

Jay's service as Director of Government Relations, APA could be relied upon to fight just as hard for its patients as its members.

No tribute to Jay can fail to mention Jay's beloved wife and lifelong partner, Randy. When the APA hired Jay Cutler, it got Randy as part of the deal. Her generosity of spirit, keen intellect, and strong commitment have meant the world to Jay, to his colleagues at the APA, and to the nation.

Throughout his remarkable career, Jay Cutler—with Randy Cutler beside him—has worked to improve the lives of millions of Americans who, for no fault of their own, have struggled to overcome mental illness. Much of the distance that we have come in recognizing their needs and meeting them over the years of Jay's outstanding services and dedication is the result of Jay's ability.

On the occasion of Jay's retirement, I comment his brilliant service to Congress, to the American Psychiatric Association, and to the millions of Americans with mental illness. I wish Jay and Randy great happiness and success as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the celebration of El día de los niños, a day for parents, families, and communities to celebrate, value, and uplift all children in the United States. As cochair of the Senate Democratic Hispanic Task Force, I believe it is important that we set aside a time to commemorate the essential role of children in the future of every nation. On this day, April 30, cities throughout the United States are promoting the well-being of children by hosting a variety of special events, including parades, book festivals, and health fairs. In my own State, for example, the New Mexico State University Library, in conjunction with the Southern New Mexico Engaging Latino Communities for Education Collaborative, ENLACE, is hosting an exhibit of bilingual, Spanish-English, children's books. This activity serves to help communities celebrate and promote the importance of reading in many languages.

As we continue to discuss the well-being of our children, I invite my colleagues to join with me in taking time on this day, El día de los niños, to rededicate ourselves to working together and acting on behalf of our children throughout the year.●

##### PREPARING FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION ON CONSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, this May, more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit

Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals of the We the People... The Citizen and the Constitution program. It is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

I am proud to announce that a class from Smyrna High School will represent the State of Delaware in this national event. These students, with the leadership of their teacher Marc Deisem, have worked diligently to reach the national finals. Through their experience, they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

This 3-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on constitutional topics. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe their depth of understanding and ability to apply their knowledge.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People... program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle and high school levels for more than 26.5 million students nationwide. The program affords students a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government.

It is inspiring to see these young people advocate the principles of our Government. These principles identify us as a people and bind us together as a Nation. It is important for our next generation to understand the values and principles that serve as the foundation in our ongoing effort to preserve and realize the promise of democracy.

These students from Smyrna High School are currently conducting research and preparing for their upcoming participation in the national competition in Washington, DC. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the We the People... national finals. They represent the future of our State and Nation, and they give us cause for great hope as we look to the future.●

##### RECOGNIZING ONCOLOGY NURSING MONTH—MAY 2003

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to oncology nurses. May is the ninth annual Oncology Nursing Month. The celebration kicks off on Thursday, May 1, 2003, on Oncology Nursing Day, during the opening ceremonies of the Oncology Nursing Society's 28th Annual Congress in Denver, CO, and continues until May 31, 2003.

Oncology Nursing Month recognizes oncology nurses, educates the public about oncology nursing, provides an opportunity for special educational events for oncology nurses, and cele-

brates the accomplishments of oncology nurses.

The Oncology Nursing Society, ONS, is the largest professional oncology group in the United States composed of more than 30,000 nurses and other health professionals. It exists to promote excellence in oncology nursing and the provision of quality care to those individuals affected by cancer.

As part of its mission, the society honors and maintains nursing's historical and essential commitment to advocacy for the public good. ONS was founded in 1975, and held its first Annual Congress in 1976. Since the society was established, 218 local chapters have been formed to provide a network for education and peer support at the community level.

In my State of California, there are more than 2,515 oncology nurses and health professionals who care for individuals with cancer and their families. In addition, California has 18 local Oncology Nursing Society chapters including the areas of Pacific Grove, Fresno, Brentwood, Lompoc, Simi Valley, Palm Springs, Greater Los Angeles, Redding, Sacramento, Colton, Chico, Lodi, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Sonoma County, and Lakewood.

Over the last 10 years, the setting where treatment for cancer is provided has changed dramatically. An estimated 80 percent of all Americans receive cancer care in community settings including cancer centers, physicians' offices, and hospital outpatient departments. Treatment regimens are as complex, if not more so, than regimens given in the inpatient setting a few short years ago.

Oncology nurses are on the frontlines of the provision of quality cancer care for individuals with cancer. Nurses are involved in the care of a cancer patient from the beginning through the end of treatment. Oncology nurses are the frontline providers of care by administering chemotherapy, managing patient therapies and sideeffects, working with insurance companies to ensure that patients receive the appropriate treatment, and providing counseling to patients and family members, in addition to many other daily acts on behalf of cancer patients.

With an increasing number of people with cancer needing high quality health care, and an inadequate supply of nurses, our Nation could well be facing a cancer care crisis of serious proportion, with limited access to quality cancer care.

I was proud to support the passage of the "Nurse Reinvestment Act" in the 107th Congress. This important piece of legislation expanded and implemented programs at the Health Resources Services Administration, HRSA, to address the multiple problems contributing to the nationwide nursing shortage, including the decline in nursing student enrollments, shortage of faculty, and dissatisfaction with nurse workplace environments.