

new leadership, and to verify the Vietnamese Prime Minister's promise of a new era of respect and understanding for religious freedom. In stark contrast to the promise of respect and understanding, Vietnamese authorities disrupted the meeting, intimidated and ultimately arrested the UBCV leadership.

The Venerable Thich Huyen Quang and Thich Quang Do, both of whom have been nominated for the Nobel Peace prize, are once again under house arrest. These actions are unconscionable.

Today, I will introduce a resolution regarding the courageous leadership of the UBCV and the urgent need for religious reform in Vietnam.

THE SUPREME COURT CONSIDERS THE PLEDGE

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, this year, the Supreme Court will take up the case of whether children should be allowed to say the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. This cartoon captures an important point of this case: Does the first amendment allow porn but not God in public discourse?

The ACLU would like you to think so. Their challenge to our laws, which protect our kids from online porn predators, is ridiculous. They want to be this teacher in the cartoon holding up a computer in front of your child saying, "You cannot pledge allegiance 'under God' but, here, look at some pornography."

The fact that this case even made it so far as the courts is a travesty. Something is very wrong with our courts. They say child pornography on the computer is perfectly legal, but the pledge is so offensive that we have to get rid of the words "under God."

The ACLU is out to sacrifice religion on their own little altar of pornographic speech. This is wrong. The Court should do the right thing for this country, for our children: uphold the pledge and the freedom that is ours to pledge allegiance under God.

BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with others in expressing my support for breast cancer survivors and their families as we recognize the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

As the husband of a breast cancer survivor, my courageous wife, Alfredia Scott, I join with countless others in honoring the courage of other breast cancer patients as they fight to overcome this devastating disease. We

honor their families, as they stand with them, hurting just as badly, as they watch over and support their loved ones through their treatment. We honor the doctors, the nurses, and the health care professionals who provide critical help for these patients.

Almost everyone in America has been touched by this disease, which strikes one in nine women; and it is the second leading cause of death for women. As many of my colleagues have already noted, our Nation will lose 40,000 people this year. Almost 212,000 new cases will be diagnosed.

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We, as legislators, have a responsibility. We must do whatever we can to stop this disease.

As a Georgia State senator, I fought for funding for breast cancer research, and I authored the law that gives breast cancer patients the right to determine their length of stay in the hospital and the medical treatment they receive rather than the insurance companies.

Our inspiration is great: breast cancer survivors who have won their fight, and the friends and families of those women who did not. I urge us to work harder and make sure that we bring a cure to this deadly disease.

IRAQ SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my profound disappointment this morning with the news that House and Senate conferees developing the Iraq supplemental bill have apparently removed language which would have made a portion of the reconstruction dollars the American people are sending to Iraq take the form of a loan. I had unsuccessfully offered an amendment in the House which would have made one-half of the reconstruction dollars be repaid to the American taxpayers, and I believe the overwhelming majority of the people of this country believe this oil-rich nation should bear some of the cost of rebuilding its own civil society.

I regret Congress has chosen to reject the counsel of the majority of the American people and the world community. A decent respect for the opinions of mankind should cause Congress to reflect on the fact that at this weekend's donor conference in Madrid, two-thirds of the \$13 billion made available for reconstruction by foreign countries in Iraq takes the form of loans and credits.

In the end, regardless of my disagreement with the means, I will support the Iraq supplemental bill which will go far to ensure the safe return of our troops and the triumph of freedom in this tyranny-weary land.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, in the San Francisco Bay area, especially in Marin County in my congressional district, we have some of the highest rates of breast cancer in the Nation. While the toll on Bay area residents has been enormous and heart-breaking, community activists and local health officials are meeting this challenge, providing support to patients and survivors and working to find causes of this epidemic.

Women feel powerless when confronted with the increasing likelihood of contracting breast cancer; but as the Marin County breast cancer community has demonstrated through prevention and research, with hard work and dedication, we will beat this disease.

In memory of those who have died of breast cancer and in support of those fighting this terrible disease, and with hope that our daughters and granddaughters will not face this epidemic, I urge all women to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month by taking care of their own health and joining with others to win the war against breast cancer.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, as has been noted earlier, this October we recognize the 19th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This year alone, more than 200,000 of our mothers, daughters, sisters, and wives will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and close to 40,000 will die from this dreadful disease.

My wife and I first became aware of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month through our volunteer work with the American Cancer Society. We decided to get involved because so many of our friends and families had been impacted by this terrible disease and we wanted to make a difference.

Over its short history, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has successfully raised awareness for the early detection and prevention of breast cancer. As a result, mammography screening rates have doubled since 1985, and breast cancer mortality rates have steadily declined.

Mr. Speaker, the best way for all of us to join in the battle against breast cancer is to help spread the word to as many women as possible that early detection saves lives.

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(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1