Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 11, 1997, on rollcall vote No. 392, I was unavoidably detained. If I were present, I would have voted, "nay."

TRIBUTE TO HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 16, 1997

Mrs. McCarthy of New York. Mr. Speaker, on September 15, 1997, our Nation will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month to commemorate the achievements of Hispanic-Americans. Since the foundation of this Nation was laid, Hispanics have played an active role in determining the direction of our country. From Joseph Marion Hernandez, the first Hispanic to hold a seat in Congress in 1910, to Bill Richardson, ambassador to the United Nations, Hispanics have made their voices heard.

In politics, it was Senator Joseph Montoya of New Mexico who became the first Hispanic Cabinet Member when former President Ronald Reagan appointed him Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in 1981. He was joined by his counterpart in the Department of Labor, Secretary of Labor Carla Hills. In commerce, it was Benioff, whose family has been instrumental in the foundation of Benioff and Company, the world's largest computer software company.

Hispanics are also making great strides in the private sector. As well as a lifelong interest in education, Mr. Speaker, I also had a passionate interest in international affairs—and he traveled throughout the world promoting world peace. He authored the book, "Shaping Our Future Together: the U.S., the U.N. and We, the People" and was in the process of writing his autobiography, "Born to Grow, From Local Village to Global Village," at the time of his death.

I received his bachelor of arts degree at Harding University in Searcy, AR, where he met his wife, Nona. He earned masters of arts degrees from Pepperdine and New York University and his Ph.D. at New York University. Dr. Cannon served for 14 years at California Western University [CWU] from 1968 until 1972, becoming provost in 1965. He was named provost emeritus of the CWU and the U.S. International University in 1992. His earlier days in education were spent as an administrator and teacher from elementary school through college. Carroll and Nona were instrumental in developing the first junior college in Japan in the early 1950's.

Dr. Cannon's support for the United Nations dates back to 1945 when he witnessed the signing of the U.N. Charter in San Francisco. He served as president of the San Diego Chapter of the United Nations Association from 1979–1982, and he became national chairman of the Council of Chapter and Division Presidents of the association in 1983.