

pride. He witnessed Mexican immigrants who were being exploited by unscrupulous businesses. Language and culture prevented many from seeking or receiving help. By offering his service, Eduardo filled a huge need.

Soon after opening, the clinic moved into a room with a couple of desks and file cabinets in Santa Rosa Church. The clinic adopted the name Immigration Services of Santa Rosa. Using a corps of dedicated volunteers, Eduardo expanded the clinic to include job referrals, medical assistance, food and shelter. He was doing everything possible to provide his clients with the tools to make a good living in this country.

It's hard to believe that Eduardo was doing this work while employed full-time at Harshaw Chemicals. In 1983, he left his job with Harshaw to devote himself to assisting immigrants. Two years later Immigration Services of Santa Rosa was accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals, which led to more clients. The timing could not have been better; new arrivals were now coming to Southern California from Central America as well as Mexico.

Immigration Services of Santa Rosa is a family affair. In 1988, Eduardo hired his daughter, Victoria Aldina, as Assistant Executive Director; three years later his son, Carl Alan, joined the organization as Administrative Director. Together the Palacios have been a godsend for Spanish-speaking immigrants.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Eduardo Palacios, a leader in the effort to improve the lives of immigrants. His compassion, sensitivity and extraordinary energy inspire us all. I am proud to be his friend.

THE SPIRIT OF DR. KING LIVES  
ON

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, we celebrated the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Reflecting on his life and work, I was reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicacy of liberty. Dr. King's life, and, unfortunately, his vicious murder, should remind all of us that we must continually work and, if necessary, fight, to secure and protect our freedoms. Dr. King, in his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, embodied all that is good and true in that battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in many of the citizens in communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the 21st century. In particular, several distinguished individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District were recognized during the 19th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Monday, January 19, 1998, at the Gary Genesis Center in Gary, Indiana. In the past year, these individuals have, in their own ways, acted with courage, met challenges, and used their abilities to reach goals and enhance their communities.

Lake County Prosecutor, the Honorable Bernard Carter, was honored with the 1998

"Marcher's Award" for his contributions to the struggle for equality of civil rights. As the first African-American County Prosecutor in the State of Indiana, Bernie has been an outstanding professional in his fight for the civil rights of all minorities and women. He has been a role model for our young people and an outspoken and issue-oriented leader in the justice system. In addition, Mr. Curtis Strong received the 1998 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Drum Major Award" for his outstanding contributions to fighting segregation. Curtis has held leadership roles with both the NAACP and the Fair Share Organization, in which he has demonstrated against racial injustices in housing, education, employment, and police brutality. Curtis was also a top labor union official who fought for minority inclusion in union leadership, skilled crafts jobs, and seniority appreciation. Both Bernard Carter and Curtis Strong should be applauded for their important civil rights efforts in Northwest Indiana.

I would also like to recognize the following Tolleston Junior High School students: Janne' Bryant, Antoinette Correa, Tiffany Finch, Brandi Frith, Lakisha Girder, Leyona Greer, Damara Hamlin, Ayonna Hood, Leah Johnson, Jacleen Joiner, Candice Jones, Taariq Muhammad, Ayashia Muhammad, Ilisha Muhammad, Reneda Pryor, Whitney Sullivan, David Suggs, Courtney Williams, and Joey Willis. These distinguished students are members of the Tolleston Junior High School Spell Bowl Team, which won the 1997 Indiana State Bowl Championship in spelling. In addition, the following students from Northwest Indiana won the 1997 "I Have A Dream" Youth Assembly essay contest this past July in Little Rock, Arkansas: Dayna Maria Ingram, of West Side High School; Wesley Adam Gordon, of St. Michael School; Katherine R. Rzepka, of Andean High School; Tavetta Pulliam, of Horace Mann High School; and Daniel J. Davis, of Valparaiso High School.

The accomplishments of these outstanding individuals are a reflection of their hard work and dedication to scholarship. Their scholastic effort and rigorous approach to learning have made them the best in the State and in the Nation. They have also brought pride to themselves, their families, their schools and their communities. Their success is also a credit to the outstanding ability and leadership of their teachers. In particular, Margaret Hymes and Charles Wells should be commended for the devotion they have demonstrated as coaches for the Tolleston Junior High School Spell Bowl Team.

Though very different in nature, the achievement of all these individuals reflects many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he espoused. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and rose to the occasion. They set goals and worked to achieve them. Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other colleagues to join me in commending their initiative, resolve, and dedication.

CONTRIBUTION BY LIZ MOWRY TO  
THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS  
MEMORIAL

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, we honor our veterans not only by recognizing what they have

done for this country, but also by remembering what they sacrificed to achieve that goal. For many families in Southwestern Pennsylvania, like mine, who have family members that served during wartime, we are reminded every day about these sacrifices.

Late last year, a resident of my district, Liz Mowry of Munhall, Pennsylvania, gave a very special gift to the Pittsburgh community. Her contribution will not only help to honor our veterans, but it will also help our entire nation understand and remember the supreme sacrifices they made during wartime in order to protect the freedoms we enjoy today.

This gift was many personal possessions owned by her father during his service in World War I, which Ms. Mowry donated to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial in Pittsburgh, the Commonwealth's, and the nation's second largest veterans' museum. These items are significant for many reasons.

One of the most impressive features is the excellent condition of the items, given their age. In fact, the centerpiece of the collection is a military uniform, now over 80 years old, in museum-quality shape. Other items Ms. Mowry is giving to the Memorial are WWI photos and a copy of the diary her father kept during his service.

These items are also historically significant because of their owner. Sergeant William Edward "Doc" Handschuh, Ms. Mowry's father, was a member of Company 3, the 1st Air Service Mechanical Regiment. His work included servicing planes flown by WWI flying ace Edward Rickenbacher, who some consider to be one of the best, and most famous, pilots in history.

However, the most important thing Sergeant Handschuh left his family was not his service memorabilia, but the pride he felt for his service, and his country. While these lessons cannot be hung in a museum, they live in the minds and hearts of Sergeant Handschuh's family.

Liz Mowry and her family have kept her father's wartime memories as a reminder of his service. Now, these rare pieces of American history can teach us all more about the young Americans that fought in the early years of this century to protect this nation's future.

I add my sincere gratitude to that of the entire Pittsburgh community for the gift Ms. Mowry has bestowed on the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial. Our community has a long history of honoring military service, and her donation will continue that tradition, giving all Memorial visitor's the opportunity to learn more about the veterans of WWI.

TRIBUTE TO LEE WELINSKY

**HON. JULIAN C. DIXON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call to the attention of the Congress the accomplishments of Lee Welinsky, a constituent and friend whose life and commitment to her family and community has exemplified the very best spirit of American citizenship. On Saturday, February 7, Lee's many friends and admirers will gather at the Red Lion Hotel in Culver City, California to honor her on her 70th birthday. It is a pleasure to join them in paying tribute to her.

Lee has led a rich and remarkable life which began in 1928 when she was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to parents who were immigrants from Eastern Europe. She spent her childhood in Brooklyn, New York. An excellent student, she was valedictorian of her junior high school class at P.S. 109.

In 1943, Lee's parents moved to Los Angeles, where in 1945 she graduated from Susan Miller Dorsey High School at the age of 16. It was at this time that she explored her interest in flying. It was her mother's concern for her safety that persuaded her to quit flying to concentrate on her studies at Los Angeles Community College. However, when World War II ended she was unable to continue her studies as she would have liked because of the many schedule changes required to accommodate the returning veterans.

It was in 1947 that Lee met and fell in love with Jack Welinsky, and the following year they were married. Their first child, Howard, was born a year later, and their daughter, Sandra followed in 1954. During these years she devoted herself to raising a family. Despite those demands, she helped Jack with his auto supply business and supported Howard and Sandra through college at UCLA.

In 1976, Lee suffered the loss of her husband Jack and her mother. In the wake of that loss, she decided that at age 48, it was time to resume her formal education, this time at West Los Angeles College. As with every important undertaking, she pursued it with great commitment and determination. That commitment and determination enabled her to graduate with honors with an Associate of Arts degree in 1981, and in 1984 she graduated Cum Laude from California State University, Dominguez Hills with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. In 1989, at the age of 62, Lee graduated from the University of West Los Angeles School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree and later passed the bar on her first attempt.

Lee is currently an attorney with the Santa Monica Rent Control Agency, where her expertise in landlord-tenant issues has made her a vital resource. She has been honored by the Culver City Council for her work on the Culver City Rent Control Board. She is also a volunteer attorney at the Bet Tzedek legal clinic where she counsels low income people with landlord-tenant problems.

Throughout her busy and active life, Lee has always been involved in politics and the debate over public policy. She has served as a member of the Culver City Planning Commission, President of the Culver City Democratic Club, and President of her union at the City of Santa Monica Rent Control Agency. In 1994 she was honored as "Democrat of the Year" by her Assembly District Democratic Committee. She is currently a delegate to the Democratic State Convention, and has been elected to serve on the Executive Board of the California Democratic Party.

In her modest way Lee would insist that her greatest accomplishment has been her family. As with all her other important endeavors, she has embraced the role of grandmother to Sandra's two children, Jennifer and David, with enthusiasm. She continues to be involved in their lives and with them she indulges her great love of travel.

Mr. Speaker, Lee Welinsky is an exceptional individual whose life of service to her family and her community stands as an example for

us all. I know that my colleagues join me in honoring her many achievements and contributions and in wishing her a very happy 70th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO A. LOWELL LAWSON,  
JR., BUSINESS LEADER, PATRIOT  
AND SERVANT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of personal pleasure that I recognize the major accomplishments of an individual who dedicated his career to serving the interests of our country by strengthening our national security for the past 37 years.

On January 1, 1998 Mr. A. Lowell Lawson will retire as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Raytheon E-Systems. Under Mr. Lawson's leadership, E-Systems has contributed vitally to the effectiveness of the national intelligence community. In doing so, E-Systems contributed substantially to the United States being victorious in the Cold War—and in keeping us ever vigilant even today.

Mr. Lawson currently is a Raytheon Company Executive Vice President and a member of Raytheon's Board of Directors since 1995.

Mr. Lawson has served as head of E-Systems since August 1994. Prior to that he was President and CEO, beginning January 1994. In April of 1989, Mr. Lawson was elected President and Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Lawson was born on January 16, 1938 in Macon, Georgia. He graduated from Warner Robins High School in Warner Robins, Georgia in 1956.

After graduating from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics in 1960, Mr. Lawson served as a contract price analyst at Warner Robins Logistics Center, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

Mr. Lawson joined E-Systems in 1964 as supervisor of proposal and cost analysis and later became manager of cost and services in the Greenville Division. He was assigned to the corporate staff as manager of corporate financial controls in 1965. He was promoted to director of corporate financial controls in 1969, and in 1970 became vice president-finance and division controller at the Memcor Division in Huntington, Indiana. Early in 1973 he was named Vice President and Corporate Controller of E-Systems. He was promoted to the position of Vice President and General Manager of the Greenville Division in 1978.

Mr. Lawson was named Senior Vice President and group executive of the Aircraft Systems Group in 1983. In April 1987, he was elected to the position of Executive Vice President, and served in that capacity until his election as President and COO.

His service is exemplified in his support and participation as a member of the Air Force Association, American Defense Preparedness Association, Association of the United States Army, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Association of Old Crows, and Navy League of the United States. He has served on the University of Texas at Dallas Engineering School Advisory Board, and was previously a member of the Business

Advisory Council of the East Texas State University.

He resides in Greenville, Texas and is a deacon at the Ridgecrest Baptist Church, past treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of Dallas Bible College, and has served on the Industrial Development Fund Board for the city of Greenville, Texas.

Mr. Lawson is married to the former Carol Few of Apalachee, Georgia. They have two sons, Andrew Lowell, III and Steven Bryan, and seven grandchildren.

I cannot imagine any person being more successful—more productive—and yet so capable of friendship. I am very lucky to be a friend of Lowell and of his family.

Mr. Speaker, fellow colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to the exemplary accomplishments of Mr. A. Lowell Lawson, for a lifetime of achievements as a business leader, patriot, and servant of the United States of America.

COMMEMORATION OF SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. VIC FAZIO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 27, 1998*

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the recent 50th anniversary of Sacramento's non-profit, community-owned electric company—the Sacramento Municipal Utility District—commonly known as SMUD.

Dissatisfied with high electric rates, on July 2, 1923, Sacramento voters overcame tremendous opposition to approve the creation of SMUD. Although SMUD became a legal entity in 1923, it was another 23 years before the courts upheld the District's right to supply power to the capital region. On New Year's Eve 1946, SMUD began operations.

Throughout its history, SMUD has survived numerous challenges: fighting to restore power during floods and windstorms, teaching customers how to conserve power during the energy crisis of the 1970's, and successfully responding to the closure of Rancho Seco nuclear power plant in 1989. And through it all, SMUD has remained true to its customers. It has consistently sought and developed new and environmentally friendly sources of power. It has educated the public on energy conservation and efficiency when it became a critical national problem. SMUD is currently recognized as an industry leader in energy efficiency and in renewable energy.

For several years, SMUD has been investing in renewable energy sources such as solar and geothermal power plants. Other strategic planning on the part of SMUD, such as aggressive power-purchasing throughout the western U.S., has kept customer rates constant since 1990. SMUD has committed itself to hold customer rates constant until 2001, then reduce them by as much as 20 percent.

In California beginning this year, customers will begin to have a choice of electric supplier—similar to how they currently choose their long-distance telephone company. Last summer, SMUD became the first utility in California to begin offering customers a choice. A limited number of customers, whose combined