

requiring international marriage brokers to provide foreign fiances with information about the rights and resources available to domestic violence victims in the United States. Under current practice, American clients can get all the information they want about foreign fiancées, while foreign clients only receive information that the Americans choose to share, and have no way to make sure what they are told is true. By providing foreign women who meet their potential American spouses with ability to access their potential spouse's marital and criminal history, we are taking a further step to curb domestic violence. The decisions we in Congress chose to make concerning the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 sets in place the priorities and funding levels that will directly affect how we respond to and prevent domestic violence in the coming years.

Because of its occurrence behind closed doors, many Americans are unaware of the severity of this problem. While domestic violence most directly affects women, it hurts us all, no matter our sex, race, religion, or economic status. As our Nation recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month, let each of us consider what we can further do to prevent its continuation.●

NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I would like to recognize National Payroll Week, which was designated by the American Payroll Association as the week of September 5–9, 2005. This week signified an important effort to recognize the over 156 million working Americans and the payroll professionals who support the American economy by paying wages, reporting worker earnings, and withholding Federal employment taxes.

Together, this hard working group of Americans contributes, collects, reports, and deposits approximately \$1.4 trillion, or 71 percent, of the annual revenue of the U.S. Treasury. Payroll professionals continue to play a key role in maintaining the economic health of the United States by carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement, and carrying out tax withholding, reporting, and depositing. Payroll professionals also work with Federal and State tax officials to make the tax system more efficient and to improve compliance.

National Payroll Week celebrated the contributions of American workers and payroll professionals and the intricate role they play in our economy and everyday lives.●

TRIBUTE TO BILL WALSH

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a constituent and a pioneer in substance abuse treatment, Bill Walsh, who is retiring this year.

Mr. Walsh grew up in New Bedford, MA, and attended Seton Hall University. He served as a Radioman First Class in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Aboard the USS *Hyter*, he participated in the naval escort for President Franklin Roosevelt as he flew to the conference at Yalta.

After he left the Navy, Bill Walsh nobly dedicated his life to helping those in need of mental health services and those debilitated by alcohol and substance abuse. For 3 years, he served as the executive director of the Mental Health Association of Eastern Connecticut, where he created community mental health services and educational seminars to meet the needs of eastern Connecticut.

And, for the last 34 years, Mr. Walsh has served as the president of the Southeastern Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. In that position, he oversaw the development of three halfway houses, a detoxification program, outpatient services, and community-based education programs. He has helped thousands confront the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse and take the difficult steps to recovery.

Mr. Walsh was also a pioneer in long-term care in Connecticut. In 1979 he developed the Lebanon Pines Treatment Facility for those with chronic alcoholism, who are invited to live and work at the rural, alcohol-free facility for an indefinite period. This program has no doubt helped hundreds of individuals find sobriety.

Bill Walsh's selfless desire to truly help those in need is further evidenced by the extent to which he has been willing to share the vast knowledge that he gained working on the front lines. Over the last five decades, he has strenuously lobbied the Connecticut legislature on behalf of those suffering from addictions to drugs or alcohol and their treatment providers. He has served on numerous boards and advisory committees dedicated to substance abuse treatment. And he has lectured on substance abuse and community rehabilitation projects at colleges and universities in Connecticut and throughout our Nation.

Millions of Americans battle drug and alcohol addiction every day. Bill Walsh has dedicated his life to making sure that they don't fight alone. For his tireless service, Connecticut and, indeed, the whole Nation owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Next week, a dinner will be held in honor of Bill Walsh's many contributions to the field of substance abuse treatment and to raise money for a scholarship fund to support those who want to become substance abuse treatment professionals. Both the dinner and the scholarship fund are wonderful tributes to Bill's contributions to serving those who struggle each and every day with addiction.

Once again, I thank Bill Walsh for his years of dedicated service to his community, to Connecticut, and to our Na-

tion. And, I send my best wishes to him, his wife Cinda, and his family as he embarks on this new stage in his life.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF LEON KLINGHOFFER

● Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, 20 years ago this month the world changed forever for the family of Leon Klinghoffer. Mr. Klinghoffer was a 69-year-old American Jewish retired appliance manufacturer from my State of New York. In October 1985, he and his wife Marilyn were celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary by taking a vacation aboard the Achille Lauro.

On October 7, 1985, four members of the Palestine Liberation Front took control of the Achille Lauro liner off the coast of Egypt. While these hijackers held the passengers and crew hostage, they directed the vessel to sail to Tartus, Syria, and demanded the release of 50 Palestinians then held in Israeli prisons. After being refused permission to dock at Tartus, the hijackers killed the wheelchair-bound Leon Klinghoffer and threw his body overboard into the sea.

Nothing can ever repair the mindless horror that act of terror visited upon the innocent. Nothing can replace the love of a husband and father. Yet we can learn from this cowardly act of terror and others like it. Indeed we must learn from it if we are to survive as a free nation in a world stalked by the terrorist gun and bomb. We must understand that terrorism has gotten more dangerous to the United States since Leon Klinghoffer's senseless murder. The Achille Lauro hijacking signaled the beginning of a new era and shattered illusions that Americans were not vulnerable to international terrorism.

Mr. Klinghoffer's widow, Marilyn and his two daughters courageously sought to turn their grief into meaningful action by speaking out against the scourge of terrorism and establishing the Leon Klinghoffer Memorial Foundation of the Anti-Defamation League. Since Marilyn's passing in 1986, the foundation that now bears both their names continues to raise awareness about the growing reach, sophistication, and lethality of terrorism, to identify gaps in America's counterterrorism law, and to advocate for their closure.

Having seen firsthand the destruction and pain caused by the murder of even one victim, the Klinghoffer family has reached out to other victims of terror to share their support, strength and experience. The Klinghoffer Foundation has developed educational, political, and legal strategies to enhance the fight against terror worldwide.

The Senate salutes Leon and Marilyn's two daughters, Lisa and Ilsa, whose longtime education efforts helped put a human face on the threat of terrorism long before fighting terror became a necessary way of life for