

with the illness as well as their family, and will provide \$10 million annually from 1999 through 2003 for the purpose of this outreach program.

Mr. Speaker, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer death among U.S. women. It is treatable when detected early, but the vast majority of cases, as I said, are not diagnosed until it is too late. Raising public awareness of ovarian cancer by educating doctors and women about the disease can save lives and will save lives. More ovarian cancer research is needed to develop reliable diagnostics, better therapies, and to learn how to prevent the disease.

We named the act after someone in my district who was famous all over this country. Laurie Hope Beechman died on March 8, 1998, after a 9-year struggle with ovarian cancer. Her parents and sisters reside in my district.

She grew up in the Delaware Valley in Pennsylvania, and moved on to a brilliant career on the Broadway stage in New York, in productions including *Annie* and the *Pirates of Penzance* and *Les Miserables*. She was nominated for a Tony award as the first female narrator in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Besides all her outstanding work in the theater and acting, she was a great human being and a wonderful wife, sister and daughter, someone who really made a difference in this world. She approached with dignity and grace her career, her life work here on earth, and her disease, with the kind of special sensitivity and courage that she faced all of life.

So this legislation we have filed is in dedication to Laurie Beechman, in hopes that we will find a cure, and we will save more women's lives in the United States because of passage of this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIE GOLDSTEIN

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

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleague, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) in paying tribute to Louie Goldstein, who died on July 3rd. Louie Goldstein was Mr. Maryland, Mr. Public servant, Mr. Integrity. He loved public service, and the people loved Louis Goldstein.

In 1966, when I was first elected to the Maryland General Assembly, Louie Goldstein had already completed his eighth year as comptroller of Maryland. He had been comptroller for 40 years. First and foremost, he did an outstanding job as the comptroller of our State. Maryland enjoys a AAA bond rating, one of the few States in the Nation, thanks to Louie Goldstein. He watched over our State Treasury like no one else did.

I had the opportunity, and I know that the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) did also, to travel with

Louie Goldstein to New York, to Wall Street, and watch him as he explained the intricacies of Maryland finance to the bond rating firms in New York. Maryland maintained its AAA bond rating because of the confidence Wall Street had in Maryland and Louie Goldstein. He saved the people of Maryland millions and millions of dollars.

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Louie was an extraordinary campaigner. Those that had the privilege of watching him and his campaign activities marveled at his love for our system. He attended Democratic conventions from before I was born. The zip trips that were organized in Maryland where we traveled all over the State in order to campaign for State wide office Louie organized. And there are so many stories, I see the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) also on the floor, many interesting stories. One time Louie was campaigning in western Maryland. Someone told him that he accidentally had gone across the State line in West Virginia. He did not know it. Two hours later, Louie was still campaigning in West Virginia because, he said, you never know when you are going to find someone who has a relative in Maryland.

Then there was the time that we were going from one town to another. Everyone on the bus sort of relaxed a little while, got something to drink. But Louie was still at the window waving at a field. We asked, why are you there at the window waving? He said, maybe there is someone in that barn over there looking out at us. He did not want to miss or offend a single person in our State.

The comptroller serves on the Board of Public Works, one of three, along with the governor and the treasurer, that is responsible for many of the decisions of government on what leases should be approved or what land can be bought or sold. Louie Goldstein knew just about every piece of land in our State personally from having visited that area.

When decisions had to be made as to what was in the best interest of our State, Louie could always be counted on to do what was right for the people of Maryland, saving our taxpayers, again, millions and millions of dollars. That is just the way he was. He understood people. He was a good friend. He gave hope to all people that you could accomplish anything you wanted to.

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) pointed out his service at Washington College and at the University of Maryland. He was their number one cheerleader, whether it was at a basketball game or whether it was the academic program, lobbying in Annapolis.

First and foremost, he was a southern Marylander, coming from the district now represented by the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER). The people of southern Maryland he understood. He was part of the culture of

that great, great part of our State, and he will always be remembered for everything that he has done.

Mr. Speaker, he died on July 3 after attending a 4th of July parade, one of many that he had planned during the 4th of July holiday. He had just read with his family the Declaration of Independence, which was a tradition that he observed on every 4th of July because that was important to him as a great patriot of our country. He lived a great life of 85 years, and I know that all of us send our sincere condolences to his family.

May God bless Louie Goldstein real good. We are all blessed for having known him.

FURTHER REMEMBRANCE OF LOUIS GOLDSTEIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is nice to follow my colleagues from Maryland in tribute to a man that we all loved who was indeed Mr. Maryland. Whoever thought you could love a tax collector, but that was Louie Goldstein. He was our tax collector, and everybody did love him. Whether they were Independents, whether they were Republicans, whether they were Democrats, they were all citizens of Maryland and all good folk, as far as Louie was concerned.

I first met Louie Goldstein when I was in the State legislature serving with the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) when he was speaker. I was on the Appropriations Committee and, indeed, Louie would come in and he would give us his estimate about what was happening with regard to the finances of the State. It was interesting how he could point to any one of the members of that committee, and he could remember and he could reveal anecdotes about their background, about their lives, about the district that they represented, an incredible memory, the kind of memory that we in public service only wish that we had, where we could remember everything about all of the people with whom we work.

He did serve on that very powerful Board of Public Works. He, with the governor and with the treasurer, had a tremendous amount of power. And as has been mentioned, he used it exceedingly well. He was a very prudent man, came off as kind of corn pone in terms of the folksy humor, but had a brilliant intellect and a sense of good investment. And yes, indeed, he did love southern Maryland, Calvert County, which our colleague, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), represents and where I have a little log cabin. I drive on that highway which says, dedicated to Louie Goldstein.

That is not all that was dedicated to him. The people of that area are indebted to him for the fact that he believed very much in green spaces. He believed very much in land investment.

I think there is some land that he may well be giving to that particular area, because he did agree with Shakespeare, to nature none more bound, and he did all he could to preserve nature. He had many, many yarns. It was interesting that the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), my good colleague, mentioned the fact that he died on the 3rd of July.

I was at that parade that he was at, because it was in my district in Montgomery County, Maryland, and it was in Germantown, Maryland where he was in the parade and he rode in the car with Senator SARBANES, which was behind our car. And he had his little gold coins, the phony gold coins which everybody collected because they represented the fact that friendship is golden, and that is exactly what he demonstrated.

So we will miss this 85-year-old man who gave so much of his life to public service and who loved people and who loved life and who made Maryland all the better and, for all of us in public service, was a role model, an inspiration for all of us. And truly, he believed that attitude is altitude and, indeed, if that is the case, as I believe it is, too, he is way up there in terms of altitude.

And so our very best wishes and condolences to his family. I am proud to be here in tribute with my colleagues to Louie Goldstein.

MANAGED CARE REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for half the time until midnight as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, tonight, once again, I would like to take up the issue of managed care reform and particularly to draw a contrast which I think is very important between the Democratic bill, the Patient's Bill of Rights introduced by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) and the proposal that has been put forward by the Republican task force both here in the House and another one in the Senate.

The Republican health care task force here in the House is supposed to release the language for their so-called managed care reform bill tonight or possibly tomorrow. We know from what the task force has already released publicly that this bill is essentially a response to polling that the Republicans have asked for and requested that shows that they will lose the majority in November if they do not address the issue of managed care reform.

But their proposal is essentially a cosmetic fix, a farce, that lacks some of the most important patient protec-

tions that are included in the Democratic Patient's Bill of Rights.

I also would mention that in the Senate, the Senate Republicans have responded to this overwhelming outcry by the American people for managed care reform, but they have responded with, again, with a rhetoric-laced, partisan proposal that places the interests of insurers far above the needs of patients.

I think that the American people simply do not want a bill that does not measure up on the issue of managed care reform. They want an approach that is endorsed by not only most Americans but by the health care professionals, the doctors, the nurses, the Democratic proposal, the Patient's Bill of Rights that takes health care decisions away from insurance company bureaucrats and gives them back to doctors and patients where they belong.

Let me just mention some of the faults in the Republican proposal and then give you some idea, if I can, of what is in the Democratic Patient's Bill of Rights.

The Republican plan that has been announced, and we have not seen the language yet, but it lacks an enforcement mechanism. It denies patients the right to sue an HMO when they are denied needed care and actually expands the ERISA liability that does not allow those who are now in self-insured plans to sue the HMO.

It expands this liability exemption to health insurance pools, private health insurance, that will now have the same basic liability exemption that now exists for self-insured organizations under ERISA.

In addition, the Republican plan does not provide access to specialists. It allows insurance companies, not doctors and patients, to make medical decisions. And the Republican proposals contain several poison pills. In other words, these are added provisions unrelated to managed care reform but which are included because the Republican leadership knows that if they are included, a managed care reform bill will never pass and never get to the President's desk.

These poison pills include medical malpractice damage caps and also an expansion of the medical savings accounts, two issues that are very controversial and could very easily lead to a situation where we do not get a bill, a managed care reform bill passed this session of Congress.

Let me just mention some of the valuable patients protections that are in our Democratic Patient's Bill of Rights. This will apply to the majority of Americans, everyone who has health insurance, who has any kind of health insurance.

The patient protections include the return of medical decisionmaking to patients and health care professionals, not insurance company bureaucrats. That would be, for example, the length of stay in the hospital or whether or

not you would have access to certain procedures. Those decisions would be made by the patient and the doctor, not by the insurance company.

The Democratic bill also includes access to specialists including access to pediatric specialists for children, includes coverage for emergency room care so that you can go to any emergency room when the need arises. It also eliminates the gag rule by saying that doctors and nurses can talk freely about every medical option. And it also includes an appeals process and real legal accountability for insurance company decisions.

In other words, the Democrats would allow you to sue the HMO. They would allow a procedure where you could appeal your decision to an unbiased arbiter. It also, the Democratic proposal puts an end to financial incentives for doctors and nurses to limit the care that they provide. Today the CBO, the Congressional Budget Office, put out a study which I thought was very interesting, because many of my colleagues, I should say the Republican leadership and my colleagues on the Republican side that oppose the Democratic Patient's Bill of Rights, have talked about the cost and suggested that somehow patient protections are going to be very costly.

The Congressional Budget Office released a report today or an analysis that says that the Democratic bill, the Patient's Bill of Rights, would have only a minimal effect on premiums with most individuals paying only \$2 per month. In actuality, the cost would be even less than \$2 per month for the many fortunate Americans enrolled in a responsible health plan that has already provided most of the patient protections. Again, cost is not a factor here. Even if it is as much as \$2 a month, most Americans would not find that objectionable in order to have the valuable patient protections that increasingly they are demanding.

I just wanted to mention, and then I would like to yield to my colleague from Texas who has joined me many times on this issue on the floor and talked about our own States where we have already enacted some of the Patient's Bill of Rights, yesterday we had a very important hearing of our House democratic task force on health care reform. And I would stress that the reason that we have to have Democratic hearings is because the Republican leadership that controls the process in the House has refused to have hearings on managed care reform, refused to have a bill brought up and marked up or considered in committee and refused so far to bring any bill to the floor. So the only way that we can hear the horror stories and the abuses from the American people and from some of our constituents is if we have our own hearings and hear from some of the people that have had problems.

I will not mention too many of the witnesses that we had yesterday, but there were a couple that I think that were particularly important, I thought.