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It was shortly after she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer that Liz Tilberis came to the White House to do an interview with me. I had invited her to spend the night, and, despite the devastating news, she was—as always—charming and upbeat. What I remember best about that day, though, is not the time we spent together, but what she did after our interview. Sketchpad in hand, Liz wandered the White House and the grounds, stopping to draw whatever caught her eye. Watching her as she sat in the Rose Garden, what I saw was not a woman defeated by a terrible disease, but rather a woman at peace, moving ahead with her life, gathering courage and strength for the fight ahead.

This remarkable courage is what those of us who knew Liz will remember most about these last six years. When others might have retreated from the spotlight, she used her platform as a vehicle to raise awareness and research dollars. In 1997, she took the helm of the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, travelling and speaking out tirelessly on behalf of every victim of cancer. The title of her memoir said it best: No Time to Die.

Last September, at her urging, the President proclaimed the first-ever Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week, saying, "As we observe Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week and affirm our national commitment to fighting this devastating disease, I encourage all American women and their families to learn more about ovarian cancer, and I urge health care professionals to emphasize to their patients the importance of regular examinations. By doing so, we can build on the progress we have made in our crusade against cancer and ensure healthier, longer lives for women."

Let's all continue that crusade in memory of our brave friend Liz.

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