

A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING
SAN DIEGO'S TRIBUTE TO HEROES**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, San Diego's Tribute to Heroes was established to honor and support local heroes and their organizations; and

Whereas, San Diego's Tribute to Heroes should be commended for its worthwhile efforts for servicemen and their families, emergency workers, and children's health care; and

Whereas, San Diego's Tribute to Heroes ball will be held October 5, 2002 at the San Diego Aerospace Museum;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in recognizing San Diego's Tribute to Heroes organization for its dedication.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CREW
OF THE USS "BENNION" 662**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the World War II veterans from the crew of the USS *Bennion* 662 on their reunion.

The *Bennion* is one of many destroyers that participated in WWII. The majority of the men who served in the USS *Bennion* were just 17 years old when they signed up to serve their country.

The crew of 300 faced immeasurable dangers from Japanese Kamikazes and destroyers. They were exposed to enemy torpedo attacks and air raids. Fortunately, the *Bennion* crew survived because of their skillful coordination and the indivisible combination of men and material, which bounded them together for a common purpose.

The *Bennion* was given a citation that reads: "For extraordinary heroism in the action as a Fighter Direction Ship on Radar Picket duty, during Okinawa Campaign, April 1, 1945 to June 1, 1945. A natural and frequent target of the heavy Japanese aerial attack while occupying advanced and isolated stations, the USS *Bennion* defeated all efforts of enemy Kamikaze and dive-bombing planes to destroy her. Constantly vigilant and ready for battle day and night, she sent out early air warnings, provided fighter direction and, with her own fierce gunfire downed 13 hostile planes, and she rendered a valiant service in preventing the Japanese from striking in force the naval forces off the Okinawa Beachhead. A valiant fighting ship, the *Bennion*, her officers and her men withstood the stress and perils of vital radar-picked duty, achieving a gallant combat record which attests the teamwork, courage and skill of her entire company and enhances the finest traditions of the United States Naval Services."

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to welcome and salute the crew of *Bennion* 662 in their reunion. It is my pleasure to join the members, family and friends of this crew in extending my deepest appreciation for their outstanding services and sacrifice for our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday September 26 I missed rollcall votes 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, and 423 due to a family emergency. If I had been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 416, "aye" on rollcall 417, "yea" on rollcall 418, "yea" on rollcall 419, "nay" on rollcall 420, "yea" on rollcall 421 "yea" on rollcall 422 and "yea" on rollcall 423.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN CAN-
CER SOCIETY'S MAN TO MAN
GROUP OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA-
BAMA**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Cancer Society's Man to Man group in Huntsville, Alabama on their Fifth Anniversary. This group works hard to educate our community about prostate cancer and encourage testing for early detection. This group of men, who are each fighting their own battles with prostate cancer, meet once a month to discuss the latest information about methods of screening, treatments, side effects, and coping with the disease.

As you know, September is National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and I want to commend this group of men, their spouses, and their families who work to increase awareness about prostate cancer. In 2002, approximately 189,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. It is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men and is the second leading cause of male cancer death. In fact, more than 30,000 American men lose their battles with prostate cancer every year. However, during the past five years, death from prostate cancer has been reduced by 27% due largely to increased early detection. Only by significantly increasing research funding for prostate cancer will we be able to develop necessary, innovative treatments and find a cure.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Man to Man group for their grassroots efforts and advocacy for prostate cancer awareness and cancer research. I appreciate the work they do to support the members of the North Alabama community who have been diagnosed with this form of cancer, as well as their families. On behalf of the people of North Alabama and the United States House of Representatives, I send my congratulations to Jim Bennett and the Man to Man group of Huntsville on their Fifth Anniversary and my best wishes for many more years of successful service to our community.

HONORING MARLENE M. FANSLER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marlene M. Fansler for her dedication and service as President of the Fansler Foundation in Fresno, California. Marlene Fansler will be honored at the Break the Barriers Annual Fundraising Dinner on the evening of September 28, 2002.

Marlene Malan Fansler was born in South Gate, California. As a toddler, Marlene moved to Fresno with her parents, Howard and Erma Malan, where her father began his dental practice. In 1957, Marlene graduated from Fresno High School and went on to receive her Liberal Arts Degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. After marrying a fellow Brigham Young graduate, Marlene taught elementary school in Houston, Texas for a short period. She and her husband later resided in Portland, Oregon where they raised their three children. In 1968, Marlene and her children moved back to Fresno to be near her parents. Marlene not only brought her teaching skills to Fresno, but also the creative and managerial abilities she learned while developing a 'stretch and sew' knit fabric business. She started a shop in Fresno's Manchester Mall called Kopi Kat Knits, where she met D. Paul Fansler in late 1969. They married in 1976 after a six-year courtship.

Marlene spent the next 14 years raising the children, helping her husband with the development of Piccadilly Inn Hotels, and continuing her activities as a member and teacher in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The combined families now total eight children, sixteen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Paul Fansler began the Fansler Foundation in 1984, to be supportive of local, worthwhile, legitimate, charitable, and civic endeavors with focus on developmentally challenged young people. After Paul's unexpected death in 1990, Marlene took over the Piccadilly Inn Hotels and the Fansler Foundation.

Marlene is currently a member of the California State University of Fresno Kremen School of Education Community Council, Board of Pathways, a Foundation for UCP of Central California, Catholic Diocese of Fresno, and the Marjaree Mason Center Art Auction Committee. Under Marlene Fansler's leadership, the Fansler Foundation has funded over 30 organizations, including Break the Barriers.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marlene M. Fansler for her commitment and devotion to the people and organizations in which she serves. I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her community service and wishing her many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, previously scheduled commitments caused me to miss the vote on H.J. Res. 111—making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003. Had I been