

Greggs. More than a thousand persons attended this event, which included an impressive blend of military and civilian citizens. The evening included dinner, speeches, top level entertainment and dancing. It was, by all accounts, a delightful evening.

But, more importantly and of greater relevance, the event raised a significant amount of money to be used for scholarships for young people. To that end, Dr. King's words were given new meaning and new life.

In order to benefit from the guidance of those with wisdom like Dr. King, we must not only hear what they say, we must also do what they mean for us to do.

History is the recording of important events, a pattern of timeless moments. History provides a looking glass to the past through which we can learn and benefit.

The history of Dr. King is perhaps best captured in his own words. If we are to learn from the history of Dr. King's life and untimely death, we must not only consider what he said, we must also do what he meant for us to do.

In accepting the Nobel Peace Prize, on December 11, 1964, he stated, "Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation." And, Dr. King in that same speech concluded, "The foundation of such a method is love." That is what he said.

Dr. King dreamed of an America where all would be judged by the content of their character rather than the color of their skin. That is what we all want.

By holding the Black and White Scholarship Ball, the Montford Point Marine Association Ladies Auxiliary did what Dr. King said to do.

The Members of that Organization listened, heard, and responded accordingly.

While such an event required the tireless efforts of many, there are two who deserve our applause and special recognition. Mrs. Jacqueline Barton, the Ball Chairperson and Mrs. Cushmeer Singleton, the Co-Chair went above and beyond the call of duty in planning, preparing, organizing and executing the Scholarship Ball. I am told it was the most successful ever.

Much of our hope for the future is engendered by Dr. King's glorious past. Recall what he told us.

When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."

In these very troubling times for our youth, freedom is ringing for some of our young people because of the work of the Montford Point Marine Association Chapter 10 and Ladies Auxiliary and because of the efforts of Mrs. Jacqueline Barton and Mrs. Cushmeer Singleton.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TILLIE K. FOWLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2000*

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, January 31, 2000, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber due to business in my district and therefore missed rollcall vote 2 (on passage of H. Con. Res. 244) and rollcall vote 3 (on passage of H.R. 2130). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both rollcall votes 2 and 3.

### TRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY OF GYNECOLOGIC ONCOLOGISTS

#### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2000*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists as they gather in San Diego for their 31st Annual Meeting this week. The Society of Gynecologic Oncologists is a nonprofit, international organization dedicated to improving the care of women with gynecologic cancer, raising standards of practice in gynecologic oncology and encouraging ongoing research.

An estimated 12,800 cases of invasive cervical cancer occurred in the United States in 1999, which lead to 4,800 deaths. These cases occur predominantly among the economically disadvantaged. This cancer has a well recognized preinvasive state; and enrolling more of the cases with preinvasive disease into ongoing vaccine trials would give us an opportunity to prevent cervical cancer, which would be a benefit not only to the United States, but to the 400,000 women world wide who develop cervical cancer each year.

In 1999, an estimated 37,400 women were diagnosed with endometrial cancer and 6,400 of these women will die from this disease. This cancer too has a premalignant state which may be reversed with exposure to progesterone compounds. Such trials are ongoing and also represent an opportunity to prevent this most common gynecologic cancer.

Ovarian cancer strikes 1 in 55 women and an estimated 14,500 women die from it each year. Five to 10 percent of these cancers arise in families with mutations, and efforts underway to study these families are critical to understanding how the disease arises and may someday be prevented.

Clinical trials are frequently the best option of state-of-the-art cancer treatment. Approximately 2 to 3 percent of adults diagnosed with cancer participate in clinical trials. The current trends with regard to participation in clinical research for adults diagnosed with cancer are jeopardizing our ability to facilitate progress against cancer in this country. Clinical trials are the best way to translate research progress into effective cancer treatments and preventive strategies that might save the lives of the approximately 563,100 Americans who will die from cancer each year.

*February 1, 2000*

As a strong supporter of medical research, clinical trials, and the efforts of SGO's President, William J. Hoskins, M.D., at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, I commend the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists and its members, some of who reside in my district, for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of care for our mothers, grandmothers, and daughters in their fight to win the battle against gynecologic cancers.

### HONORING FRANCIS S. BRAMWELL

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2000*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember a lifelong resident of Chromo, Colorado, Mrs. Francis S. Bramwell who died on November 17, 1999.

Mrs. Frances Shahan Bramwell was born on September 3, 1911, in Chromo, Colorado. She married Edwin J. Bramwell in 1941 and the couple ranched in Chromo for many years.

Mrs. Bramwell was active in 4-H, serving as an Archuleta County leader for several years. She was a member of the Colorado Cowbells and served as president of the local chapter.

She will be remembered by all of those who knew her as a generous person who enjoyed cooking and helping those in need. She was also a cherished mother and grandmother who loved spending time with her family.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Mrs. Bramwell and her efforts to make her community a better place to live.

### HONORING DR. CHARLES H. MCCOLLUM

#### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2000*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Charles H. McCollum. Dr. McCollum has been selected by the Houston Surgical Society to receive their "Distinguished Houston Surgeon" award for 2000. Dr. McCollum has a long and honorable list of achievements and service to both our nation and our local community.

Dr. McCollum was born in Fort Worth, TX in 1934. He graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a bachelor of arts degree in 1955. Dr. McCollum then continued his education at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, where he received his medical degree. Soon after completing his residency at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. McCollum was promoted to captain of the U.S. Army Reserve, where he served until 1969.

In 1975, he was named president of the Texas Chapter of American College of Chest Physicians. In 1977, he was named an officer with the Michael E. DeBakey International Surgical Society, a position he held until 1992. He