

Today, in accordance with National Minority Cancer Awareness Week, I introduce, the Eliminating Disparities in Breast Cancer Treatment Act of 2008. This legislation will promote the implementation of standardized health care practices for breast cancer patients and help to eliminate inequities based on race, education, income, and health insurance status.

In order to eliminate unacceptable gaps in treatment quality, it is necessary that we create real incentives and requirements for doctors to provide the best care. All patients should receive the best treatment for their conditions. Quality care should be provided for everyone, not just patients that know to ask for it.

TRIBUTE TO THE MOUNT CARMEL  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. NANCY E. BOYDA**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2008*

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas on its one-hundredth anniversary.

Mount Carmel is a fixture in the city of Topeka. It has thrived within the Capital City of Kansas throughout many adversities, both national and local. The past 100 years has offered our Midwestern State many challenges. The Great Depression, two World Wars and a Dustbowl to name a few. We have needed a place of refuge when things seemed their worst. Whatever the cause for prayer happened to be, Mount Carmel's doors have always been open to Kansans in need. They have been a provider of faith, hope and comfort . . . three products which come free and can never be overproduced.

I would be remiss to not mention the happiness born within this church as well. Babies have been baptized in recognition of life's beginnings. Countless weddings and social gatherings have taken place within its walls. Friends and loved ones have gathered around to say 'goodbye.'

It has been a meeting point for good community members. It has been a rallying point for those who make up the backbone of our Kansas communities.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church and I truly hope they are there to serve the good people of Kansas for another hundred years.

HONORING MANAMI KITAZAWA

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2008*

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young woman from my Congressional District, Manami Kitazawa of Woodland Hills High School.

Manami is the winner of the 2008 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Manami's artwork, an intricately detailed charcoal drawing, was selected from a

number of outstanding entries to this year's competition. Fifty works from ten different high schools were submitted to our panel of respected local artists.

Manami is an exchange student from Japan who is spending a year attending high school in my district in Pennsylvania. I am certain that her family in Japan and her host family here in the United States are both proud of her artistic talents as well as this accomplishment.

Manami's artwork will represent the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I am certain Manami had no idea that one of her drawings would hang in the U.S. Capitol when she applied to study in the United States.

I encourage my colleagues as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill to view Manami's artwork, along with all of the other winning artwork that will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country—and in Manami's case, from across the globe.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 14th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular. I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF PAUL MOLÉ

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2008*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Paul Molé, a family man, a Marine, an entrepreneur and a long-time friend to my wife, Janice, and I, as well as our children, who died too young this week at age 60.

I met Paul more than 30 years ago while I was mayor of Simi Valley, California. A retired Marine and Purple Heart-decorated Vietnam War veteran, Paul served as the Marine bugler at Veterans Day and other veteran community events in Simi Valley and elsewhere throughout Ventura County. He founded the Marine Corps League Ventura County Detachment 597 to help active and retired Marines.

The restaurant he and his wife, Roseann, purchased from Roseann's parents in 1974 and which they renamed Paul's Italian Villa, became a mainstay of community activity. Not only was it a meeting place—official and unofficial—for the Marine Corps League, it served as the collection site for the annual Toys for Tots campaign for disadvantaged children, which Paul helped organize every year.

In addition, the Royal High School football team carbed down on spaghetti at the restaurant and were treated to Marine cheers from Paul before every game. Like many in Simi Valley, my tie to the restaurant is also personal—my daughter, Shannon, was one of the many Simi Valley teens and young adults

who found work at the restaurant. Once you became part of Paul's and Roseann's extended family, you never left.

In addition to the restaurant, Paul was building a business repairing musical instruments, which grew out of his 1940s-style swing band, Paul Molé's Late Night Big Band. Paul played trumpet with 19 other professional musicians at community events and professional venues.

Paul Molé's a man with a huge heart accented by a lively sense of humor and a love of life. He is survived by Roseann, his wife of 38 years; two grown sons, Peter and Paul; two grandchildren; and too many friends to count. Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me offering our condolences to Roseann, Peter, Paul and the rest of the Molé family, and all who knew him and called him a friend.

Godspeed, Paul.

HONORING MERCY HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR RECEIPT OF THE 2007 MALCOLM BALDRIDGE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD

**HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 24, 2008*

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mercy Health System for receiving the highly prestigious Malcolm Baldrige Award yesterday at a special White House ceremony with the President. This award was created by Congress in 1987 in honor of former Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige who had a passion for instilling quality and excellence in U.S. products and services. The award recognizes those in the private sector that help improve quality and productivity. It honors U.S. companies and non-profits for organizational innovation and performance excellence.

Mercy Health System started 18 years ago as a stand-alone hospital and transformed into a vertically integrated health system with 63 facilities serving 24 communities throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Mercy now sees over 1 million patients annually, and employs 3,856 partners, 285 of whom are employed physicians. Mercy has added nearly \$1.1 billion in industry economic sales, which has created an additional indirect 1,200 jobs in their service area. In the 16th District of Illinois, Mercy has a 77-bed acute-care hospital in Harvard, Illinois, along with 17 health care clinics in McHenry County, Illinois.

It is obvious that Mercy Health System did not reach these achievements by resting on its laurels. They have met the challenge of growth by developing a holistic approach to quality and a commitment to organizational excellence. Their actions back up their Four Pillars of Excellence: Quality, Service, Partnering, and Cost. I am impressed by their servant-leadership model as exemplified by Javon Bea, President and CEO of Mercy Health System.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the employees and the patients of the Mercy Health System. They richly deserve to share in the high honor of the Malcolm Baldrige Award.