

foreign place—it was his new district. When the First Lady introduced the Save America's Treasures project, Tom worked to raise private funds to preserve Christopher Columbus' childhood home in Genoa. In truth, it would not be the last time his passion for the job would make officials in the State Department crazy.

I will never forget his signature moment—when he knelt down in prayer for the victims in the Cavalese cable-car tragedy, sending a powerful message to the world that America weeps for the sons and daughters of its allies as if they were our very own. In turn, the Italian people loved him as he loved them.

Throughout his entire career, whether it was his work in Italy, to secure the peace in Haiti or to forge democracy in South Korea, Tom Foglietta understood that America's role in the world was rooted in moral leadership—in common values, humility and humanity.

I will miss his moral leadership—we all will. But perhaps above all, I will miss his friendship. I will miss eating pasta with gravy, his cooking in my kitchen and those dinners with the gang—with Tom and NANCY PELOSI, BARBARA BOXER, DICK DURBIN, SAM GEDJENSON, CHUCK SCHUMER, ANNA ESHOO, TOM DOWNEY, GEORGE MILLER, and MARTY RUSSO. We could always rely on Tom to do something to spice the night up—whether it was something he would say or him hiring a ragtag band to play a party that only he could love. He was fun—he was warm. He was our friend.

Grazi, Don Tomaso—your passion for people knew no bounds. For that, you will forever be in our hearts.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LOTTE
BRESNITZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing of a kind and caring woman from my district. Lotte Bresnitz, a longtime community activist and dedicated nurse recently passed away at the age of eighty-five in Aspen, Colorado. She was a kind and generous soul and it is a privilege to recognize her life and service before this body of Congress and this Nation today.

Lotte was born in Nuremberg, Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1938, where she made her home in Cincinnati. She studied to become a registered nurse, and during her studies met and eventually married Kurt Bresnitz. After Kurt was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army, the couple moved to Denver where Lotte took a job as the head nurse in the emergency room at Rose Memorial Hospital. In 1950, while Lotte and Kurt were on vacation in Aspen, they fell in love with the town and decided to relocate. Lotte worked as the head nurse at the Aspen Hospital and Kurt opened a Jewelry Store. After the birth of their two children, John and Carol, Lotte retired to become a full-time mother and continued to volunteer with organizations like the League of Women Voters, and the Senior Citizens Council.

Mr. Speaker, Lotte Bresnitz was an endearing woman whose five decades of volunteer work throughout the Aspen community made

her one of the most recognizable faces in the area. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize her outstanding record of service. My thoughts and prayers go out to her friends and family at this difficult time of bereavement.

HEMOCARE PROVIDES VALUE FOR
AMERICANS' HEALTH CARE DOL-
LAR—GOOD REASON TO CELE-
BRATE NATIONAL HEMOCARE
AND HOSPICE MONTH

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, homecare presents—a tremendous value for Americans' healthcare dollar. Homecare provides a family-friendly, clinically proven way of receiving quality healthcare for millions of Americans where they prefer to receive care—at home. November, National Homecare and Hospice Month, is an opportunity to recognize the importance of homecare as an essential component of healthcare in the United States.

This important segment of the health care continuum allows patients with medical needs to remain in their homes, including those who are recovering, disabled, chronically or terminally ill who need medical, nursing, social, or therapeutic treatment.

Homecare represents a family value and a value for families. It's about quality healthcare and quality of life for at least 8 million households across the United States.

Recent studies of homecare services support the following conclusions:

Homecare for selected conditions can shorten inpatient hospital stays.

Homecare can reduce the overall costs of care without compromising outcomes.

Homecare can improve clinical outcomes including mortality. This improvement can be striking in degree.

Homecare can improve patient and caregiver satisfaction.

Homecare can improve functional independence and reduce the risk of institutional placement.

For Medicare beneficiaries with selected conditions, formal homecare is the most cost-effective strategy for achieving functional improvement compared to in-patient rehabilitation, nursing-home-based rehabilitation, and discharge to home without formal homecare services.

Homecare is expected to grow in the years ahead because of several large-scale trends:

The American population is rapidly aging. The 85-and-older group is the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population.

Advances in technology allow virtually every service short of surgery to be delivered at home.

Homecare does not require brick-and-mortar investments since it's provided at home.

So today I join homecare patients and caregivers throughout the United States in celebrating National Homecare and Hospice Month.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Adoption Month.

As an adoptive parent of two little girls, I have personally felt the unspeakable joy that comes from welcoming a child into your home and family. The knowledge that you are giving hope and opportunity to a boy or girl who might otherwise have none is inspiring and uplifting.

In fact six in ten Americans have had a personal experience with adoption—meaning they, a family member, or a close friend was adopted, has adopted, or has placed a child for adoption. As we near the holiday season, it warms my heart to know that so many people's lives have been made better by experiencing the joy that adoption brings.

Adoption is an issue that people are willing to talk about, but when it comes to getting personally involved, many back away. According to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, based in my hometown of Columbus, Ohio, 63 percent of Americans have a "favorable opinion" of adoption, and 78 percent think more should be done to encourage adoption. But acting on those feelings tends to be more difficult. The typical reaction is that "someone else will do it." Unfortunately for the 120,000 children across the country currently in foster care, that is not the case. Though there are millions of suitable parents, many do not engage in the adoptive process for fear they are not up to the task of parenting an adoptive child or because they think adoption is a costly and unmanageable process.

But we still have more work to do. In July, the Department of Health and Human Services launched the first ever national public service campaign to encourage adoption. This new initiative, produced in conjunction with the Ad Council and the Adoption Exchange Association, will highlight older "special needs" children who need permanent homes. "Special needs" means they are children who, for various reasons, have a harder time finding families willing to adopt them. Often special needs include factors such as physical or health problems and ethnic or racial background. Other times, a group of siblings needs to be adopted together. Fifty-three percent of foster children are between the ages of 8–17, and the need to connect these youth with permanent families is significant.

You do not have to be rich, married, highly educated, or a homeowner to adopt a child. Children don't need perfect parents, just individuals who are willing to open their hearts and homes and make a life-long commitment to love and nurture a child.

I am proud to join my colleagues today in honoring National Adoption Month.

HONORING JOHN D. RINGLE AND
T. MAXINE RINGLE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor John D. Ringle and T.