

should look more towards our friends in the international community who have not been deterred in their recognition of the annihilation of Armenians for what it really was—a genocide. The European Parliament and the United Nations have recognized and reaffirmed the Armenian genocide as historical fact, as have the Russian and Greek parliaments, the Canadian House of Commons, the Lebanese Chamber of Deputies, and the French National Assembly. It is time for America to venerate Armenians who suffered at the hands of the Ottoman Empire. And let me stress that I am not speaking of the government of modern day Turkey, but rather its predecessor, which many of Turkey's present day leaders helped to remove from power.

I commend the bravery and dedication exhibited by the Armenian people to have their story heard. I wholeheartedly supported this resolution and am disappointed that cowardliness reigned supreme to prevent its consideration in the U.S. House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO RON PACKARD

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Congressman RON PACKARD as he prepares to retire at the end of the 106th Congress and conclude his remarkable career as an elected representative. For 18 years, I have had the honor of serving with my distinguished California colleague. Upon his arrival in 1982, Mr. PACKARD immediately immersed himself in many of the most significant policy debates of the time by serving on the Transportation and Science Committees. His vast intellect and ability to work with Members in a bipartisan fashion became apparent immediately, foreshadowing a long-standing career of effective and responsible leadership. Mr. PACKARD eventually made the transition to the Appropriations Committee where he went on to become one of the most well respected Chairmen of the Military Construction Subcommittee, and later the Energy and Water Subcommittee. Through his extraordinary work, he has become one of the most ardent fiscal hawks, has legislated against wasteful government spending and has continuously fought to solve the many immigration challenges confronting the state of California. Also, Mr. PACKARD has been a constant champion of the men and women who serve in our armed forces, and has led with a clear vision in working to meet the water, environmental, and energy needs of California and our nation.

But given his lifetime of public service, Mr. PACKARD's success in Congress comes as no surprise. That service began in the military as a dentist with the U.S. Navy Dental Corps at Camp Pendleton, California located in the congressional district he would later represent. He soon became active in local and civic affairs, first serving on the Carlsbad school board, then the Chamber of Commerce, served two years on the Carlsbad City Council and eventually became the mayor of Carlsbad in 1978. It was during these years that the people of the 48th district in California learned of Mr. PACKARD's ability to fairly and justly serve those he represented, and as a result, they

entrusted him with their congressional seat by electing him as a write-in candidate in 1982.

Mr. PACKARD's career has been exemplified by the values of hard-work, honor and integrity that are all too often absent in society. Through his ability to work in a bipartisan manner, he has been one of the most potent and influential leaders in this body and for 18 years has worked tirelessly to serve his constituents and our nation. Although my colleagues and I will miss his presence, we wish him well as he prepares for retirement and pursues new challenges. RON, best wishes to you and your family.

IN HONOR OF JOHN F. HENNING

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of organized labor's greatest leaders on the occasion of his 85th birthday. John F. "Jack" Henning has had a long and distinguished career on the frontlines of the labor movement, fighting passionately for justice, equality, and human rights here and around the world. It is my privilege to commend and thank him for his lifetime of leadership.

Jack Henning was born in San Francisco in 1915 to hard-working parents of modest means. Hardworking himself, he graduated from St. Mary's College with a degree in English literature. In 1938, he started working with the Association of Catholic Unionists in San Francisco and began his steady climb within the labor movement. By 1949, he was working for the California Labor Federation, the official AFL-CIO organization for California, as a senior staff member, and in 1970, the Federation selected him as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. He held that position until 1996.

In addition to his service with the California Labor Federation, Jack served the cause of organized labor from within the halls of government. From 1959-1962, he served as the Director of the California State Department of Industrial Relations. He then served in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations as the U.S. Under Secretary of Labor. In these positions and afterward as an advocate, he worked consistently for justice and fair treatment of workers. He was instrumental, for example, in securing organizing rights for California's farm workers, in preventing restaurants from counting tips as wages under minimum wage laws, and in encouraging the labor movement to take strong stands for civil rights.

Jack has served on the Board of Regents of the University of California, where he fought to divest the University's holdings in South Africa under apartheid, and the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College. He has sat on San Francisco's Public Welfare Commission and the Fair Employment Practices Commission and was the U.S. ambassador to New Zealand from 1967-1969.

In 1999, the University of California at Berkeley's Center for Labor Research and Education created the John F. Henning Center for International Labor Relations in recognition of his tremendous contributions to the labor movement. The Henning Center focuses on strategies for global unionism and the impact

of globalization on workers around the world. Jack was also named Distinguished Labor Leader in Residence at the University of California's Institute of Industrial Relations.

Jack Henning has been an unfailing voice on behalf of the working women and men of the United States and of the world. We are all indebted to his leadership.

It is my honor to join his seven children, John Junior, Brian, Patrick, Nancy, Daniel, Thomas, and Mary, and his many friends and colleagues in wishing him a Happy Birthday.

HONORING JANET DENNIS ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2000

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant who will be leaving my staff at the end of this year. Janet Dennis, Field Representative in my Bangor, Maine, District Office, will retire after nearly 35 years of congressional service.

It has been said that no government, regardless of its history and structure, can be better than the people who make it work. People like Janet Dennis, then, are the reason why our government is the best in the world. Janet is as dedicated a public servant as you will ever meet. She has worked hard every day to make government work for people.

Janet has been invaluable to me. I came to rely heavily on her advice and greatly appreciated her ability to identify and head off problems before others even realized they were coming. She has provided outstanding leadership to my district staff, and frequently has been asked for advice on handling complicated matters. I know that we all have learned much from Janet and are better for our time spent working with her.

Her good judgment, integrity and dedication have been an asset to my office, and to the people of Maine. Janet has never said no to a case. Rather, she has taken on challenging cases and pursued them relentlessly. She has treated constituents and colleagues alike with respect. She has also been an excellent driver, getting me everywhere I need to be in a very large district. She seems to cover an awful lot of ground in a very short time—and I appreciate it.

For more than three decades, Mainers have had the benefit of Janet's efforts. She worked for Senators Ed Muskie and George Mitchell before joining my staff, and brought with her a wealth of experience and institutional knowledge. As she retires, she leaves a void that will be difficult to fill.

There is no question, however, that this retirement is well deserved. I know that Janet is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, Richard, and her children and their families. I'm sure that she won't miss the long drive from her home in Waterville to the Bangor office, and that she will revel in having extra time to spend at camp during Maine's glorious summer months.

Janet Dennis has been a model public servant. Moreover, she has been a joy to work with every day. On behalf of myself, my family and the people of Maine, I am honored to have this opportunity to publicly thank Janet,