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Whereas Richard Bloch in his later years became models for more than 100 similar organizations nationwide. As he once said, “Our sole goal is to try to get people to fight. If they fight, they have a chance to win.”

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Whereas Richard and Annette Bloch are founders of the Bloch Cancer Foundation, established in 1980;

Whereas Richard and Annette Bloch have gifted to the University of Missouri-Kansas City the Bloch Support Center, a center which reaches out to cancer-stricken patients, their families, caregivers, through education, counseling, and research designed to achieve the highest quality of life while living with cancer, and, in addition, offers professional education opportunities for students to receive training and research skills that deal with the psychological aspects of cancer;

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Whereas Richard and Annette Bloch in 1980 founded the Bloch Cancer Hot Line, an organization comprised of more than 500 cancer survivors that has fielded over 125,000 calls in the last 23 years, which on June 4, 2003, celebrated its 23rd anniversary of giving hope, support, and information to those who call; Whereas on June 4, 2003, also marked the 18th anniversary of the First Cancer Survivor Day Rally, held originally in Kansas City, Missouri, and now held in over 700 communities throughout the United States; and Whereas the Cancer Survivor Day Rally glorifies the attitude that cancer and death are not synonymous and that a cancer diagnosis does not decrease in the quality of life. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representa-
tives commends Richard and Annette Bloch and the Bloch Cancer Foundation and their network of invaluable volunteers on behalf of 8,400,000 Americans living with cancer.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an article surveying Richard Bloch’s life and accomplishments that appeared in today’s Kansas City Star.

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Whereas Richard Bloch also conceived the Physician Data Query, a computer program at the National Cancer Institute that provides the latest treatment options for all types of cancers. He started an annual Fighting Cancer Rally now held in several U.S. cities on the second Sunday of each June. He financed the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Survivors’ Park in Kansas City. And he wrote several books supporting cancer education, awareness and support for survivors.

He served on the advisory board of the National Cancer Institute and was a member of the University of Missouri-Kansas City’s Circle of the National Academy of Sciences. In life, he pushed for laws making second opinions mandatory for patients diagnosed with cancer.

“He definitely will be missed,” said Anne Mueller of Mission, whose husband, David, has survived four kinds of cancer since 1978 and has worked with Bloch as a hot line volunteer.

“He’s been an inspiration to David and many others,” Anne Mueller said. “Now we lost cancer with a small c, not cancer with a big C.”

B Bloch was born Feb. 15, 1926, in Kansas City. He attended Bryant Elementary School, Southwest High School and the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday at Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave.

The R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation, at 4400 Main St. in Kansas City, can be reached online at www.blochcancer.org or by calling 1-(800) 433-0461.

HONORING ARMY SP C JOSEPH C. THIBODEAUX, III OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN O’LUSIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a fine American, a devoted son, brother and friend who gave his life serving our nation in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Joseph C. Thibodeaux, III served with the U.S. Army’s 25th Infantry Unit stationed in Hawaii. On the 1st of September, while in a convoy on a mission in Iraq near Hawija, Joe was killed by enemy sniper fire.

Joe is survived by his parents Rebecca and Joseph, Sr. as well as a sister, Jennifer. His fiancée: partners, Gregory Thibodeaux, Army Maj, Maxwell Thibodeaux and Jerome Thibodeaux; and a younger sister, Brittany Thibodeaux.
TOWN OF FLOWER MOUND RANKED IN TOP TEN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS
OF TEXAS
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Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize five communities within my district for being acknowledged as among the Top Ten Suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, by D Magazine, a regional monthly publication. Top honors went to Southlake, Colleyville, Highland Village, Flower Mound, and Coppell based on these communities’ excellent schools, affordability, and low crime rates.

Every two years, the magazine ranks some 50 plus suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the State of Texas’ largest metropolitan area. The Town of Flower Mound received the number eight spot on the list and was recognized for its ability to “maintain a balance between city luxuries and country simplicities.” With a population of 59,350 people and an annual growth rate of 20 percent, Flower Mound is the largest suburb to make the Top Ten.

Because of its astonishing growth rate in recent decades, the Town has implemented two highly effective programs seeking to enhance quality of life for its residents. Flower Mound’s SMARTGrowth plan has successfully preserved the area’s natural beauty without compromising growth. The Progressive Capital Improvement Program has been important in addressing the needs of residents from roads to recreation.

I am proud to say that I am a resident of Flower Mound, and I would like to offer my congratulations to the Town of Flower Mound and Mayor Jody Smith.

RECOGNIZING MR. ERNIE DILLON

HON. PETER J. VISCOMSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. VISCOMSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate one of the most selfless and caring citizens of the First Congressional District of Indiana, Mr. Ernie Dillon. Ernie has dedicated his life to serving the people of Northwest Indiana. His career as a public servant has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people.

In honor of his faithful service to his alma mater, Hammond Tech High School, Ernie will be recognized by the Hammond Tech Appreciation Society for his dedication to their mission at a recognition dinner on September 12, 2004 at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond, Indiana.

Ernie Dillon has held many offices and positions throughout his career as a public servant. He is currently the Director of the Lake County Department of Veterans Affairs Service Office and Chairman of the Hammond Port Authority. Prior to that, he was elected Councilman-at-Large for the City of Hammond.

While on the Council, Ernie served as Vice-President and Chairman of the Finance Committee, overseeing a budget of $50 million. Ernie has also served the City of Hammond as Commissioner of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Along with the countless hours of dedication that Ernie has provided to the people of Northwest Indiana, he has also been involved with many organizations in the community. Ernie has been a longtime member and past Commander of American Legion Victory Post #168, and he is currently serving a second term as Vice Chairman for the State of Indiana Veterans Homeless Committee. Ernie has also been a committed member of the Calumet College Alumni Association, the Hammond Central Lions Club, the Hammond Elks, the Hammond Jaycees, Hammond Jaycees, Hammond Moose Club, and he has also been a member of the T.K.E. Fraternity. I have known Ernie for many years and I can truly say that he is a dedicated, distinguished, and committed citizen. Through his loyal service to his community, Ernie has been responsible for the development of numerous programs and activities, which have become sources of pride for the people he has served.

As a dedicated member of the Lake County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, Ernie was instrumental in designing and bringing the Indiana Welcome Center to Hammond. In addition, his insight and vision also enabled him to found the City of Hammond’s first city festival, Octoberfest, in 1979. This later became the Augustfest and is now known as the Festival of the Lakes. This festival continues to provide entertainment to residents and visitors of Hammond.

While Ernie has dedicated a considerable amount of time and energy to his community, he has never limited the time he gives to his most important interest, his family. Ernie and his wife Margie have four children, Steven, Lori, Elizabeth, and Kathleen. They are also the proud grandparents of Elija, Korey, and Faith.

Mr. Speaker, Ernie has given his time and efforts selflessly to the people of Lake County throughout his years of service. He has taught the true meaning of service to all members of the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Ernie Dillon for his outstanding contributions to Indiana’s First Congressional District. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

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CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE FOR S. 1576

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 7, 2004

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I request that the attached cost estimate for S. 1576, the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003, be submitted for the RECORD.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

S. 1576—Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003

As reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 14, 2004

S. 1576 would expand the boundary of the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia by about 1,240 acres. The act would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the added acreage by purchase, donation, or exchange, except that lands that are already owned by the federal government would be acquired by transfer. Finally, the act would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for these purposes.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1576 would cost the federal government about $5 million over the next year or two. Of this amount, we estimate that $1 million would be used to purchase about 190 acres of private property, and $1 million would be used to develop that land. The remaining acreage that would be added to the park is either already owned by the federal government or would be donated by the nonprofit Civil War Preservation Trust. CBO estimates that the additional costs to maintain those additional lands would be less than $200,000 a year. This estimate is based on information provided by the NPS.

S. 1576 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 25, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1576 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 9, 2004. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the estimated costs.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis, who can be reached at 226-2860. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.