

second most common reason people visit a physician? These statistics demonstrate how important it is to raise awareness about this health problem that affects so many Americans.

One Famous American who suffers from back pain is two-time Cy Young Award winner and Major League Baseball pitcher Randy Johnson. After Johnson won the Cy Young in 1995, he was sidelined because of back problems for most of the 1996 season. Johnson captured his second Cy Young last year after surgery to correct a herniated disk and months of physical therapy.

Another highlight of "Back to Health Week" is an event to distribute information about back pain. "Back to Health Day" will be held Thursday April 13th in the Capitol. "Back to Health Day" will provide an array of educational materials, including guidelines to a healthy back, exercises to strengthen your back, and how to prevent back pain. In addition, representatives from the North American Spine Society will be on hand to discuss commonly asked questions about back pain, causes, and prevention. I encourage my colleagues to join us for "Back to Health Day" as we learn the most effective ways to prevent and alleviate back pain.

I commend the North American Spine Society for organizing "Back to Health Week" and for their commitment to ensuring Americans learn to keep their backs healthy.

"THE QUILTS OF TEARS"—HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM AGENT ORANGE

### HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 11, 2000*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, the loss and suffering of Vietnam veterans and their loved ones due to the use of Agent Orange is one of the sad legacies of the Vietnam War that continues to haunt our nation. Because of our nation's use of herbicides during the war, tens of thousands of Vietnam veterans have died or live daily with the scars of disease. As any veteran will tell you, the scars of war are not just physical, but also emotional. Too many veterans and their loved ones live each day with the continuing pain of dealing with the loss and the illnesses caused by Agent Orange.

Next week, the "quilts of tears" will arrive in Washington, DC. This is an important event because the quilts tell many of the stories that need to be told about the devastation this tragedy has exacted on too many lives.

Recently, I received a letter from Ms. Jennie R. LeFevre, an Agent Orange widow, who eloquently describes her own experiences as well as the legacy left of broken soldiers and broken families. I believe it captures the essence of the Agent Orange tragedy as well as the costs that our nation continues to pay for a war that ended almost twenty-five years ago.

The quilts will arrive on the Mall on April 17 and will be available for viewing near the Vietnam Memorial. They will also be on display on Memorial Day on the banks of the Reflecting Pool. I urge my colleagues to visit this moving

and unforgettable memorial. The letter from Ms. LeFevre follows:

#### THE QUILTS OF TEARS

Agent Orange has been interwoven into the fabric of the lives of many Vietnam Veterans and their families. To tell their story, the "Quilts of Tears" project was created. It is to show the world the suffering and pain that the Agent Orange Victims and their families have endured. Each block in the "Quilts of Tears" reflect their struggles with life and death issues of Agent Orange. Agent Orange has left invisible scars on the hearts and minds of these victims and their families.

I have recently heard these words about Vietnam Veterans. The words are, "All gave some, but some gave all". Such is the case of the thousands of who have already lost their lives to the great tragedy Agent Orange, for they were killed in Vietnam and didn't know it. They were killed by the silent and invisible bullet, Agent Orange. Their names do not appear on the black granite Wall in Washington, DC, the "Quilts of Tears" are their Wall.

The "Quilts of Tears" was founded by Jennie R. LeFevre of Shady Side, MD, Founder and President of the Agent Orange Victims and Widows Support Network. The quilts are a Tribute, Memorial and Honor to the Vietnam Agent Orange Victims, both living and dead. Each block represents a victim, and they show the victim's unit in Nam, years served in Nam and the nature of the victim's health problems relating to Agent Orange. At present, there are ten quilts, each measuring 80 by 100 inches, each quilt contains 20 blocks. At displays, the quilts are hung on walls or spread on the ground with walking space between each one to allow viewing from any angle. "The Quilt of Tears" project is mentioned throughout the Internet on many of the Vietnam Veterans websites and e-mail forums and indeed the "Quilts of Tears" has a website of its own as well.

Mothers, sisters, and other family members have adorned the blocks with their loved one's picture, unit patches, military emblems, medals, awards, etc., etc. The quilts were displayed for the first time on the Mall in Washington, DC several years ago. They have since traveled to a quilt show in NJ, several Vietnam Veteran's Reunions in St. Louis, MO, and were also displayed at the Vietnam Veteran Reunion in Kokomo, Ind. They were on display a year ago Veterans Day in the Rotunda of the Utah State Capitol. The quilts are called the "Quilts of Tears" because many tears have been shed for these victims. "The Quilts of Tears" already have letters of acknowledgment and endorsement from both the Agent Orange Coordinating Council and Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., headquarters in Washington, DC.

I am an Agent Orange widow myself, my late husband, a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam War, died with cancer in ten parts of his body. Unfortunately, the VA states the cancer he had was not related to his exposure to Agent Orange so there I am not compensated. I believe Agent Orange did cause his death. I am a member of the Agent Orange Coordinating Council, chaired by the late Admiral Zumwalt and have been on the Council for seven years. I made a block for Admiral's son with the words inscribed "A Great Warrior Son" which Admiral Zumwalt requested to be put on his son's block. The block is now a part of the Quilts of Tears.

"The Quilts of Tears" are the Wall for the Agent Orange Victims. Their stories need to be mentioned for all of the suffering and pain they have endured in love and honor for their country, the quilts do just that. One has only to look at the quilts to see for themselves what has happened to these vic-

tims. After the display in Kokomo, I received a letter from a veteran who stated the quilts were the most moving piece of art he had seen since the Wall in Washington, DC. A veteran with Agent Orange problems saw the display in Washington, he said he had no one to make a block for him, I told him that I would do it for him. Later he sent me his Purpose Heart to put on the block. One of his prized possessions, he insists that it be placed on his block.

These quilts are very dear to the hearts of the Vietnam Veterans, the Agent Orange Victims, and their families. Over Memorial Day weekend last year, a big burly veteran looked at the quilts beside the Reflecting pool, walked a short distance away, fell to his knees and burst into tears. When I went to him and hugged him, he asked "Am I next?". The next display of the quilts will be on Monday April 17, 10:00 a.m. at the "In Memory" ceremony near the Wall, weather permitting, and they will be on the banks of the Reflecting Pool over memorial Day weekend. I invite you and the general public to come and view them.

Recently, I was at an Agent Orange meeting and another Agent Orange widow took a pin off her blouse and put it on my sweater. The pin was a black heart edged in gold, a jagged streak was across the heart to represent a broken heart and in the center of the heart was an orange teardrop. Yes, our hearts are broken for the Agent Orange Victims.

The late Admiral Elmo Zumwalt Jr. was a real friend and advocate for the Agent Orange Victims and their families. May his memory and devotion to the Agent Orange issue live on in our hearts forever. Those of us who are a part of the Agent Orange struggle say "We will never allow the Agent Orange Victims to be Forgotten".

Most Sincerely,

JENNIE R. LEFEVRE,  
*Agent Orange Widow.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. IRWIN JACOBS

### HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 11, 2000*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend and constituent, Dr. Irwin Jacobs. America is well aware that Dr. Jacobs is the founder and CEO of Qualcomm, home of the CDMA wireless telecommunications standard. In addition to his work with Qualcomm, however, Dr. Jacobs is very active in San Diego's technology community.

Dr. Jacobs was named scientist of the year by the San Diego Chapter of Achievement Reward for College Scientists. Ms. Toni Nickell, the president of the San Diego chapter, said that Dr. Jacobs was given this award "because of his great contributions to technology". Specifically, Dr. Jacobs, as the CEO of Qualcomm, has been conducting research that would expand the use of cellular phones and make them the personal computers of tomorrow.

Irwin Jacobs deserves our congratulations for a job well done. Thanks in no small part to him, San Diego County is the global headquarters for CDMA wireless telecommunications technology.

I commend my colleagues to read this attached article from the San Diego Union Tribune of April 6, 2000 describing this most recent honor for Dr. Jacobs.

[From the San Diego Union-Tribune, Apr. 6, 2000]

QUALCOMM CHIEF NAMED SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR BY WOMEN'S GROUP  
(By David E. Graham)

Technology is emerging now that will blur the distinctions between a cellular phone and a desktop computer, Irwin Jacobs, the CEO of Qualcomm, said last night at an awards banquet in his honor.

The leader of the San Diego wireless telecommunications company was named scientist of the year by the San Diego chapter of Achievement Reward for College Scientists. The women's group raises money for scholarships for university students studying science.

While celebrating the need for talented students to fuel innovation, Jacobs said his company is interested in expanding the capabilities of digital cellular phones. "That device is able to do many, many things for us," Jacobs said.

The company's code-division-multiple-access technology is a standard technology for transferring information to the phones. Soon, however, cellular phones will be able to tell users that location in a city or within a building, using a global-positioning technology. Other changes likely will include the ability to connect to the Internet and download and store great amounts of information—and even download and play back music.

Holding a cellular phone, he told the audience: "I believe for many people it will be their computer."

When someone needed a larger keyboard for writing and a screen for large display of information, the phone could be dropped into a device at a hotel or airport, for example, where work could be done.

The information could be used from within the phone set or against plugged into another larger display at another site, he said.

Many consider Jacobs a voice not to be ignored. Buoyed by the CDMA technology used in portable phones and by other business moves, Qualcomm has been a darling of Wall Street, its stock having soared last year.

Jacobs said he also is interested in the distribution of cinematic film to theaters digitally rather than on traditional film.

Jacobs was chosen for the Achievement Reward for College Scientists award "because of his great contributions to technology," said Toni Nickell, president of the group's San Diego chapter.

The chapter provided \$425,000 in scholarships last fall to 49 graduate and undergraduate students at UCSD, SDSU and The Scripps Research Institute.

Since the chapter was organized in 1985, it has given more than \$2.4 million in scholarships to 375 students.

THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY CAN AFFORD A MEDICARE DRUG BENEFIT AND MORE RESEARCH

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the pharmaceutical industry alleges that government intervention will lead to cost containment and price controls which will stifle research and development of new drugs. In fact, they are not spending enough on R&D.

According to today's Wall Street Journal survey on executive compensation, the aver-

age CEO of a pharmaceutical company received \$14.9 million in salary, bonus, and stock options in 1999.

Rather than maximizing the R&D of new therapies and cures for diseases, they are spending it on pay for their executives. Today's Wall Street Journal article shows what the pharmaceutical industry's real priorities are.

The top five highest compensated CEOs of pharmaceutical companies surveyed were: (1) Charles A. Heimbold, Jr., \$44 million, Bristol-Myers Squibb; (2) Richard Jay Kogan, \$36.7 million, Schering-Plough; (3) Ralph S. Larsen, \$34.9 million, Johnson & Johnson; (4) Sidney Taurel, \$33.3 million, Eli Lilly; and (5) Fred Hassan, \$15 million, Pharmacia & Upjohn.

The income of these 5 men is roughly half the cost of discovering a blockbuster drug that could cure millions of people.

Mr. Speaker, we shouldn't let this industry tell us they can't afford to participate in a Medicare drug benefit and continue research.

HONORING GILBERT SERVIN

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Gilbert Servin, the outgoing President of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (C.C.H.C.C.) is the largest Hispanic business organization in the Central Valley.

Servin, a founding Board member of the C.C.H.C.C., was the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President for one year. Along with his achievements as President of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Servin was also elected to serve for two years as treasurer for the State Hispanic Chamber.

Gilbert Servin graduated from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona in March 1976. For the next fifteen years he was employed by the Clinicas de Salud Del Pueblo, Inc., in Brawley, California, as a Business Manager and Assistant Executive Director. In 1980 Gilbert Servin accepted the opportunity of serving as Business Manager for United Health Centers of San Joaquin Valley, Inc., a considerably larger health center.

Gilbert Servin's experience and expertise, obtained while employed by the United Health Centers and the Clinicas de Salud, propelled him to become an independent consultant in healthcare financing and management in March of 1983. In addition, Gilbert Servin, CEO for CAGSI International (previously Gilbert Servin Associates), and his highly experienced staff provide professional services in the preparation of financial feasibility studies. Currently, Gilbert Servin has focused his efforts in expanding its services to assist local governments and community groups in financing projects. These projects will promote economic development, with an emphasis on rural areas.

Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Gilbert Servin as the outgoing President of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Gilbert Servin many more years of continued success.

HELP FOR THE NATION'S PREMIER TEACHING HOSPITALS

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join today with Senator PATRICK MOYNIHAN, and a number of my House and Senate colleagues in introducing legislation to stop further Medicare cuts in the indirect medical education (IME) program.

IME payments are extra payments made to teaching hospitals for the fact that they are training the next generation of doctors, and that the cost of training a young doctor—like any apprenticeship or new person on the job—is more expensive than just dealing with experienced, older workers. The young person requires mentoring, orders more tests, and makes mistakes unless closely supervised. It is natural that a group of young residents in a hospital will reduce a hospital's efficiency and increase its costs. Medicare should help pay for these extra "indirect" costs, if we want—as we surely do—future generations of competent, highly skilled doctors.

The Balanced Budget Act took the position that the extra adjustment we pay a hospital per resident should be reduced from 7.7% in FY 1997 to 5.5% in FY 2001. This provision was estimated to save about \$6 billion over 5 years and \$16 billion over ten—in addition to about another \$50 billion in hospital cuts in other portions of the BBA. In the Balanced Budget Refinement Act which was enacted last November, we recognized that these cuts were too much, and froze the fiscal year 2000 rate at 6.5%, reduced it to 6.25% in 2001 and then dropped it to 5.5% thereafter.

Mr. Speaker, last fall's delay and spread out of the cuts is helpful—but these cuts are still too much. The nation's teaching hospitals, which do so much to serve the uninsured and poor, and which are the cradle of new clinical research and technical innovation, are hemorrhaging red ink.

Our bill stops further scheduled cuts in the IME, freezing the adjustment factor at 6.5% rather than letting it fall to 5.5%, and saving teaching hospitals about billions of dollars that would otherwise be taken from them.

I hope this legislation will receive consideration this year, before the cuts resume, and these premier medical institutions are faced with cuts, layoffs, and reduced service that will literally cost us lives in the years to come.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. SUBMARINE FORCE

**HON. SAM GEJDENSON**

OF CONNECTICUT  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I rise today to congratulate the U.S. Navy Submarine Force on the occasion of its 100th anniversary of service to America.

We have a rich maritime heritage in southeastern Connecticut and a long legacy of outstanding craftsmen as well as patriots. When the Navy purchased the *Holland* from a relatively unknown shipyard on April 11, 1900, it