

associated with these products. These products can raise blood pressure and increase metabolism, which may lead to a number of serious problems, including increased susceptibility to heatstroke, as well as heart attack, stroke, and sudden death. I have written to FDA Commissioner McClellan asking him if there is any evidence that proves that these stimulant ingredients that are being marketed in "ephedra-free" products are any safer than ephedra, and asking him if FDA shares the concern of many experts who believe that stimulants pose particular health risks.

TRIBUTE TO JON J. FEY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jon Fey for his 27 years of dedication to the community of Berwyn, Illinois, located in my District on the southwest side of Chicago. Mr. Fey will be presented with the Berwyn Development Corporation's 2003 "Charles E. Piper Award" at a distinguished ceremony on November 8, 2003.

I am honored to pay tribute to Jon for his dedication and years of service to building a better Berwyn. He is the founder and owner of SWF Products, a national promotional products business on Ogden Avenue in Berwyn. Jon graduated from Miami University, Ohio, earning a degree in Business Administration, and since has joined his family in generations of successful entrepreneurs.

Jon Fey is the current president of the Berwyn Development Corporation, a charitable and educational nonprofit organization that has enhanced the community for twenty years. I salute him for his active involvement in the community and commend the BDC as it celebrates its 20th Anniversary this year. Jon Fey and the BDC are dedicated to improving the overall business climate in the City of Berwyn. Presently, Jon is responsible for the creation of the New Business Taskforce within the BDC, generating business contacts and interest in local opportunities. Past accomplishments also include sitting on the board for two terms, participating over the years as Treasurer, serving as a member and chairman of the organization's Ogden Avenue/South Berwyn Depot District TIF Advisory Commission, and as a member of the Commercial Load Committee.

The commitment and energy given by Jon Fey to his community have been an inspiration to many individuals. Since 1990, he has contributed valuable time and effort as president of the Berwyn Preservation of Historic Route 66. Jon continues his involvement and support of the annual Berwyn Historic Route 66 Car Show Committee, which promotes the Ogden Avenue business district in Berwyn and draws thousands of vintage car enthusiasts to the area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Jon Fey on his achievements and wish Jon many years of future success.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In October 2003, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month campaign celebrates 18 years of educating women about breast cancer, especially the importance of detecting the disease in its earliest stages through screening mammography, clinical breast examination, and for women 20 years of age and older, breast self-examination.

The third Friday in October each year is National Mammography Day, first proclaimed by President Clinton in 1993. On this day, or throughout the month, radiologists provide discounted or free screening mammograms.

In 2002, more than 680 American College of Radiology (ACR) accredited facilities took part. In 2003, National Mammography Day was celebrated on October 17.

Ohio ranks as the 6th highest percentage of new cases of breast cancer in the nation. Ohio ties with Illinois for the 6th highest percentage of deaths due to breast cancer in the nation.

All women are at risk for developing breast cancer. The older a woman is, the greater her chances of developing breast cancer. Approximately 77% of breast cancer cases occur in women over 50 years of age.

According to the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program of the National Cancer Institute:

White, Hawaiian, and African-American women have the highest incidence of invasive breast cancer in the United States (approximately four times higher than the lowest group);

Korean, American Indian, and Vietnamese women have the lowest incidence of invasive breast cancer in the United States.

African-Americans have the highest death rate from breast cancer and are more likely to be diagnosed with a later stage of breast cancer than White women;

In the age groups, 30–54 and 55–69 years, African-American women have the highest death rate from breast cancer, followed by Hawaiian women, and white non-Hispanic women. However, in the 70 year old age group, the death rate from breast cancer for white women is higher than for African-American.

The key to surviving breast cancer is early detection and treatment. According to the American Cancer Society, when breast cancer is confined to the breast, the five-year survival rate is close to 100%. The early detection of breast cancer helps reduce the need for therapeutic treatment and minimizes pain and suffering, allowing women to continue leading happy, productive lives.

Beginning at the age of 20, every woman should practice monthly breast self-exams and begin a routine program of breast health, including scheduling physician performed clinical breast exams at least every three years. As a woman ages, her risk of breast cancer also increases. About 77% of women with breast cancer are over age 50 at the time of diagnosis. Women between the ages of 20 and 29 account for only 0.3% of breast cancer cases.

Beginning at the age of 40, all women should have annual screening, mammograms, receive clinical breast exams each year, and practice breast self-exams every month.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reiterate my support for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," is a true pink slogan of this year's American Cancer Society campaign to educate women and girls about breast cancer. In 2000, the ACS fought to make the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act federal law, earmarking \$1,000,000,000 to treat medically underserved women. The reality is that breast cancer spells death for approximately 40,000 women in the U.S. a year. There is an urgency to educate and support early detection, which is critical to prevent this ugly mass.

The cost of breast cancer on women's lives cannot be overstated. As Cleveland "Plain Dealer" columnist Regina Brett stated in 2000: "The approximate cost for surgery for breast cancer is \$6,000. Four cycles of chemotherapy is approximately \$5,000. Six weeks of radiation is \$16,000. Living to see your children grow up: PRICELESS." Day after day, when dollars are not provided for research and or treatment, more women struggle and don't receive the medical assistance that is needed. If you don't have insurance or enough revenue Liz Schulte, president of Northern Ohio Breast Cancer Coalition states, "you quit your job, sell your car, give up your home and go on disability."

FILIPINO WORLD WAR II
VETERANS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to report on the progress we are making towards the passage of benefits for Filipino World War II veterans.

My colleagues know of the extreme sacrifices made by Filipino soldiers during World War II in the battles of Bataan and Corrigidor. They know that Filipino soldiers were instrumental in the successful outcome of this war in the Pacific. And they know, too well, that many of these soldiers were denied their benefits by a law passed by the 1946 Congress.

Today, I am happy to report that the House of Representatives and the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee have passed legislation to restore health care services, improved disability compensation, and burial benefits to many Filipino World War II veterans living in the United States. We are working to get this legislation passed by the Senate and forwarded to the President to sign into law.

In addition, the President announced during his recent visit to the Philippines that we will be doubling, from \$500,000 to \$1 million in FY2004, the amount of medical supplies and equipment that the United States is sending to the veterans' hospital in Manila.

These are important steps in restoring benefits to the brave Filipino World War II soldiers who have been waiting for sixty years for equity.