

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, as we come to the close of October, I wanted to remind Members that October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Each year in the United States, breast cancer is diagnosed in more than 170,000 women. Several recent critical advances, sequencing of the human genome and the development of high throughput techniques for identifying DNA-sequence variants, have accelerated the pace of research aimed at preventing and curing breast cancer.

Drugs such as Tamoxifen have helped to successfully treat thousands of women with breast cancer. Even more advanced, third-generation aromatase inhibitors are challenging Tamoxifen, the current gold standard of care, and providing more satisfying results in this field.

Groundbreaking research is yielding important findings on reducing the recurrence of breast cancer in women who have previously been treated. This is all the more important, because with breast cancer, unlike other malignancies, the symptom-free intervals in some women may be decades.

With these great advances in science and medicine, the medical community is more able to accurately diagnose and treat women with breast cancer. But with over 40,000 women who will die of this disease this year, our work is clearly not done. This month we are reminded of how far we have come, but how far we have to go in fighting in this deadly disease.

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(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and I rise to address the issue of the early detection and prevention of breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women in the United States, aside from cancers of the skin. Both its cause and cure remain undiscovered.

In my home State of Indiana, the American Cancer Society estimates that 5,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and approximately 900 women will die of breast cancer in 2003.

With early detection, breast cancer can be treated effectively with surgery that preserves the breast, followed by radiation therapy. Local therapy is often accompanied by chemotherapy and/or hormonal therapy.

Raising awareness and promoting the continuation of breast cancer research

has contributed to more than 2 million breast cancer survivors in the United States today.

In Indianapolis, we have benefited by the 2003 Komen Indianapolis Race for the Cure that registered 37,000 individuals and the BMW Ultimate Drive to donate one dollar on each mile driven during BMW test-drives.

We must continue to raise awareness and support legislation that will aid in the prevention and eventual development of a cure for breast cancer.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is Halloween, which means tricks and treats for every American. Today, our economy received a treat of its own, thanks to President Bush's pro-jobs agenda and economic growth tax cuts. For instance, the economy grew at a staggering 7.2 percent in the third quarter, the fastest pace since 1984. In addition, consumer confidence is on the rise, thanks in large part to a more favorable job market and a belief that this trend will continue.

These are some pretty good treats for the American people and for our economy. But the Democratic candidates for President are offering some pretty frightening tricks. For example, every one of them wants to repeal some or all of the Bush tax cuts. That trick on our people will take the steam out of our robust recovery and kill new job growth.

To the American people I say, be very careful when you are examining who should lead our Nation, because the tricks being offered up are downright scary. Happy Halloween.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILLS

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two pieces of important legislation that I would like to reintroduce today regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I believe the two bills will help end violence against women.

In the United States, nearly 2 million women are victims of domestic violence. Every 30 seconds, a woman is beaten by her aggressor. This is why there is a continuing need to address this issue.

The Domestic Violence Court Assistance Act will provide grant money from the Violence Against Women Act to establish specific domestic violence courts and provide for important functions of a domestic violence court, such as translation and interpretation services for women whose first language may not be English.

The Domestic Violence Prevention, Education and Awareness Act would help bring much-needed attention to racial and ethnic minority and immigrant communities that are often overlooked and underserved by providing grants to develop informational media outreach campaigns to address specific communities that currently are underserved.

It is our responsibility to give a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves, and I urge my colleagues to support these two legislative efforts.

TRIBUTE TO POLK COUNTY
NATIVE

(Mr. PUTNAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man of honor and a dear friend, a man who touched so many lives and dedicated himself to making Polk County, Florida, a better place.

Charles Richardson rose from humble beginnings in Polk County and helped to integrate what is now Bartow High School. He began his political career on the Winter Haven City Commission, and rose to be, as a Republican, the first African American ever to serve on the Polk County commission.

He was described as a family man and a jovial leader, with a keen intellect and an extraordinary wit and wisdom. He was also known as a strong role model for young people, who encouraged them to get an education and to go to college and achieve the American Dream. He is survived by his wife, Karen; two daughters, Ericka and Janine; and two sons, Charles, Jr., and Elden.

Mr. Speaker, even after being diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer, Charles Richardson continued to perform his county commission duties right up to the night he passed. Charles Richardson blessed our community through his hard work and generous nature, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

VIETNAM CRACKS DOWN ON UNIFIED
BUDDHIST CHURCH OF
VIETNAM

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my outrage over the government of Vietnam's recent crackdown on the United Buddhist Church of Vietnam.

I just concluded a telephone conversation with the Venerable Thich Tue Sy, a senior monk in that church, who was just sentenced to 2 years of administrative detention for exercising the basic right of freedom of religion, as were six of his colleagues.

Earlier this month, the United Buddhist Church of Vietnam held a meeting to discuss church affairs, to elect