

In January 1971 he accepted an interim appointment as secretary/business representative of the Honolulu Building Trades Council. However, he returned to Reno in July 1971 when he was reelected as financial secretary and business manager of I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 401, a post in which he served until 1987.

In addition, Mr. Byrne has been active in his community throughout his life. He served on the Washoe County Building Code Appeal Board from 1960 to 1964, the Reno Electrical Board of Examiners from 1960 to 1966, the Nevada Employment Security Board of Review from 1963 to 1971, the Nevada State Apprenticeship Council from 1963 to 1971, the Nevada OSHA Review Board from 1981 to 1985, the Governor's Committee for the Restoration of Virginia City, the Nevada State Industrial Safety Code Revision Committee, and the Construction Opportunity Trust. He also served as chairman of the Nevada OSHA Review Board from 1985 to 1989, president of the California State Electrical Association from 1982 to 1983, and coordinator of the Construction Opportunity Trust.

Further, Mr. Byrne's achievements were recognized by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors who awarded him their prestigious Service, Integrity, Responsibility [S.I.R.] Award, the only time that award has been given to a labor representative in Nevada.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mr. Byrne for his accomplishments and my warm wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 1995*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavailable to cast my vote on the Archer en bloc amendment, rollcall No. 258. I had been in a meeting off the floor during this 5-minute vote, and was unable to return to the floor before the 5-minute period had ended. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on the Archer en bloc amendment.

#### HONORING JAMES C. HOUGE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MONTEBELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 1995*

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James C. Houge, who is retiring from the Montebello Police Department after 30 years of dedicated and superior service. Lieutenant Houge will be honored at a special ceremony on Friday, March 24, 1995.

Born in Baldwin Park, CA, Lieutenant Houge attended local schools and earned his associate of science degree from Mount San Antonio Junior College. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 31, 1961, and was honorably discharged on October 21, 1963.

In 1965, Lieutenant Houge began his tenure serving the people of Montebello as a police

officer. In 1971, his on-the-job performance earned him the status of senior officer. Three years later he was promoted to detective and, in 1979, sergeant. In 1985, Lieutenant Houge was instrumental in leading an investigation which resulted in the seizure of 131 kilos of high-grade cocaine, approximately \$300,000 of U.S. currency and the arrest of three foreign nationals. On March 26, 1987, he achieved his present rank of lieutenant and was assigned the responsibility of overseeing the department's K-9 unit.

In recognition of his dedicated and committed service, in 1992, Lieutenant Houge was awarded the Career Contribution Management Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I rise to recognize one of Montebello's finest, James C. Houge, on the occasion of his retirement from the Montebello Police Department and I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his 30 years of outstanding service to the residents and community of Montebello.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY LEGAL AID SOCIETY ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE HONOREES

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 1995*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the five honorees who will be receiving awards tonight, March 23, on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County.

The honorees will include the Rotary Club of San Jose, the law firm of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati, Santa Clara law professor Eric Wright, and deputy district attorney Rolanda Pierre-Dixon. Plaintiffs cocounsel Morrison & Forester will be receiving the prestigious W. Robert Morgan Legal Services Award for donating its services to school desegregation suit against San Jose Unified School District.

President of the board of the Legal Aid Society, Susan L. Sutton said, "Our mission is to be the catalyst for community—we want to ensure that the right thing happens on behalf of our client community without regard to the client's ability to pay. We understand that in some segments of the country that's an idea that has gone out of fashion. But it's still a notion of some currency here in San Jose, good people of this community need to be recognized for their contributions. That is why we created our Advocates for Justice Program."

The Legal Aid Society of Santa Clara County provides legal advice and representation for the indigent community in civil matters including family law, custody, visitation, support, and domestic violence, government benefits, health access advocacy, consumer rights, landlord-tenant law, fair housing, home financing and foreclosure issues, individuals rights and immigration, offers family law and housing self-help clinics, and mediation assistance in landlord-tenant matters.

The following honorees were selected for their community contributions:

Rotary Club of San Jose. This 435 member volunteer organization participates in a broad spectrum of community activities. The club is honored by LASSCC for its works in conjunc-

tion with the San Jose Housing Authority, building the 102 unit Marrone Garden complex off Branham Lane in San Jose.

Jim San Sebastian chaired the Rotary committee that had the mission to promote a moderate income senior citizen housing complex in San Jose, for which the club donated personal, professional, and financial assistance beginning in 1988. The project opened in September 1994, and since that time the club members continue to provide assistance to the residents. The Rotary Club's financial contributions totaling \$100,000 stacked a library, bought a piano, and provided art work for the project of one bedroom apartments that are available for seniors. The Rotary members' contribution of time was priceless.

Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati. For its pro bono and philanthropic aid to the community, particularly for the efforts of Larry Sonsini in setting the tone of the largest private law firms in the county. The work of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati in the Silicon Valley has resulted in jobs for local residents of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities as various high technology clients have prospered. LASSCC believes a growing economy offers more access to the community's mainstream of its client base. That alone would be basis for an Advocates for Justice Award. But Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich, & Rosati has contributed generously to charitable causes with attorneys time and their money.

Prof. Eric Wright. Professor Wright has brought a number of agencies together in creating the East San Jose Community Law Center. Professor Wright sought and obtained two separate grants in 1993 to establish a low-income law office in East San Jose. Starting on a shoe-string budget the law center represented day laborers on their wage and hour claims at the outset.

After receiving a grant from the Legal Services Corporation and from the U.S. Department of Education, the center branched further into employment law and immigration law services. Professor Wright is the unpaid center director and has added a community law practice class to the Santa Clara University Law School curriculums well as a street law class involving students in teaching law to middle school and high school students in low income areas of San Jose.

Deputy District Attorney Rolanda Pierre Dixon. Ms. Pierre-Dixon's job requires her to prosecute domestic violence crimes. It doesn't require her to give more than eight speeches a month on that issue to schools and community groups. She is recognized as the Advocate for Justice for her tireless voluntarism on domestic violence issues and her work with community legal groups, including serving on the board of LASSCC. She is past president of the South Bay Black Lawyers, the chair of the Santa Clara County Bar Association and committee on minority access to the Santa Clara County Bar Association.

Morrison & Foerster. The winner of the W. Robert Morgan Legal Services Award is Morrison & Foerster. Their activities cover a full range of public interest work from staffing of legal services clinics and counseling over 140 nonprofit organizations, to handling high impact litigation. The areas of greatest effort during the past year were assisting children in poverty, civil rights and civil liberties cases, representing immigrants, handling issues of