observance Council of Pennsylvania.

Congregation Sons of Israel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, is fortunate to number him among its dedicated Board members. At Congregation Sons of Israel, Bill takes an active part in various charitable efforts, most notable of which is the Gernilot Chesed fund, of which he was Chairman. Through this fund, those in need secure loans at favorable rates of interest.

As Chairman of the Cherry Hill Political Action Committee, Bill has provided outstanding leadership and much time and effort to influence U.S. policy on many issues of importance. Members of the U.S. Congress, governors and other government officials have been better able to do their jobs because of his extensive efforts.

Bill has served for several years on New Jersey's Commission of Holocaust Education, for which he spent a great deal of time traveling the State of New Jersey providing a vivid "verbal picture" of life in the ghetto and of his deep hope and belief that events such as these should never happen again.

Bill's reputation as a noted lecturer, teaching today's youth of the devastating consequences of hatred cannot be overemphasized. Unfortunately, health problems have surfaced which cause him to be unable to carry out the rigorous schedule he believes is necessary to continue his mission.

Mr. Zimmerspitz met his wife, Nancy, while living in Philadelphia, and there founded the W-Z Jewelry Company. Bill and Nancy have two daughters, Faye and Rochelle, and five grandchildren, of whom they are very proud. Three grandchildren, Aviva, Ricky and Ami live in Israel while two grandchildren, Jennifer and Ricky, live in Clifton, New Jersey.

While his contributions to Holocaust education will surely be missed, I am pleased to pay tribute to William Zimmerspitz, a true gentleman and one of the finest human beings I have ever had the privilege of knowing. A finer man you will never meet.

RECOGNIZING MARY LOUISE
VIVIER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the City of Visalia and the Kaweah Delta Health Care District to recognize Mary Louise Vivier upon her retirement. Mary Louise is the former mayor of Visalia and has worked the past 17 years at the Kaweah Delta Hospital. Her accomplishments

and activities are vast and varied and they have contributed much to the good of her community.

Mary Louise's education began in 1952 when she studied nursing at the University of California at Berkeley. Later, at the Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing she became a registered nurse. Mary Louise did not end her educational endeavors there; from 1958 to 1967 she went on to obtain three more degrees from the University of California system.

Mary Louise took her educational background to many fields. Most recently she was the Community Outreach Program Director for Kaweah Delta District Hospital for which she also served as Clinical Nurse Specialist. Mary Louise held several nursing, instruction, lecturing and leadership positions in the medical field.

Along with her extensive employment history, Mary Louise has been and still is involved with a number of organizations. She is currently involved in the American Association of University Women, the Sons of Italy in America Lodge, Networking for Women, the Tulare County Women's Symphony League, Soroptomists International of Visalia, Police Activities League, the Tulare County League of Mexican American Women and Pro Youth Visalia. In 1995 she was elected to the Visalia City Council, and served as Mayor of Visalia from 1995 to 1997.

Mary Louise Vivier has gone far above the call of duty to immerse herself in the needs of others and her community. She has dedicated her life to making Visalia a great place to live. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mary Louise for her service and dedication and wishing her a fulfilled and successful future.

A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE KADLUB

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Christine Kadlub, the Governmental Affairs Officer for the Platte River Power Authority. Ms. Kadlub has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to power consumers and the State of Colorado. Her tireless efforts on issues related to air quality, water and the restructuring debate have gone far to protect many diverse interests, to level the playing field with the federal government, to protect our heritage and to better our environment. Her keen insight, boundless energy, and ageless wisdom make her a special person and a great asset to Coloradans. Mr. Speaker, I commend Christine for all her efforts, and I look forward to working with her in the future.

IN HONOR OF THE PANCYPRIAN
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
DANCE DIVISION AND MR.
ANDREAS CHRISTODOULOU

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to the