

We call on the Senate to defeat this amendment and we are grateful to President Bush for his commitment to veto the bill should the amendment prevail after conference.

Lastly, I want to share with you a short documentary that our organization produced after Castro's latest crackdown on Cuba's peaceful democratic opposition movement, entitled "Repression".

It is but just one more reason on why sanctions and restrictions on Castro's regime should not be lifted—until all political prisoners are freed; there is freedom of the press and assembly, and internationally supervised free elections are scheduled.

The Cuban people deserve no less.

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. JUDITH ROLLE

##### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise this evening to pay tribute to the late Judith James Rolle, the wife of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Dorrin Rolle. Mrs. Rolle passed away September 29, 2003 of breast cancer.

It has been my experience that people who become nurses are very special people—people who are somehow able to combine competence with caring, who have the gift of healing people and making them feel better not only with science and medicine, but with their very presence. That was certainly the case with Judith Rolle.

She had a nursing career that spanned 33 years at both Mt. Sinai Hospital and the Miami Heart Institute. As a nurse she had a knack for caring for patients, for managing other nurses, for problem solving and for acting as a diplomatic go-between for nurses and doctors and administrators—all essential skills in caring for patients in a hospital setting.

Her multiple roles and abilities, her efficiency and success endeared her to many and earned her the affectionate nickname "Judge Judy." But Judith Rolle was no TV character; she was the real thing.

She held positions as Floor Nurse and Head Nurse in the Medical and Surgical Departments, Public Health Nurse in-charge of home visits to patients, and Supervisory Nurse of the Intensive Care Unit.

While at the Miami Heart Institute, she was also a Nurse in the Anesthesiology Department, a Coordinator in the hospital's Education Department, and a Case Manager in the Case Management Department.

This remarkable lady was my friend and a confidante of countless people throughout our community. When "Judge Judy" retired from nursing in 1998, she simply moved to another form of public service—assisting her husband in his successful campaigns for the Miami Dade County Commission and expanding her participation as an active member of her church community and service organizations.

It is for these reasons that our community was so deeply saddened by her passing. Everyone who met "Judge Judy" was struck by her strong spirit and sunny disposition. You knew you were in the presence of a caring and compassionate person.

Last Saturday at 11:00 a.m., October 4, 2003, at her Homegoing Services celebrated

at New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church in Miami, her family and many friends and supporters gathered together to celebrate her life and the impact she had on the lives of all who knew her.

My heart goes out to her family. I know I speak for our entire community in saying how fortunate we were to have known her.

#### TRIBUTE TO NANCY VANMATRE

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to stand here before you today and pay tribute to a remarkable citizen from my district. Nancy VanMatre of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, has defied the odds and overcome cancer three times over the past eight years. It is my privilege to recount her story before this body of Congress and this Nation, for her determination and loving spirit are truly an inspiration to us all.

Nancy and her husband Harry relocated to the Pagosa Springs area nine years ago upon retirement from their careers in New York. After a few years of enjoying their retirement, Nancy was diagnosed with breast cancer. Over the course of the next six years, Nancy would undergo three major operations targeting cancer in her breast and her two lungs. Suffering from acute care myopathy and neuropathy, Nancy eventually returned home too weak to move her body.

As she began to regain consciousness, she set out a list of goals; the final one was summiting V-Rock Mountain. A year and a half later, she had accomplished everything on her list, including hiking the mountain, and began to set her sights on new goals. Nancy has come so far on her road to recovery that her new focus is now set on helping other cancer victims to see that there is hope; that they too can overcome the disease and continue on with their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Nancy for her courage to battle the cancer that threatened her life; she never gave up and her success should serve as an example to others faced with difficult odds. It is truly an honor to pay tribute to this remarkable woman before you today. Nancy, you are an inspiration to us all.

#### CONGRATULATING GAIL WARDEN

##### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my dear friend Gail Warden on his retirement as President of Henry Ford Health System. He has lead Henry Ford into the twenty-first century, leaving it in good stead. He has worked hard to ensure that residents in Southeast Michigan receive access to good quality hospital care. For that, I would like to say on behalf of the people of Michigan's 15th Congressional District, thank you.

Gail Warden has dedicated his career to advancing the health safety net in Southeast Michigan. His commitment to quality health

care has helped my constituents lead healthier lives. He has been a leader among the hospital presidents in Southeast Michigan. Above all I want to thank him for his friendship.

Mr. Speaker, soon after Gail retired, a long-term problem came to a head in Southeast Michigan. That problem: the rising tide of uninsured hobbled one hospital and threatened other hospitals in the area. When Governor Granholm called on Gail to take on this task, he did not back down. Rather, he immersed himself in this problem and began tackling this tough issue head on. Since then, the development committee that he has led has come up with innovative new solutions for Southeastern Michigan's problems. I look forward toward helping in tackling these tough problems and working with Gail to ensure that Michigan's health safety net is strengthened.

Mr. Speaker, Gail Warden is an honorable man who has done many great things for the citizens of Southeastern Michigan. I am honored to have him as friend. I ask that you and all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Gail Warden for his, inexhaustible support, generosity and leadership to his community and to give him our best wishes for the future.

#### EDITORIALS COMMENT ON "BUY AMERICA" PROVISIONS, ISRAELI ATTACKS ON SYRIA

##### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 8, 2003*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues two editorials.

First, this Member hopes his colleagues will consider the October 8, 2003, editorial from the Omaha World Herald, which describes the drawbacks of "Buy America" provisions with respect to peacekeeping and reconstruction projects in Iraq. Obviously, given the size of the supplemental request for these activities, "Buy America" provisions have strong appeal on the surface. As a representative who has specific responsibilities for trans-Atlantic relations, this Member urges his colleagues to think twice before supporting "Buy America" provisions and consider the contents of this brief editorial.

Second, this Member commends the October 8, 2003, Omaha World-Herald editorial entitled "An ill-advised raid." Indeed, this editorial discusses the short-term and long-term consequences of the recent Israeli attack upon camps that may well have been used for training and harboring terrorists. Israel's grief over its continued casualties from suicide bombings is absolutely understandable, and the U.S. shares its disgust of these tactics. Nevertheless, recent Israeli military air attack in Syria even without prior notice to the U.S. Government may create even further difficulties for the U.S. in Iraq and the Middle East. That is the view of the Omaha World-Herald—a view which should be taken quite seriously by all of us in Congress.

Furthermore . . . British soldiers showed admirable determination last spring in carrying some of the harshest fighting, in Iraq. But some in Congress are now trying to kick the British (and other U.S. allies) in the teeth by insisting on a rigid "buy American" requirement for U.S. military purchases. That is a recipe for tripping up efforts at