

herewith a 6-month periodic report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency with respect to Sierra Leone and Liberia that was declared in Executive Order 13194 of January 18, 2001, and expanded in scope in Executive Order 13213 of May 22, 2001.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 22, 2002.

OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH FUNDING AND NURSE REINVESTMENT ACT PASSED IN HOUSE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, two very important legislative initiatives passed today, and I would like to acknowledge the importance of H. Con. Res. 385. This bill expresses the Congress that the Secretary of Health and Human Services should conduct research on certain tests to screen for ovarian cancer. Out of the work of the gentleman from New York (Mr. ISRAEL) and the great leadership of the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), a survivor of this cancer, it is very important for women who suffer from this, as well as those not yet diagnosed, to realize this legislation will help, I believe, in bringing down the numbers of those who are not able to survive with this disease.

Experts estimate that more than 23,000 cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed this year with an estimated 13,000 dying. This legislation will help us focus on research for ovarian cancer, and I believe it is an important initiative.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my applause for the Nurse Reinvestment Act for 2002 sponsored by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS) for the important resources it will bring to improving the professional development of nurses around the Nation, but also recruiting nurses. In my community as we speak, the Black Nurses Association will be meeting in Houston, Texas. They have been on the forefront of increasing the professional development of nurses, and providing opportunities for recruiting nurses, compensation for nurses, and the respect for nurses. The Nurses Reinvestment Act will give us the opportunity to increase the nursing population, or those who are seeking to train as nurses, increasing the professionalism of nurses, and thank them for providing good health care in America.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to extend their remarks on the subject of the DeLay and the Leach Special Orders today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PLATTS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SUSAN B. HIRSCHMANN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, this evening I'm taking the opportunity to speak for a few moments about someone very special to me and the whole Whip Team.

I want to speak about the enormous contribution my Chief-of-Staff Susan Hirschmann has made by building the most effective staff on Capitol Hill, assisting the leadership of our House Republican Majority, and struggling tremendously hard day after day to advance our conservative, constitutional principles.

As a Member of Congress, I've found that one of the most critical factors determining our ability to effect the political process is determined by the qualities and convictions held by the men and women we hire.

Fortunately, in Susan, I found a leader with the courage to stand firm for our principles, the vision and creativity to develop effective solutions, and the heart and humor to hold together my committed and boisterous staff.

Different observers bring different interpretations about what, precisely, it is that constitutes true leadership but I know it when I see it and this much I know; only a strong leader can command the Whip Team. I've been truly fortunate to have Susan as my right hand for the past five years.

Over the years, we've won a lot of battles, we've lost a few battles, but I can't think of single occasion when we backed down from a struggle involving our core principles with a chance for victory still within site.

That's a testament to Susan's passion, determination, and strategic vision. I'm gratified to have shared so many close votes with her and pleased that our team has been able to prevail so many times.

So, Mr. Speaker, let me close by reiterating the extent of my gratitude for all the sacrifices that Susan Hirschmann made for me, our party, and our country.

We've accomplished some amazing things for the American people.

And I'm deeply grateful for everything that she's given up to build my staff into the most determined, passionate, and effective organization in Washington. We'll all miss her laughter, her wisdom, and her leadership. We'll send her off with every good wish for future happiness, success and fulfillment.

Mr. HILLEARY. Susan B. Hirschmann is known throughout official Washington, D.C. and beyond as an intelligent, hard charging, political powerhouse who has made a tremendous contribution to the Republic through her work on Capitol Hill to influence and steer federal public policy in a conservative direction. Her reputation is well deserved.

In seven and a half years as a Member of the House of Representatives, I have met no

one for whom I have more respect and admiration than Susan Hirschmann. I am proud and honored to be able to call her my friend. She will be sorely missed by all of us who work with her in the House, but we all wish her well as she seeks new challenges.

I had the great fortune to hire Susan Hirschmann to serve as my Chief of Staff during my first term in office. She was, and is, the best of the best. Because of her I was the envy of my 1994 freshman class. The question most frequently asked of me by my colleagues in Congress during my first term was, "How did you get Susan Hirschmann to be your Chief of Staff?" I knew I needed someone with ample knowledge of Washington to supplement my lack of D.C. experience. Susan not only met that need, she was also the most talented person around. On behalf of myself, and the approximately 600,000 good folks who live in the 4th Congressional District of Tennessee, I thank you for the time you gave us.

As anyone on Capitol Hill knows, Susan went on to become Majority Whip TOM DELAY's Chief of Staff. In that position, she has played no small role in helping TOM to become the most effective Whip the House has ever seen.

Susan embodies a rare combination of wit, wisdom, tenacious work ethic and political savvy, along with a personal touch. She is loyal to her friends and a formidable and feared foe to her enemies. With regard to her personal touch, she has shown tremendous kindness to me and so many others over the years, the most notable of which for me was an introduction several years ago to my future wife, Meredith.

Thank you, Susan, for your warm friendship and for the service you have rendered to our nation, the Congress and to so many of us individually. May God's blessings be with you and your husband, David, wherever life takes you.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to a great American, and a great leader. Susan Hirschmann is an unsung hero here in these hallowed halls of Congress.

Susan has dedicated her life to common sense conservative principles upon which America was founded. Like other great leaders, Susan is a principled and determined advocate, seemingly never missing an opportunity to advance her cause.

I met Susan shortly before being sworn into office, and since then, I have benefited often from her wise counsel on a myriad of topics.

Anyone spending just a short time here in Washington knows what an important role staff plays in facilitating the work of this House. As Chief of Staff to the Majority Whip, Susan takes her responsibilities seriously. She has ensured an effective Whip operation, and I know she will be sorely missed by leadership.

Susan also took a keen interest in the success of the Freshman class. Frankly, I believe her guidance and input has contributed greatly to the development of countless members of our class. And we too will feel the loss of her departure.

I know that Susan Hirschmann and her husband David are one of a kind—a dynamic duo made for success. They are natural born leaders, and I am proud to call them friends.

I wish Susan and David the best of luck as Susan prepares to enter the next chapter of her career. God bless.