A TRIBUTE TO DR. SOSSINA HAILE, 27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2002

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women’s History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation’s most notable women during the month of March and it is my honor to not only recognize women of the past but to also recognize women who are making a difference in our community. While a month of remembrance is certainly not sufficient, I am honored today to pay homage to such women as Eleanor Roosevelt, Sandra Day O’Connor, Harriet Tubman, Sally Ride and all the women of my Congressional District, whose contributions have made a profound difference in the face and fabric of our nation. It is a special privilege to recognize an outstanding woman of California’s 27th Congressional District, Dr. Sossina Haile, a well-respected and valuable member of the educational community in my district and her work as a professor and advisor are important in helping to shape the face and scope of research in this country.

Dr. Haile received her Bachelor of Science degree in Math, Science and Engineering from MIT and went on to receive her M.S. degree in the same discipline from the University of California, Berkeley. She returned to her alma mater, MIT, where she earned a Ph.D. She began her professional career in education at the Max-Planck-Institut für Festkörperforschung in Stuttgart, Germany as a Fulbright then Humboldt Fellow between October 1991 and August 1993. She served as the Department of Materials Sciences and Engineering’s Batellele Assistant Professor at the University of Washington from September 1993 to September 1996. In the fall of 1996 she became an Assistant Professor in the Materials Science Department at the California Institute of Technology and I am happy to announce that she was recently granted an Associate Professorship at Caltech in the fall of last year.

Over her academic years, Dr. Haile has compiled an impressive and outstanding list of...