I look forward to working with my colleagues on this important issue.

JUDY BEAL—SAN DIEGO'S LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute a remarkable woman from my hometown of San Diego, CA.

On Saturday, June 1, 2002, Judy Beal, President of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 9509, will be honored as San Diego's Labor Leader of the Year by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council.

While a native of National City, CA, in my Congressional District, Judy grew up in a small town 75 miles east of San Diego, Jacumba, CA. She earned her Associate Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration at San Diego City College, and then attended the George Meany Center for Labor Studies at Antioch University, earning a B.A. Degree in Labor Studies.

Judy began her career working for Pacific Telephone in El Centro, CA in 1964. Within two weeks of beginning her employment, she joined the Federation of Women Telephone Workers (FWTW) and became an active steward. While in El Centro, she worked with Cesar Chavez to organize migrant workers. She transferred to San Diego and, when FWTW merged with CWA, Judy became actively involved. In CWA, Judy has held many positions including Lobbyist, Organizer, Steward, District Steward, Assistant to the Chief Steward, Chief Steward and Local 9509 President for the past 6 years.

During her Union career, Judy has negotiated approximately 25 labor contracts, plant closure agreements, work share programs and wage re-openers. She has written training material and instructed classes for basic and advanced stewards, collective bargaining, organizing, and labor law for both, the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act. She has lobbied in Sacramento, CA and Washington, DC for numerous bills pertaining to the needs of working families.

Judy is a staunch supporter of life long learning and has promoted education by constantly looking for new areas within the technical environment to offer training to members and their families.

Mr. Speaker, thousands of San Diegans enjoy a higher quality of life because of the efforts of Judy Beal—San Diego's Labor Leader of the Year.

REQUESTING THE HOUSE TO HONOR BLACK LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE DAY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Mr. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Washington, DC's 12th Annual Black Pride Festival, May 24 through May 27, 2002, and its organizer Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc. (BLGPD).

BLGPD's mission is to build awareness of and pride in the diversity of the Black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community, as well as to create a funding source and support for organizations that are addressing HIV/AIDS and other health issues adversely affecting the AfricanAmerican community. In keeping with this mission, this year's Black Pride theme is: ''A time to heal.''

Since its inception in 1991, Black Pride has grown from a single gathering on the Banneker High School Field to the largest Black Gay and Lesbian Festival in the world. Black Pride attracts attendees from every major urban area in the United States as well as participants from Canada, England, Germany and the Netherlands. This year more than 10,000 people will participate in a four-day celebration, which includes over thirty different events including a Youth Party, a Wellness Expo and the first Black LGBT Film Festival to become part of the official schedule of events. Black Pride culminates Sunday with the DC Black Pride Expo at the Washington Convention Center.

The citizens of the District of Columbia and I feel a special affinity for any Americans who do not share all the rights and privileges enjoyed by most citizens of the United States. On Thursday, May 23rd at 2:30 PM, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee will hold an historic hearing on the ''No Taxation Without Representation Act of 2001.'' My Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgendered constituents feel the lack of a vote in the House most acutely. They bear the burdens of our democracy, yet they neither have complete access to its power to redress the injustices that befall Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Americans, nor do they have full power to redress those special injustices, which we suffer in the District of Columbia.

Furthermore, Congress has not yet protected sexual orientation from discrimination. Despite increasing reports of violence and physical abuse against Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgendered Americans, Congress has not enacted protections against hate crimes. Congress must pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). Congress must pass the Hate Crime Prevention Act. Congress must pass the Permanent Partners Immigration Act. Congress must return full voting rights to the District of Columbia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in saluting the 12th Annual Black Pride Festival; its organizers, Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc.; its sponsors; and the volunteers whose dedicated and creative energy make Black Pride possible.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL WALSH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and a distinguished member of the Michigan law enforcement community. Chief of Police, Michael Walsh, is retiring from the City of Clawson after over thirty years of service.

Chief Walsh took pride in keeping the city of Clawson safe and protected from his early days as a patrol office through his service as a Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant and finally as head of the department. During his tenure as Chief of Police, Walsh also served on the Board of Directors of the Oakland County Chiefs of Police, the Traffic Improvement Association and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

From the very beginning of his police service, Chief Walsh worked to not only fight crime, but to prevent it. He developed and implemented a school liaison program in order to deter youth from heading down the wrong path. He is also actively involved in the Clawson Community Anti-Drug Coalition.

Chief Walsh's dedication to crime prevention reached far beyond the city of Clawson. In 1993 and 1994, I relied on his advice, and the advice of Chiefs of Police throughout Oakland and Macomb County, to shape federal anti-crime legislation. With their input we were able to create a community-oriented policing program that would most effectively address the needs of suburban communities.

I am honored today to join with the residents of Clawson, the local elected leadership and law enforcement officials throughout Michigan in thanking Chief Walsh for his service and wishing him well in his next endeavor.

GUAM CONTRIBUTES TO THE UNITED NATIONS INTERIM ADMINISTRATION MISSION IN KOSOVO (UNMIK)

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize individuals from my home island of Guam who made contributions toward the United Nations (U.N.) peacekeeping effort in Kosovo. The United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) was the result of the Security Council resolution 1244 authorizing the U.N. Secretary-General to establish an interim civilian administration in the war-ravaged province of Kosovo under the auspices of the U.N. Taking effect on June 10, 1999, the resolution called upon UNMIK to perform basic civilian administrative functions and promote the establishment of substantial autonomy and self-government in Kosovo. These foundations were laid toward the facilitation of a political process that was to determine Kosovo's future status. UNMIK was also tasked to coordinate the humanitarian and disaster relief from international agencies as well as the reconstruction of key infrastructure. During this period it was a paramount goal to maintain civil law and order, promote human rights, and assure the safe and unimpeded return of all refugees and displaced persons to their homes in Kosovo. A significant role was played by the UNMIK International Civilian Police in the realization of these goals.

Unlike previous U.N. operations where the major task was to monitor various activities, the UNMIK police was required to maintain order and enforce the law. UNMIK was tasked with establishing and developing a professional, impartial and independent local police, called Kosovo Police Service (KPS). Temporary law enforcement was to be provided by