

served in the Michigan Legislature. It is with great delight that I offer this tribute to salute Art Nash, an outstanding and dedicated employee and citizen of the State of Michigan.

DR. RICHARD HOVANNISSIAN, AR-  
MENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE-  
MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 1996*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, on March 10, 1996, the central California chapter of the Armenian National Committee of America will be honoring Dr. Richard Hovanissian as Man of the Year.

Dr. Hovanissian is a professor of Armenian and Near Eastern History, and Associate Director of the G.E. von Gruenebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies at the University of California at Los Angeles [UCLA]. As a member of the UCLA faculty since 1962, Dr. Hovanissian has played a major role in international forums relating to the study of genocide and Armenian history. As a Guggenheim Fellow, he has published more than 40 scholarly articles. Dr. Hovanissian has given more than 1,500 speeches and lectures to university, community, television, and radio audiences on a variety of topics. He has been a guest lecturer in more than 25 countries. In 1990, Dr. Hovanissian was elected to the Armenian Academy of Social Sciences, becoming the first social scientist living abroad to be so honored.

Recently, at the invitation of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, he took part in a lecture series on "Genocide and Mass Murder in the Twentieth Century." His presentation, "The Armenian Genocide: An Eighty-year Perspective," reflected on the meaning of the Armenian experience today and its similarities and differences with other mass killings of this century.

I wish to add my personal congratulations to Dr. Hovanissian on being selected as the Armenian National Committee's, Man of the Year. Dr. Hovanissian's accomplishments and work for the Armenian community deserve special commendation. I wish him my best for continued success.

IN HONOR OF CARROLL BROWN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 1996*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Carroll Brown on the 10th anniversary of her founding of the West Haven Black Coalition.

For the past decade, the West Haven Black Coalition has improved the lives of African-Americans and strengthened the West Haven community. By joining forces, African-Americans in West Haven have made their voices heard and have assumed leading roles in all walks of life. The West Haven Black Coalition has spurred efforts to register voters, improve parks, and educate our future leaders through its scholarship program.

The West Haven Black Coalition's mission to encourage African-Americans to get involved in their community is a reflection of the organization's founder and president, Carroll Brown. Carroll's selfless devotion to helping others has improved Connecticut at both the State and local levels. She helped working people across Connecticut when she served as a labor committee staff member at the Statehouse in Hartford.

It is in her own community, however, that Carroll has truly set herself apart and shown others not only the way, but their responsibility to better their neighborhoods and surroundings. Her dedication can be seen in many ways, including her pioneering service as the first African-American woman on the West Haven Board of Education. She has fostered this community spirit in her husband and three sons.

Carroll realized the potential for greater community participation by African-Americans in West Haven and had the vision to create the West Haven Black Coalition. In the 10 years since, the coalition has unified West Haven's black community and given rise to true grass roots community involvement. Her oft-repeated words capture her commitment to a cohesive community: "In unity there is strength. Together we stand, divided we fall."

I have had the pleasure of working with Carroll Brown for many years and am pleased to take this opportunity to thank her and congratulate her on the 10th anniversary of the West Haven Black Coalition she has founded and nurtured over the years.

TRIBUTE TO RUTHANN VIHON

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 1996*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding community servant in my Congressional District, Ms. Ruthann Vihon, of Western Springs, IL, on the occasion of her being honored with the Hinsdale/Gateway Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow Award on March 2, 1996.

The award recognizes her commitment to community service and volunteerism and will provide a \$1,000 donation in her name to the Rotary Foundation. This truly tireless activist sits on the elected Lyons Township High School Board of Education. In addition, Ms. Vihon is a volunteer with the Community Support Service, Respite House, and the Hinsdale/Gateway Rotary Club Special Needs Scholarship Advisory Board, which assists special education students pursue higher education.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Vihon on this honor, and extend to her my best wishes on continued success in her service to her community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK  
OF MORTON GOULD

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 1996*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, on February 21st, this country lost a truly outstanding indi-

vidual when composer and conductor Morton Gould died at the age of 82.

Born in Richmond Hill, NY, Morton Gould's creativity was recognized just last year, when he won the Pulitzer Prize for Stringmusic. He composed for Broadway and for the ballet; his music was commissioned by symphony orchestras throughout the United States. His style integrated jazz, blues, gospel, country-and-western, and folk elements into compositions that were instantly recognizable as American, and which led to his receiving three commissions for the U.S. Bicentennial.

As a conductor, Morton Gould led many of the major American orchestras as well as those of Canada, Mexico, Europe, Japan, and Australia.

But as accomplished as he was as composer and conductor, Morton Gould's true genius was that he became what he called a "musical citizen": composer, conductor, arranger, educator, mentor. He loved and appreciated all kinds of music and did much to advance the protection of songwriters, including serving as president of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers [ASCAP].

Morton Gould received a 1994 Kennedy Center Honor in recognition of his lifetime contribution to American Culture.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that this man, who contributed so much of lasting value to America, should be remembered and honored.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HENRY J.  
MELLO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 27, 1996*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to one of California's great leaders and legislators, State Senator Henry J. Mello. The Senator retires this year after more than three decades of continuous service to the people of California's Central Coast, located in my district. As he closes this chapter of his public life, I want to take this time to salute a man who epitomizes the best in public service.

A native of Watsonville, CA, Senator Mello has spent most of his adult life working tirelessly on behalf of his constituents. Rising through the ranks of local government, the Senator served first as a Santa Cruz County supervisor for 8 years, then was elected to serve as assemblyman for both Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties in 1976. In 1980, Senator Mello was elected to the State senate and, in a tribute to his talent, he was quickly named that body's majority whip. Senator Mello was subsequently elected majority leader in 1992 and successfully chaired the Subcommittee on Aging, the Subcommittee on Economic Problems Facing Agriculture, the Senate Select Committee on Bilingual Education, the Joint Committees on the Arts, the 1992 Quincentennial, and served as vice chair of the Senate Select Committee on California's Wine Industry and Water Resources.

I have had the honor of working with Senator Mello on many occasions and I have always been touched by both his skill and his concern for the community. You just won't find a better citizen's advocate for education, the environment, or especially, the elderly. Senator Mello authored legislation to enact the