

(10) 2nd Senate Amendment to H.R. 2764—Rollcall No. 1172—On motion to agree to the Senate amendment with the 2nd House amendment—“yes.”

(11) H. Con. Res. 254—Rollcall No. 1173—Recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood—“yes.”

DECEMBER 18, 2007

(1) Previous Question—Rollcall No. 1174—On ordering the previous question to H.R. 877—“yes.”

(2) H. Res. 877—Rollcall No. 1175—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 6) to move the United States toward greater energy independence and security, to increase the production of clean renewable fuels, to protect consumers, to increase the efficiency of products, buildings, and vehicles, to promote research on and deploy greenhouse gas capture and storage options, and to improve the energy performance of the Federal Government, and for other purposes—“yes.”

(3) H.R. 3793—Rollcall No. 1176—To amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated—“yes.”

(4) H.R. 6—Rollcall No. 1177—To reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes—“yes.”

(5) H.R. 2761—Rollcall No. 1178—To extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes—“yes.”

(6) S. 2271—Rollcall No. 1179—To authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies, and for other purposes—“yes.”

(7) H. Res. 542—Rollcall No. 1180—Expressing the unconditional support of the House of Representatives for the members of the National Guard—“yes.”

(8) H. Res. 884—Rollcall No. 1181—Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3997, with an amendment—“yes.”

(9) H.R. 3690—Rollcall No. 1182—To provide for the transfer of the Library of Congress police to the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes—“yes.”

DECEMBER 19, 2007

(1) H.R. 3996—Rollcall No. 1183—To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes—“no.”

(2) S. 2499—Rollcall No. 1184—To amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend provisions under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs, and for other purposes—“yes.”

(3) H.R. 4040—Rollcall No. 1185—To establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's prod-

ucts and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission—“yes.”

(4) H.R. 2764—Rollcall No. 1186—Making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes—“no.”

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JOSEPH SNYDER, M.D.

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 28, 2007

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to acknowledge the all too short life of Dr. Joseph Snyder who lost his valiant battle against cancer Monday, December 17.

Dr. Snyder was the preeminent kidney transplant specialist in the State of Nevada. He wrote the protocols and procedures that govern the transplantation of kidneys in our Nevada hospitals. Hundreds, if not thousands, of his fellow citizens are alive today due to the dedication, expertise, and extraordinary talents of this gifted physician.

Joseph Snyder was a caring doctor, a loving husband, and a wonderful and dedicated father to his two children, Johanna, age 6 and Sebastian, age 3.

Dr. Joe and his wife MaryJhan were happily married for 7 years. Together they shared a wonderful life and made a home for their children filled with joy and love.

In addition to his family, Dr. Joe enjoyed reading and attending the theatre. His interest was history, particularly the period surrounding America's Civil War.

A senior partner in the nephrology group Kidney Specialists of Southern Nevada, Dr. Snyder received his medical training at Georgetown University, graduating cum laude, and completed his fellowship at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia. He received his transplant training at the University of California at San Francisco. He was board certified in both internal medicine and nephrology.

Dr. Snyder held professional memberships in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, International Society of Nephrology, and American Society of Transplant Physicians.

He relocated to Las Vegas in 1991. In addition to his partnership with Kidney Specialists of Southern Nevada, Dr. Snyder was a clinical assistant professor at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, as well as the head of the transplant program for the medical school. Dr. Snyder was a noted author of numerous publications in the field of renal disease and kidney transplantation procedures.

Dr. Joseph Snyder will be mourned and missed by his family, his colleagues, and his patients. His untimely death leaves a great void in the medical community of southern Nevada.

Most of all he will be remembered as a kind and loving family man, a dedicated physician, and a pillar of our community.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the Snyder family at this time of grief and reflection.

CONSUMER PROTECTION
MODERNIZATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in support of H.R. 4040, The Consumer Protection Safety Modernization Act, not just as a strong believer in consumer safety protections but also as a proud co-sponsor of this legislation. This important piece of legislation helps protect Americans from harmful and potentially deadly substances found in our consumer products.

Far too often, Americans are unknowingly confronted with tainted products putting their health and lives in danger. Last week alone, the Consumer Protection Agency had to recall 300,000 Baby Bead and Race Car Toys due to toxic levels of lead paint, 12,000 girls' hooded sweatshirts due to a strangulation hazard, and 12,000 Christmas candle sets that posed a serious fire hazard. These are only a fraction of the products recalled last week due to serious safety violations, and many of the products we Americans use are not even adequately screened.

H.R. 4040 fixes many of the failures in our product safety system by requiring that all children's products marketed to children under the age of 12 must undergo third party testing and certification, reducing the lead standard acceptable in children's toys, raising the penalty for breaking consumer product safety laws, prohibiting the sale and export of recalled products, and drastically speeding up the Consumer Product Safety Commission's ability of recalling hazardous products. In addition, not only does H.R. 4040 address the current crisis of consumer product safety, but significantly increases the financial resources of the Consumer Product Safety Commission to protect us from hazardous products in the coming years.

As we enjoy this holiday season with our loved ones, the American people should know that we as members of Congress are continuously working to ensure the safety of the products on America's shelves and wrapped presents shared during the holiday season.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING
THE CENTENNIAL OF OKLAHOMA
STATEHOOD

SPEECH OF

HON. MARY FALLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2007

Ms. FALLIN. Mr. Speaker, this year, the State of Oklahoma celebrates its centennial anniversary. Today, I join the rest of the Oklahoma delegation in bringing a resolution to the floor that celebrates and honors our state's rich history. Most of all, we honor the people of Oklahoma, whose hard work, decency, perseverance, and pioneer spirit have written a truly unique chapter in America's history.

Oklahoma has always been defined by the adventurous nature of the men and women who settled there.

Prior even to becoming a State, Oklahoma was designated Indian Territory. Native Americans have been a huge part of Oklahoma history and have provided a vibrant culture and long list of traditions that continue to enrich the lives of our citizens.

In the late 19th century, American pioneers arrived in Oklahoma after a series of land runs held by the federal government. They came from every corner of the country looking for their piece of the American dream.

In 1907 we became a State, and it has been a century of both hardships and blessings. But no matter what challenges Oklahoma families face, and we have had our share, the men and women of this great State have always come out stronger.

Today, 100 years after achieving statehood, we have much to offer—a tremendous quality of life, a work ethic second to none, and a pioneer spirit that is just as much alive as it was a century ago.

During Oklahoma's relatively short life, our State has left a significant footprint on American culture. Will Rogers, Woody Guthrie, Ralph Ellison, Thom Stafford, and Jim Thorpe are just a few of the American icons who hail from Oklahoma. No other state has produced more astronauts. We have been on the forefront of energy production and agriculture. If you like country music, Oklahoma has produced the stars: Garth Brooks, Toby Keith, Reba McEntyre, Vince Gill, and Carrie Underwood, just to name a few of our talented musicians. And, oh yes, we've been known to play a little football too.

Of course, there are millions of others whose names will never appear in history books, and we honor them as well. It is those unsung heroes that remind me, as they should remind all of us, that compassion, hard work, and a spirit of adventure can bring both success and happiness. Truly, I can think of no greater honor than to represent them in the United States Congress.

Thank you, and may God bless Oklahoma.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR HEALTH CARE ACT—TITLE 42

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 28, 2007

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the "Equal Rights for Health Care Act—Title 42." Our Founding Fathers wisely wrote that all Americans should have the equal rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In order to have life one must be healthy and have adequate healthcare. Ensuring those rights of my constituents and the American people is our primary responsibility as Members of Congress. H.R. 4849 will prohibit discrimination of health care services and research programs that receive Federal funding based on sex, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability status.

The civil rights laws have historically been a powerful mechanism for effecting necessary

change in the United States. Each law represents a national commitment to end discrimination and establish a mandate to bring the excluded into the mainstream. These equal rights laws ensure that the Federal government delivers on the Constitution's promise of equal opportunity so that every individual has the right to develop his or her talents. Healthcare should not be an exception to this precedent.

In 1971, only 18 percent of all women, compared to 26 percent of all men, had completed 4 or more years of college. In 1972, Title IX was introduced by Representative Edith Green of Oregon. In 2007, celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Title IX, which assured woman's right to education equality, the U.S. Department of Education showed 56 percent of all women compared to 44 percent of all men in four or more years of college. This mandate created a sea of change in our expectations of what equal funding could achieve.

Federal law prohibits discrimination across a wide array of public policy arenas, none more so than in relation to voting and public education rights. The "Equal Rights for Health Care Act—Title 42" H.R. 4849 seeks to have the same effect in the health care community. With the introduction of H.R. 4849, we as a Congress, are taking another step toward equal rights and I look forward to working with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to accomplish this goal.

CHIMP HAVEN IS HOME ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM MCCRERY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. MCCRERY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 1916, the Chimp Haven is Home Act. S. 1916 is companion legislation to a bill I introduced with Congressman MELANCON, H.R. 3295. In 2000, President Clinton signed into law the "Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance and Protection Act"—otherwise known as the CHIMP Act. The CHIMP Act provided for the establishment and operation of a system to provide lifetime care to chimpanzees that were used, or were bred or purchased for use, in research conducted or supported by the Federal Government AND who are no longer needed for such research. The system envisioned by the CHIMP Act is now a reality in Keithville, Louisiana. It is called Chimp Haven.

Chimp Haven is now home to 123 chimpanzees. As a relatively new organization, Chimp Haven faces the challenge of raising money from the private sector. This challenge has been heightened due to concerns that the CHIMP Act theoretically permits chimpanzees to be removed from Chimp Haven and used for medical research. Private financial support is important for Chimp Haven because the CHIMP Act requires the 501(c)(3) to obtain significant matching funds for its operating and construction costs.

This legislation removes the "return to medical research clause" from the law and will

give everyone involved with Chimp Haven peace of mind because the chimpanzees will be able to grow old peacefully in their new home and they cannot be removed for research purposes. The legislation will not adversely affect human health research, as these chimpanzees were deemed unfit for further experimentation. The resident chimpanzees at Chimp Haven are currently able to be studied in a non-invasive manner and S. 1916 will not change that ability.

The chimpanzees at Chimp Haven have spent their lives in research laboratories helping to improve the lives of all Americans. Many of our discoveries in space and medicine are due to chimpanzees. I am proud to help modify the existing law to ensure chimpanzees at Chimp Haven will spend their final years happily.

IN MEMORY OF BETH SHARON
SAMUELS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 28, 2007

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, this week marks the first anniversary in the Hebrew calendar of the passing of Beth Sharon Samuels, an extraordinary constituent who lost her life to cancer in January 2007 at the age of thirty-one.

Beth grew up in Los Angeles, attending the Yeshiva University High School of Los Angeles and graduating as valedictorian. She went on to study at a women's seminary in Israel before graduating from Columbia University with a degree in mathematics. She then completed a three-year program at the Drisha Institute in Bible and Talmud, a Ph.D. in math at Yale, and earned an assistant professorship at the University of California, Berkeley. In the meantime, she gave birth to a daughter Danelle and later to daughter Natalia while undergoing intensive chemotherapy treatments.

Beth coupled her academic talent with a passion for Jewish learning. During her time at Columbia, she served as a leader of the Jewish community and was a force for change on behalf of women's participation in Jewish ritual life. While at the Drisha Institute she traveled around the country to teach young women how to engage Jewish texts and explore their spirituality. She imbued all of her pursuits with youthful energy and zeal.

According to her husband Ari, Beth wished that her legacy be the Jewish value of *chesed*—kindness. Her friends and family remember her for an extraordinary capacity to perform countless acts of kindness for others and help bring out the best in others. They celebrate her short life for its wisdom, zest, and humanity.

My condolences go out to her parents, Elana and Zachary, her husband, Ari, her daughters Danelle and Natalia and her extended friends and family on this solemn occasion.