aimed at getting women to get regular mammograms and do routine self exams, we must support the same kind of campaign to get men to get regular health checkups and do routine self exams. Testicular cancer, which is the most common cancer in men under 35, is curable if caught early enough. In addition, one of the best ways to do that is to teach boys and young men to check themselves at least once a month.

As precious as life is, men—just like women—should have the benefit of as much of it as they possibly can. And because they live so much longer, women are in the enviable position of seeing their husbands, fathers, and even their sons suffer and die prematurely. So this year, as we approach Father’s Day, let’s spend some time figuring out what we can do to help men be better healthcare consumers and what we can do to give men the support they need and deserve. And because patients and students need to be the kind of fathers their kids need them to be and that they truly want to be.

Congress is taking the lead in this endeavor. Over 50 members of Congress have joined me in sponsoring the annual Men’s Health Screenings being conducted this week by the Men’s Health Network. Informational brochures are provided by Pfizer Inc, American Cancer Society, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Screenings are available in the Rayburn First Aid station Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday in the Hart First Aid station. I encourage my colleagues to take this opportunity to be screened for prostate and colorectal cancer, diabetes, cholesterol, and other significant health indicators.

I also hope that all my colleagues will help me by supporting my legislation to establish an Office of Men’s Health.

HONORING DEBI BARRETT-HAYES, EDUCATOR FROM FLORIDA

HON. ALLEN BOYD OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the dedicated work of my constituents and one of Florida’s finest educators. Debi Barrett-Hayes, has spent the past twenty years of her life working to enrich the minds of our youth through art to students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Today, June 14, 2000, Debi Barrett-Hayes will be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. It is her invaluable commitment and dedication that we honor today.

Debi Barrett-Hayes is currently the Chair of the Visual Arts Department K–12 and a teacher of Visual Arts grades 9–12 with Florida State University School in Tallahassee, Florida. She has spent her entire career committed to the arts. Debi began as a graphic designer and freelance artist, then moved into the educational field and she has stayed for the past twenty years. She has been teaching art to students of all levels, including the Primary, Secondary and University levels. Throughout her career, Ms. Barrett-Hayes has been honored with a variety of awards. Just this past year, she was given the Christa McAullife Fellowship Award. In 1996 she was named Florida Art Educator of the Year, and the year before Florida State University School also named her Teacher of the Year.

Debi is also the National Art Education Association Secondary Division Director and was one of the first art teachers to obtain the status of National Board Certified Teacher. Her commitment to advocating the importance of art on the national level has been impressive throughout her career. She has successfully written numerous grant requests, and has brought in over $400,000 in additional funds for her school district. Conducting over 300 workshops and being invited to speak on the state, national and international level certainly distinguishes her remarkable career.

The greatest reflection of an educator’s career is when they are recognized by their peers, colleges and staff. It is a testament to the parents, teachers and students who have been working with students and with her ability to integrate art into the lives of those she teaches. She uses history, science and culture to bring about a greater understanding of the visual arts. Other impressive attributes to her career are the successes her students experience through the awards and scholarships they have received for their talents.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we join Debi Barrett-Hayes’ family, colleagues, students and peers in honoring her as she is inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND MICHAEL ELLIOTT

HON. JACK KINGSTON OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Reverend Micah Elliott, President of Union Mission, Inc. and a recipient of this year’s Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Community Health Leadership Program award. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recognizes and supports community health leaders and organizations in the country and their mission is devoted to improving the health and health care of all Americans. Let me take a moment to applaud the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s efforts to fund projects that seek diversified solutions to the challenges of health care. This national foundation invests in our futures by supporting training, education, research and projects that demonstrate the effective delivery of health care services. All of us benefit from their commitment to improving health and health care. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation honors ten individuals each year who have found creative solutions to bring health care to communities whose needs have been ignored or unmet. This award is considered the nation’s highest honor for community health leadership and includes a $100,000 program grant.

Recognizing that poor health care prolongs homelessness, Reverend Elliott developed partnerships among the diverse private and public organizations serving the homeless to create a shelter based clinic. Reverend Elliott established the J.C. Lewis Health Center of Union Mission, a 32-bed respite center which provides care to the homeless who are too sick to recover in shelters, but not sick enough to remain in hospitals. This well-conceived project provides much needed care to the homeless as well as saves the country’s three major hospitals millions of dollars annually in the costs of unnecessary hospitalizations. By integrating services for this vulnerable population, Reverend Elliott and his organization bridged the gap in service and helped to reduce homelessness in Savannah.

Reverend Elliott’s efforts confirm that innovative approaches and collaborative efforts are very effective tools in resolving the health care challenges that many communities face. Finally, the real strength of these creative programs is the compassion of Reverend Elliott. I’ve known Mike for years—he is energetic, dedicated and bold. He mixes idealism with practicality, and assembles a group of personal strengths and talents together to make things happen. I believe it is his “outside of the box” thinking that makes the difference.

A RESOLUTION HONORING COURTNEY MCFETERS, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF HORTON, MI

HON. NICK SMITH OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 14, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Courtnay McFeters, winner of the 2000 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation’s future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Courtnay is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Courtnay is an exceptional student at Hanover-Horton High School and possesses an impressive high school record.

Courtnay has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics as well as her involvement in band. Outside of school, she is an active member of her church community.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Courtnay McFeters for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this