

DR. MARGUERITE HUNG: A LIFE-TIME COMMITMENT TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 20, 1997*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to honor the outstanding contributions of Dr. Marguerite Hung to the community of San Diego and to the acupuncture community of California and the Nation.

Dr. Hung was born in Taiwan, graduated from the Doctor Tsao Acupuncture Institute, and taught at the Taipei Acupuncture and Moxibustion Clinic until 1978. She then joined the staff of the Tri Service General Hospital in Taipei as an Acupuncture Practitioner—treating Army, Navy and Air Force personnel and their families. She was also a research member of the Research and Training Center for Acupuncture Science.

In 1979, Dr. Hung moved to California. As a private practitioner, she has been an active member of the acupuncture profession, giving generously of her time and experience. She has served as vice president of the American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and was chosen by this group as Acupuncturist of the Year in 1994.

In 1992, she was appointed by the Governor of California to the Medical Board of California, Acupuncture Committee. She represented this board at the International Acupuncture Conference held in Italy and hosted by the World Health Organization.

Dr. Hung helped to found the Acupuncture Institute for Addiction-Free Life, a statewide, non-profit corporation organized to make a difference in our communities in the area of drug and alcohol abuse. She continues to serve as the president of this organization. She is a volunteer for the Holistic AIDS Response Program [HARP] in San Diego County. She also volunteers at the University of California, San Diego Medical Center.

She has traveled to Washington, DC to successfully persuade the Food and Drug Administration on behalf of acupuncture issues.

Her active role in the community and her lifetime contribution to Chinese medicine is being recognized at the 68th Annual Chinese Medicine Day celebration on Sunday, March 23, 1997. Chinese Medicine Day is historically a day of celebration of the unique place that traditional Chinese medicine has in the health care system and the benefits it bestows on the health and quality of life of our citizens.

It is truly fitting that the House of Representatives join in this recognition of Dr. Marguerite Hung. I appreciate this opportunity to call attention to the lifelong work of Dr. Hung toward making this world a better and healthier place.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAT COLLINS FROM A SOUTH BAY FRIEND

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

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Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pat Collins, a long-time activist, commu-

nity leader, and champion of family planning in the 36th District. She is being recognized on Sunday, April 6, by the South Bay Friends of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles which she successfully cofounded in 1989.

Pat has worked tirelessly for the combination of education, advocacy, and clinical services that define Planned Parenthood Los Angeles' mission. South Bay Friends has complemented this mission by establishing a speakers bureau for high schools, attending health fairs, planning fundraising efforts, and monitoring public policy concerning reproductive issues.

Furthermore, Pat's enthusiasm and dedication were strong forces in expanding clinical services through the opening of the Planned Parenthood Los Angeles South Bay Center in 1993 which provided family planning services to 5,200 clients last year.

Applying her "big picture" approach, her work in 1995 became international in scope. While serving on the board of the Population Communication Committee, Pat attended a collaborative meeting at the United Nations preceding the Cairo Conference on World Population.

It is said that, "If you want something done, ask a busy person"—and that certainly applies to Pat Collins.

In addition to her exceptional work with South Bay Friends and issues of population control, Pat has raised three daughters with her husband Richard, served as PTA President, church school director, Girl Scout leader, and vice president of the South Bay Law Wives. She directed 100 teachers aides in the schools, developed a peer counseling program at Miraleste High School, earned two masters degrees, and had a private practice as a marriage, family, and child counselor for several years.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join South Bay Friends of Planned Parenthood in honoring Pat Collins whose tireless contributions have enriched our community. She will be moving from Rancho Palos Verdes to northern California and our loss will be their gain.

**CALIFORNIA FLOODS EMERGENCY REPAIR ACT OF 1997**

**HON. VIC FAZIO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 20, 1997*

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced the California Floods Emergency Repair Act of 1997.

California experienced a major flood catastrophe during December and January which resulted in nine deaths and an estimated 2 billion dollars' worth of damages to homes, businesses, and property. Agricultural losses are estimated to exceed \$150 million, and losses to our national forests exceed \$100 million.

Eight national parks in California were damaged including \$176 million in damage to one of the National Park System's crown jewels—Yosemite National Park.

More than 100,000 Californians were evacuated from their homes.

Fortunately, the President, at the urging of the California delegation, has submitted a dire emergency supplemental appropriation request to assist the many emergency agencies

who have been working night and day both during the catastrophe and during the recovery period. We owe a great debt to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of Agriculture among many agencies who have provided skilled and timely assistance to many Californians.

During January, flood-fights were a common occurrence in California as the Corps of Engineers worked with State and local officials to repair breached levees, strengthen weak spots, and ensure that further lives and property would not be lost.

The Fish and Wildlife Service announced on January 23 that emergency natural disaster provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 [ESA] are in effect for 42 California counties and will remain in effect throughout the 1997 flood season. Interior Secretary Babbitt has reiterated this pledge to suspend the ESA during this year's flood season.

The purpose of my bill is to give this decision the force of law and to make it crystal clear to those involved in maintenance and repair of our flood control system that Congress stands behind this pledge.

Emergency repair work should go forward without normal ESA consultation and without the specter of costly mitigation once the repairs are made and the Sun is shining.

The bill makes it clear that any work performed by FEMA, the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, or the National Resources Conservation Service under their emergency authorities, are exempt from provisions of ESA.

My bill also goes one step further. The Corps of Engineers has been directed to do a complete assessment of the flood control system throughout California in order to identify short-term and long-term plans for strengthening the existing system. Such a study may point out the need for maintenance or repairs to damaged facilities that are necessary to bring the facilities to substantially the same condition that existed prior to the floods.

My bill would ensure that the exemption to ESA covers such necessary repairs as well, even if the repairs are pushed past this year's flood season.

Unfortunately, some have seen the catastrophe of the California floods as an opportunity to allow sweeping changes in the Endangered Species Act that would alter it dramatically. Although I believe that some refinements in the ESA may be in order based on our experience base in California and elsewhere, our catastrophe is not the time to consider a major policy overhaul. My bill is a simple exemption linked to the emergency, a concept already given credence by the actions of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

I urge my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee and in the House to move the President's request forward with all deliberate speed. California is not the only State affected by winter disasters, and Americans in many parts of the country need this assistance immediately. It is my intention to offer this bill as an amendment to the dire emergency supplemental appropriations bill to put the authority of Congress behind these important considerations.

In short, California faces a significant challenge in assessing and repairing our flood control system, and in restoring the level of