

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH
STAMP REAUTHORIZATION ACT
OF 2000**HON. RICK LAZIO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the bill entitled the Breast Cancer Research Stamps Reauthorization Act of 2000.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the United States. More than 2 million American women are currently living with the disease, 1 million of whom have yet to be diagnosed. This year alone, 182,800 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Over 40,000 of them will lose their battle with this killer.

Breast cancer has taken an awful toll on the people of my home state. New York has the second-highest breast cancer mortality rate in the country. Between 1980 and 1994, the incidence of breast cancer in New York increased nearly 18 percent. Enactment of this bill will go a long way toward helping our effort to increase funding for breast cancer research. Only through the help of continued cancer research have more and more people become cancer survivors in recent years.

Since the issuance of the Breast Cancer Research stamp in the summer of 1998, 164 million Breast Cancer Research stamps have been sold raising over \$12 million for breast cancer research. The stamp provides a convenient avenue for participation in the battle against this horrible disease. Unfortunately, without congressional intervention, the stamp will expire on July 28, 2000. Valuable research funds, as well as a mechanism to heighten public awareness of this horrible disease, will be lost.

This bill, The Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2000 would extend the sale of the Breast Cancer Research stamp for an additional two years. The stamp would continue to cost 40 cents and sell as a first class stamp. The additional funds that are raised will go directly to breast cancer research at the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense.

I am pleased to report that this reauthorization bill has tremendous support throughout the health community. Supporters of the Breast Cancer Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2000 include the American Cancer Society, the American Medical Association, the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization, Leadership America, the National Association of Women's Health, the American Cancer League, the American College of Surgeons, Friends of Cancer Research, and many others.

A Breast Cancer Research Stamp remains just as necessary today as it was when this authority was signed into law two years ago. According to the American Association for Cancer Research, 8 million people are alive today as a result of cancer research. To say that every dollar we continue to raise will save lives, can only underscore the importance of this legislation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in enacting this important legislation.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. ORAN LITTLE'S 12
YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE UNI-
VERSITY OF KENTUCKY'S DEAN
OF AGRICULTURE**HON. ERNIE FLETCHER**

OF KENTUCKY

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Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to speak today on behalf of Dr. Oran Little who is stepping down from his position at The University of Kentucky as the Dean of Agriculture. For twelve years Oran Little, has been not only the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Kentucky but also the Director of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station, the Director of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and a Professor of Animal Science. For Dean Little's commitment to education and his many years of service, I salute him.

Oran Little is a leader in the Lexington community and his dedication to the youth of the University of Kentucky will never be forgotten by the many people he has touched over the years. I commend Dean Little and thank him for his outstanding service to Fayette County. During his tenure, the University of Kentucky's academic, research, and extension programs have provided invaluable services to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and have gained substantially in national and international recognition.

Dean Little's determination to constantly improve the University of Kentucky's facilities has led to many new competitive research and technology capabilities which will eventually result in new opportunities for crop diversification, as well as new science based information on agricultural techniques. I thank you Oran Little for helping to mold and develop the University of Kentucky's Agriculture Department into what it is today.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ARMED SERVICES AND VET-
ERANS AFFAIRS MILITARY
AWARDS DINNER**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

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Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, whereas the leaders of America's Revolutionary War ascribed honor, gallantry and patriotism to the performance of military duty reserved for free white men to garner independence, freedom, liberty and equality from the British Crown;

Whereas Crispus Attucks, a black slave, was the first to die while confronting British soldiers in the Boston Massacre; 5,000 of those who fought during the Revolutionary War were black;

Whereas the military heritage of African Americans is as long as the history of a black presence in North America; black participation—in military actions—has not received extensive popular support nor has such participation been undertaken without difficulty;

Whereas in 1917, when America entered World War I, Dr. Joel Spingarn, then-chairman

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of the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Dr. W.E.B. Dubois, editor of the Crisis magazine pressured the War Department to establish a training camp that resulted in the commissioning of more than 1,300 black officers;

Whereas today, the NAACP notes significant improvement in the status of African Americans serving in the defense of the Nation; substantial portions of America's working population are directly or indirectly employed by the Department of Defense as uniformed military personnel, Federal employees, or Department of Defense contractors/sub-contractors and African Americans compose significant percentages of this work force; these statistics represent employment, training, and educational opportunities for African American youth;

Whereas July 12, 2000, the Silver Anniversary of the Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Military Awards Dinner marks the untiring efforts of the NAACP to ensure equal opportunity in the Department of Defense through a national recognition program to award individuals within the Department of Defense who have made significant contributions to promoting equal opportunity and civil rights;

Whereas the NAACP does not hesitate to confront the Defense Department whenever issues involving civil rights are in question; the national awards program testifies to the efforts of the Department of Defense and the Uniformed Services to stay the course and improve upon the Department of Defense and the Uniformed Services to become introspective and as equal opportunity-related issues emerge, to remain vigilant and keenly aware of the civil rights implications.

Be it Resolved finally That this NAACP national recognition program continue to culminate in an awards banquet and ceremony with pageantry commensurate with the high honor and dignity bestowed upon the award recipients.

HONORING BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to a remarkable citizen, Brian R. Martinotti of Cliffside Park, New Jersey, who on May 16, 1999 was honored with the "Christopher Columbus Citizenship Award" by the Italian-American Police Society of New Jersey.

I have known Brian for many years and I have always found him to be an outstanding attorney, family man, and a trusted friend. After earning his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Fordham University, Brian received his Juris Doctor from Seton Hall University School of Law. He is a member of the New Jersey State Bar, and has also been admitted to the United States Supreme Court Bar and the New Jersey Federal District Court Bar.

In addition to being a partner in the law firm of Beattie Padovano, where he specializes in