# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR DIABETES RESEARCH

### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I support the resolution I have introduced today with Congressman BILL ARCHER and Congressman KEN BENTSEN, both fellow Texans, to express the sense of the House that funding for juvenile diabetes should be increased.

On April 27 we held a juvenile diabetes forum at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, TX. At this forum, graciously sponsored by Texas Children's Hospital President and CEO Mark A. Wallace, we heard from Richard Furlanetto, scientific director of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and Dr. Ralph Feign, president, of the Baylor College of Medicine and physician-in-chief, Texas Children's Hospital, who shared with us some of the recent advances in treating juvenile diabetes. At Texas Children's Hospital and at Baylor, researchers are involved in promising studies into the complications of diabetes, glucose metabolism and insulin secretion.

Dr. Morey Haymond, a pediatrician who is much beloved by his small patients and their parents, spoke on the day-to-day concerns associated with juvenile diabetes and the need to increase funding for research. Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Ross Cooley updated the group on Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's fundraising activities, and also shared his own experiences with a daughter who suffers from the disease. Jane Adams, associated director for government relations of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation provided an update on the group's legislative agenda and the need for grassroots advocacy.

Perhaps most compelling was the testimony of the families who attended the event. Molly Naylor, State leader for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Houston and a tireless advocate for children and their families, shared the stories of her family and others and the difficulties they face in dealing with this disease. Mary Kay Cottingham, accompanied by her guide dog, spoke on losing her sight as well as the organ transplants she has undergone—all due to juvenile diabetes.

When Larry and Leslie Balthazar shared their personal story of discovering that Larry Junior, at 2 years old, had been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes there was not a dry eye in the house. These parents' love and worry for their child was so compelling and powerful that every person in the room was motivated to do whatever they could to eradicate this terrible disease.

The resolution I am introducing today stems from that event. We need to do more to cure juvenile diabetes. We have the resources, we have the technical expertise, and we are so very close to finding a cure.

Our resolution concisely outlines the problem and the solution:

Whereas, over one million Americans suffer from juvenile (Type I) diabetes, a chronic, genetically determined, debilitating disease affecting every organ system;

Whereas 13,000 children a year—35 each day—are diagnosed with juvenile diabetes;

Whereas 17,000 children a year—46 each day—are diagnosed with juvenile diabetes;

Whereas juvenile diabetes is one of the most costly chronic diseases of childhood;

Whereas insulin treats but does not cure this potentially deadly disease and does not prevent the complications of diabetes, which include blindness, heart attack, kidney failure, stroke, nerve damage, and amputations;

Whereas the Diabetes Research Working Group, a non-partisan advisory board established to advise Congress, has called for an accelerated and expanded diabetes research program at the National Institutes of Health and has recommended a $4.1 billion increase in Federal funding for diabetes research at the National Institutes of Health over the next five years; and

Whereas a strong public-private partnership to fund juvenile diabetes exists between the Federal Government and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, a foundation which has awarded more than $326 million for diabetes research since 1970 and will give $100 million in fiscal year 2001:

Now, therefore, be it *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)* That Federal funding for diabetes research should be increased in accordance with the recommendations of the Diabetes Working Group so that a cure for juvenile diabetes can be found.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution. As the world's most prosperous and powerful nation we should be directing our resources to research and development. We should be investing in finding a cure for diabetes—Larry Balthazar Junior, and thousands of children like him, deserve no less.

## HONORING THE LATE JEANIE GALE-ANDERSON

### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I celebrate the life of Jeanie Gale-Anderson, who passed away on February 6, 2000, after her fight with lung cancer. She leaves behind a powerful legacy of devotion to her family and a passion for life that lives on in the hearts of those who knew her and loved her. I learned of her great love and the effect she had on the lives of her family—her tenderness and warmth—through one of her 10 grandchildren, Adam, who was a valuable and key legislative advisor in my Washington congressional office for a long period of time.

She was Georgeana Louise Gallucci for 22 years, proud daughter of George and Dorothy Gallucci of Jefferson, OH. One of six children, she is remembered and loved by her sisters, Garman, Natalie, Connie and brother, Freddy. For 53 years she was Jeanie Gale-Anderson, lifetime partner and devoted wife of James Sidney Anderson. For 52 years she was Mom to Jim, Tina, Jann Sydney, Pat and Tim. For 31 years, she was Nanny to 10 adoring grandchildren: Michael, Matthew, Bobby, Lisa, Adam, Aaron, Kacie, Duke, Ryan and Reid. Finally, for 4 years she was a great-grandmother to Ahna, Sara and Owen.

The rich fabric of her life was woven by her commitment to husband and family, the loving care and nurturing of her five children, and the delight and pleasure in her ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She shared her love, boundless energy, tireless humor and wit with so many. Her life shown brightly for 75 years, with a full spectrum of qualities that her family will hold tightly in their hearts—her commitment, her courage and her faith in all things possible.

Her passion for life and for those she loved lives on in the memories of her family. Hers is a life to be celebrated, emulated and kept vibrantly alive by the deep-abiding relationships that do not end in death but rather deepen and grow richer with time until her family can be united again in eternity with Christ. Her family loved her so much, as she loved them.

She had loving hands a loving heart that touched, healed and nurtured her family. The values and guidance she taught have influenced all that they do. Laughter accompanied their triumphs and their failures. She was tireless in her efforts to provide physical, emotional and spiritual needs to her children. She treated them equally, but respected their differences, taught them to be determined, honest and responsible, and taught them to be patriotic—loving their heritage and our country.

Most of all, through her, her family learned what love truly is. ''We have been blessed to pass this down to each of our children,'' her family writes. ''What a legacy mom has left us all. Only the heart knows how to find what is precious and we have found it, all of us, through her. Our mother added a dimension to life impossible to measure or explain. Always our mother and teacher, she asked to be remembered by these special words she chose for us: Light after Darkness, Gain after Loss/Strength after Mystery, Peace after Cross/Sweet after Bitter, Hope after Fears/Home after Wandering, Praise after Tears/Sheaves after Sowing, Sun after Rain/Sight after Mystery, Peace after Pain/Joy after Sorrow, Calm after Blast/Rest after Weariness, Sweet rest at Last/Near after Distant, Gleam after Gloom/Love after Loneliness, Life after Tomb/After Long Agony, Rapture of Bliss . . . RIGHT was the PATHWAY Leading to THIS.''

As we adjourn today, Mr. Speaker, let us do so in memory of this extraordinary woman, Jeanie Gale-Anderson.