

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO SACRAMENTO VALLEY UNION LABOR BULLETIN

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin, one of the oldest labor newspapers on the west coast. On August 15, 2003, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with the publication of a Labor Day Special Issue. It is my honor to ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting one of Sacramento's most trusted and important publications.

The Sacramento Central Labor Council and the Sacramento-Sierra's Building & Construction Trades Council, both AFL-CIO councils, own the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin. On September 3, 1928, under the leadership of editor Charles W. Lyons, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin first went to press with a Labor Day issue. In the ensuing seventy-five years, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin has enjoyed unparalleled success. It has published without interruption. Every issue of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin is stored and available to the public at the California Room of the California State Library.

About 22 unions subscribe to the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin for their members. These unions range from service unions such as the Northern California Media Workers Guild, Bakers, Amalgamated Transit Union, Sacramento Area Fire Fighters to Building Trades Unions such as the Sheet Metal Workers, Glaziers, Plumbers, Painters, and IBEW. The great diversity in readership is a great reflection of the far-reaching importance of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin in the Capital Region. Overall, there are 17,000 paid subscribers.

Throughout the course of its history, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin has provided a vital forum for the expression of the messages and attitudes of the local labor community. In good times and bad, one can always look to the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin in order to discern the pulse of the labor community.

The Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin has also provided Sacramento with some of its most distinguished community leaders. Former editor J.L.R. Marsh's stewardship of the bulletin was so admired that Mercy Hospital dedicated its Memorial Physical Therapy Unit in his honor. Another former editor, Richard Marriott, would go on to become one of the most beloved mayors in Sacramento history.

Mr. Speaker, as the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin celebrates its 75th Anniversary, I am honored to pay tribute to an invaluable resource to the Sacramento community. The Bulletin's commitment to the local labor community has been commendable. I

ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin continued success in all its future endeavors.

**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY  
MARGARET BUTCHER**

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to Margaret Butcher, in celebration of her 90th birthday on July 25. Mrs. Butcher has been a resident of the Glenville area of Cleveland for over 50 years.

The Butcher family has been a faithful member of St. James AME church for most of that time. She and her husband, Aljah Langston Butcher, raised five children, two of whom still reside in the Cleveland area. After having her 5th child, she went back to Kent State University and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in teaching. She received her Master's from Case Western University.

During her Cleveland residency, Mrs. Butcher has held jobs with the IRS, a small boat factory and a church-based school. She taught with Cleveland City schools for approximately 30 years. Currently, she tutors young students. Margaret has volunteered for several community activities over the years, most notably, the creation of a neighborhood oral history that was eventually transcribed and placed in the Western Reserve Historical Museum.

Mrs. Butcher resides at 12800 Fairhill Rd in Shaker Heights, OH. A reception is tentatively scheduled in her honor, Saturday, July 26.

Margaret Butcher was my good neighbor, but more than that, she is my good friend. It is truly an honor to know her and it gives me great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to celebrate her today.

**COMMENDING MEDGAR WILEY  
EVERS AND MYRLIE EVERS-WIL-  
LIAMS, FOR THEIR LIVES AND  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution, which commemorates and honors the lives of Medgar Evers and Myrlie Evers-Williams. These two outstanding Americans dedicated their lives to the struggle for civil rights, and Medgar Evers paid the ultimate price with his life. What makes Medgar and Myrlie even more remarkable is that they sought to change the situation, instead of letting the situation overcome them, they tried to overcome it.

The struggles that Medgar and Myrlie witnessed and endured as they attempted to integrate African-Americans into larger society are struggles that all minorities can identify and empathize with. As someone that has experienced racism, I empathize with Medgar and Myrlie's struggle, as do many Americans black, white and all colors in between.

Against extraordinary odds, they both received post-secondary educations in a racial climate that was filled with tension, and challenged a system that said that blacks were not good enough, not equal but, actually inferior to their white counterparts.

Medgar Evers, with his wife by his side, led the charge for civil rights in Mississippi for African-Americans. After the United States Supreme Court determined that segregation was unconstitutional, Medgar was the first African-American to apply to the University of Mississippi Law School but he was denied.

This denial did not deter Medgar and Myrlie from their pursuit of justice and equality. In 1954, Medgar accepted a position with the NAACP as their Mississippi Field Secretary and made Myrlie his secretary.

Together they aggressively attacked the racist societal barriers that continued to oppress African-Americans. They worked tirelessly to empower African-Americans by registering them to vote. They also organized rallies, built the NAACP's membership, and traveled around the country to educate the public, despite numerous threats.

Even though it's the 21st century, we have an obligation to remember and acknowledge the people who dedicated themselves to the fight for civil rights in our past. We owe them a debt of gratitude and a commitment to continue their efforts.

**TRIBUTE TO CITY OF RANCHO  
CORDOVA, CALIFORNIA**

**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 23, 2003*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the city of Rancho Cordova, California and its dedicated citizens. On July 1, 2003, Rancho Cordova will officially be incorporated and become California's newest municipality. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing the city of Rancho Cordova the best of luck as it embarks on an exciting and promising future.

The modern history of Rancho Cordova began in 1846, when William Alexander Leidesdorf settled in his newly acquired 35,500-acre domain, the Rancho Rio de los Americanos. Within a few years, the massive flow of gold seekers, the FortyNiners, en route to the gold fields, would come to identify the area as Hangtown Crossing. In the 1870s, the construction of gristmills brought a new wave of residents to the area. These residents would eventually abandon the name of Hangtown Crossing for the more prosaic name of Mills Station.

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