

In the three years that Ingrid worked at the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, she helped to raise the visibility of UNICEF in the United States. She served as the primary media liaison during the 1996 Summer Olympics Aid Atlanta, a project that raised money for children suffering the impact of conflicts around the globe. This year, Ingrid was playing a catalytic role in the revival of "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF." She was in the process of implementing a campaign to renew media interest in this popular American children's tradition when her life was so tragically cut short. Ingrid Acevedo worked to educate the American public about the plight of millions of children around the world who need our help and support, and did so with creativity and enthusiasm. She was using her talents to encourage all of us to do more to save and to improve the lives of needy children.

Ingrid Acevedo was a young woman who cared about the less fortunate and who dedicated her life to making a difference. Prior to working for the U.S. Committee for UNICEF, Ingrid spent two years in Washington as Manager of National Media Relations for Bread for the World, an organization that has done so much to fight hunger and poverty both here and overseas.

Ingrid Acevedo was only 32 years old when she died, but she made those years count. Hers is a record of service for everyone to emulate. Those of us in the Congress who support UNICEF's work for children are deeply saddened by the loss of this young woman who worked so hard for UNICEF and who had both the talent and the potential to have done even more. We extend our condolences to her mother, Dinorah Acevedo, and to her surviving relatives.

The loss of such a dedicated, outstanding individual is difficult for the human heart to comprehend. Rather than focusing on what we have lost, let us celebrate Ingrid Acevedo's work for children and for the poor and hungry, by renewing our own commitment to those in need. That is the most appropriate tribute to Ingrid Acevedo.

IN HONOR OF COLER/GOLDWATER
SPECIALTY HOSPITAL AND
NURSING FACILITY AND ROOSEVELT
ISLAND HOUSING MANAGEMENT
CORPORATIONS ON
FDR DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 1998

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to the Coler/Goldwater Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility and Roosevelt Island Housing Management Corporation as they and the residents of Roosevelt Island celebrate FDR Day on Saturday, September 12, 1998.

This very special day on Roosevelt Island recognizes the accomplishments and goals of the disabled in honor and memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our nation's most heralded disabled American, and the 44th Governor of the State of New York and the 32nd President of the United States. As President, Franklin Roosevelt led the nation through some of its worst crises, most notably the Great Depres-

sion and the Second World War. As a man who had overcome the fear and insecurity of his own physical disability, he assured the people that they had "nothing to fear but fear itself."

The FDR Festival was born in 1981 with a proclamation by the United Nations declaring 1981 as the "International Year of Disabled Persons." In that founding year of the Festival, the theme was "Full Participation and Equality."

The United Nations expressed its concern about the prevailing negative treatment of disabled persons with the words: "A drastic change in our attitude toward disabled persons is a prerequisite. We have, above all, to remember that the problems of physical or mental disability are the problems of society as a whole. We not only bear the collective responsibility to avert the unnatural courses of human disability, such as war, but to give the disabled everywhere, every possible assistance to lead productive lives."

On Saturday, I will join with the residents of Roosevelt Island to celebrate and honor the many accomplishments of the disabled. I also would like to commend Detective Steven D. McDonald, disabled in the line of duty, who will be participating in the awarding of medals to participants of FDR Day. Detective McDonald's bravery and courage is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to Coler/Goldwater Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility and the Roosevelt Island Housing Corporation, the FDR Day Committee and all other dedicated citizens who have worked to ensure a very special day of recognition for the disabled. The unity between the able bodied community with the disabled community is an achievement that you all should be proud to be a part of.

GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
EUREKA, CA

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, 1998 marks the Year of the Ocean. It is appropriate to recognize today Grant Elementary School in Eureka, California for its innovative, leading edge approach to educating students about the environmental, as well as the economic balance needed to keep our oceans healthy and productive into the next century and beyond.

Grant School recently celebrated the fourth annual Ocean Weeks. Each of the classrooms at Grant School studied a different ocean habitat, ranging from the rocky shore for kindergarten classes to the study of islands for sixth grade students.

During the two weeks of Ocean Weeks, students toured habitats from other classrooms within the school and were able to learn about the whole ocean. Community participation in this project was tremendous and ensured Ocean Weeks was successful. Volunteers gave presentations about local watersheds and organized a hands-on fish printing station for all students. One local storyteller spoke about the Native American interaction with the ocean. Local merchants also shared their time

and talents by exposing students to the environmental and economic significance of marine science in Humboldt County, on California's North Coast.

Students had opportunities to participate in field trips to tidepools, the Arcata Marsh, and the Humboldt Bay Wildlife Refuge. They also were treated to a special tour of a Coast Guard Dolphin Search and Rescue helicopter and learned issues of ocean safety when the Coast Guard Group from Humboldt Bay landed at the school campus. Humboldt Bay Harbor Commissioner Jimmy Smith gave an interesting lesson to students at Grant School about the recent oil spill in Humboldt Bay and the resulting effect on plant and animal life.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Ocean Weeks has been and remains an exciting time for the students attending Grant Elementary School. The faculty, participating community members, and the PTA, which provided the financial support, are all to be commended. This is an excellent example of community support that enhances the learning process. I wish much success to not only the Grant School faculty, but also to students who will enjoy this level of commitment and dedication to their education in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELEN
SALAMAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 1998

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful American and long time civil servant—Helen Salaman. An immigrant from Hungary, Helen arrived in the United States in 1921. As many immigrants, Helen sought a better life and acted on this desire by becoming the first female graduate of her law school class at the University of Detroit Law School.

Soon after graduating from law school, Helen became a full-time mother which prevented her from pursuing a legal career. However, being a mother did not prevent her from being active in other avenues. Not only did Helen steep herself in her sons' schooling and extra-curricular activities, but she became deeply involved in the Democratic Party. Helen twice served as a delegate at the Democratic National Convention and in 1960 Helen managed the senatorial campaign of Patrick McNamara.

In 1962, at 53 years of age, Helen joined the U.S. Customs Service in the Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures Division. Helen's job entailed investigating civil fraud and as a result of the expertise, she became a national resource for such cases. Helen recently retired from her job as penalties officer at the Customs Service in Detroit after 36 years of dedicated service. In mid-March at a farewell party given by her colleagues, 175 people showed up to wish her well. Helen believes that, at 89, she was the oldest Federal employee ever.

Mr. Speaker, Helen Salaman is a loving mother and a dedicated American citizen who devoted her life to civil duty. As we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of and respect for this great American—Ms. Helen Salaman.