

self-sufficient chemical weapons program. Their acquisition of missile technology would pose an increased threat to U.S. interests throughout the Middle East and the world. Developing weapons of mass destruction would allow Iran to produce missiles—nuclear, chemical or biological—with the capability to reach Israel, much of Europe, and, ironically, Russia.

Although a diplomatic solution to this situation has been sought and existing law requires the Administration to sanction Russian companies that are involved in technology transfers, further legislative action is needed. Such action will clearly demonstrate that this behavior is not acceptable to the United States. H.R. 2709 was introduced to end Russia's missile cooperation with Iran. It specifically targets companies known to be providing Iran with missile technology and sends a strong message to these companies that their activities threaten international security.

The Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act passed by an overwhelming margin in both the House and the Senate. The vote in the House was 392 to 22, clearly enough to override the President's veto. I urge my colleagues to follow the majority of the House and vote to override the President's veto. It's time to end the transfer of weapons technology to Iran.

HONORING ELDER C. NATHAN
EDWERS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the strength of a community is oftentimes measured best by the caliber of those religious leaders who not only mediate the prayers of their flocks, but also are a part of the day-to-day life of their communities.

I rise in praise of one of those leaders, Elder C. Nathan Edwers, pastor of the Mount Vernon Friendship Unified Free Will Baptist Church. Elder Edwers is celebrating his ninth anniversary at the Friendship Church, where he was named pastor in 1989, coming from the Calvary U.F.W. Church in Brooklyn. He follows in the footsteps of his father, Bishop Collie Edwers, who has served his calling for 40 years.

Elder Edwers serves his community in many capacities; as police chaplain, as a District Leader of the Democratic City Committee, as a member of the Mount Vernon Planning Board and in the Kiwanis Club. He is the General Treasurer of the Unified Free Will Baptist Churches Denomination, President of the General Sunday School Convention and Administrative Assistant of the Mid-Atlantic Annual Conference. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Nyack College and his Masters Degree from the Alliance Theology Seminary.

Elder Edwers is married and he and his wife Denise have two children, Sherri Denise, 9, and Eric Nathan, 8.

Elder Edwers is leading his congregation in a \$1.3 million drive to build a new church for his congregation.

I join the community in saluting him for the leadership he has given his congregation.

HONORING ELENA SHAYNE UPON
HER RETIREMENT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a special occasion for the people of Santa Clara County. On July 8th, Elena Shayne, the Washington Legislative Advocate of Santa Clara County, is retiring after 19 years of public service.

To many of us in this chamber, Elena is a familiar face, tirelessly promoting good and fair government. She has been a champion of Santa Clara County's abused children and an advocate for the "safety net" for those who are needy.

Elena began it all at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, where she completed her education as she would her career, with honors and distinction.

She demonstrated her dedication to the principles of democracy early. Almost 24 years ago, as the Executive Director for a not-for-profit organization, Elena rallied groups nationwide to bring basic civic rights to the overlooked residents of the District of Columbia. In 1978, Congress passed the fruits of her labor, a constitutional amendment which would have given District residents full voting representation in Congress.

From there, Elena brought her warm demeanor and sensible style to bear for Santa Clara County. I first met her in January of 1981, when I began my service as a member of the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors. We had a lot of work ahead of us. Santa Clara was beginning its march to become the information technology capital of the world it is today.

With a rare insight into the workings of Washington, Elena pressed relentlessly to help Santa Clara County's people and economy flourish. As its population boomed, she helped secure a number of critical public transit projects, including the twenty-mile light rail system on the Guadalupe Corridor.

For all her talents, it was her compassion that will leave the deepest imprint. I remember working closely with Elena to alleviate the plight of Southeast Asian refugees who came to California seeking political asylum. Through her efforts, a coalition of private and public agencies established job training and resettlement programs for thousands of immigrants and refugees.

When Elena Shayne leaves her office on July 8th, she will be closing the door on an era of warm, effective advocacy for the people of Santa Clara County, but I am sure that she will continue to advocate for those in need as an active citizen.

Thank you, Elena. We will miss you and wish you the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ILA METTEE-
McCUTCHON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to pay tribute to Colonel Ila Mettee-McCutchon, the Commander of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and Presidio of Monterey, and Commandant of DLIFLC, on the occasion of her retirement from the U.S. Army. Colonel Mettee-McCutchon has been an inspiration to all during her 26-year career in the armed forces, and her positions of successive command only further confirm her valued leadership within the Army and of the respect shown to her by the men and women serving under her command.

Colonel Mettee-McCutchon is herself an esteemed graduate of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. She first earned both B.A. and an M.S. in clinical psychology from Auburn University which prepared her well for her exceptional career in military intelligence. Later, she completed the WAC (Women's Army Corps) Officer Basic Course and the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course, and then graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College, true marks of distinction in the career of any military officer.

For the first three years following Colonel Mettee-McCutchon's commissioning in 1971, she served as a psychologist at the Presidio of San Francisco responsible for drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation. After displaying compassion and savvy in that assignment, she was transferred in 1974 to the Military Intelligence Branch and appointed a Regular Army Officer of Military Intelligence, which was the beginning of her extraordinary career in the field of military intelligence. Colonel Mettee-McCutchon was initially a strategic analyst at Fort Bragg; before moving up to the following posts: Commander, Headquarters and Operations Company, 525th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Bragg; Chief, Joint Intelligence Center, U.S. Southern Command Panama; Commander, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Meade; and Staffer in the Intelligence Division, International Military Staff of NATO, at NATO Headquarters, Brussels. Because of her superb record of accomplishment in these critical intelligence posts, she was chosen to be Commander of the Garrison at the Presidio of Monterey in October, 1994.

Colonel Mettee-McCutchon has earned numerous awards during her career including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. She is married to John R. McCutchon, Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry (Retired), and has one child, Erin T. Mettee-McCutchon. I am sure everyone who knows Colonel Mettee-McCutchon joins me in recognizing her career of exemplary service to her country, and expressing heartfelt wishes for a happy retirement.