

recognize their electoral strength but feel that in the battle of ideology their main task is to puncture fatuous liberal ideas.

The consequence is that Republicans are less used to exposing their own ideas to challenges than they should be. Today's liberals know there is a challenge to every aspect of their world view. All they have to do is turn on the radio. Today's conservatives are more likely to think that any contrary ideas are leftovers from the tired 1960s, much as liberals of the Kennedy era thought that conservatives were in thrall to Herbert Hoover. In addition, the conservatives' understanding of modern history makes them think that their instincts are likely to be right and that their critics will be proved wrong. Europeans scorned Ronald Reagan, and the United Nations feared him, but in the end the Soviet Union was gone. So for reasons of personal, political, and intellectual history, it is understandable that members of this Administration could proceed down one path in defiance of mounting evidence of its perils. The Democrats had similar destructive self-confidence in the 1960s, when they did their most grandiose Great Society thinking.

The third factor is the nature of the President himself. Leadership is always a balance between making large choices and being aware of details. George W. Bush has an obvious preference for large choices. This gave him his chance for greatness after the September 11 attacks. But his lack of curiosity about significant details may be his fatal weakness. When the decisions of the past eighteen months are assessed and judged, the Administration will be found wanting for its carelessness. Because of warnings it chose to ignore, it squandered American prestige, fortune, and lives.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ORVILLE ROUCH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you today to pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district. Orville Rouch of Pueblo, Colorado, died recently at the age of eighty-five. Orville was a patriot, a devoted family man and a father who will be missed by many in the community. I think it appropriate that we remember his life here today.

After serving his nation in the Army during World War II, Orville returned to the states and enrolled in the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He soon joined the family business started by his parents, the Rouch Funeral Home, which has served the community for over eighty years. Orville was an active member of the Pueblo Charter Lions Club, Pueblo Masonic Lodge 17, and the First United Methodist Church. Orville cherished the relationships he established in the civic community. He will be forever remembered for his dedication to his business and community, and most of all, Orville will be remembered as a loving father to his two sons.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the life of Orville Rouch. Orville was remarkable man who served the Pueblo community and State of Colorado selflessly. My heart goes out to his family during this difficult time of bereavement.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA LAFFER ZIEGLER

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Martha Laffer Ziegler who passed away during the congressional recess. Martha served as the District Representative in my congressional office from 1981 until 1985, but her public service long predated our association, and she continued to work for the community after she moved on to the private sector.

Martha Ziegler played an active role in the political life of San Mateo County for nearly four decades beginning in the 1960s. She developed her political skills working to elect Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown in 1958 and 1962. She fought for civil rights, women's rights, and the environment, and was an advocate against the Vietnam war. With a reputation as a skilled political organizer, she directed numerous campaigns in San Mateo County, including the McGovern presidential campaign in 1972.

In 1980, Martha joined me in my first campaign for Congress. In that year of the Reagan landslide, Mr. Speaker, I was the only Democratic challenger to defeat an un-indicted Republican incumbent. I am grateful for Martha's help in that effort. After my election, I asked Martha to be my District Representative in my office in San Mateo, California. We worked together for four years, until she took a position in the private sector. She continued to play an active political roll, serving as a member of the Northern California Steering Committee for the Gore presidential campaign in 1988. She also assisted in fund raising for the Clinton-Gore campaigns in 1992 and 1996.

Mr. Speaker, Martha Laffer was born in Jewell, Kansas, in 1926. She received a degree in economics from the University of Kansas in 1947 and on June 17, 1948, married Robert Boynton Ziegler. They settled in the Bay Area, where her husband established a medical practice, and in 1957 they moved to Redwood City. Martha and Robert Ziegler were the parents of four children—Robert, Nancy, David and Daniel.

In addition to her extensive community and political service, Martha was a devoted wife and mother, lover of animals, and wonderful cook and gardener, with a passion for music and literature. She was a singer, first with the West Bay Opera Company and later with the California Bach Society, which she co-founded in 1974 with music director Edwin Flath.

Mr. Speaker, in 1990, Martha and Bob Ziegler moved from Redwood City to Heraldsgburg, California, where they were winegrowers and active in the community for over a decade. Martha passed away in Heraldsgburg last December. I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to her.

TRIBUTE TO LON MANN

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Arkansas' finest citizens, Lon

Mann. I am proud to recognize Lon in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his profession, his family, his state and this nation.

A third generation farmer, Mr. Mann returned from World War II to continue in the family tradition as a cotton producer and gin-ner as a partner at McClendon Mann & Felton Gin Company in Marianna, AR. He was a leader in the revitalization of the National Cotton Council of America and served as its president as he advocated for America's cotton farmers. He also served as president of the Mid-South Ginners Council and the Agricultural Council of Arkansas, as a trustee of the National Cotton Council's Cotton Foundation and was rightfully inducted into the Arkansas Agricultural Hall of Fame. Mr. Mann was the recipient of numerous awards including the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service "Cotton Achievement" award, the Harry Baker Award from the National Cotton Council and the Horace Hayden Cotton Ginner of the Year Award in 2000.

Mr. Mann's efforts extended beyond the cotton fields into the community as Chairman of the Board of Methodist Hospital and Health Systems in Memphis, TN, and president of the Marianna-Lee County School Board.

Lon Mann was a faithful and dedicated husband to his wife, June, a loving father to daughters June, Louise and Burkley and son William, and the proud grandfather of six grandchildren. Throughout his life, he was dedicated to serving his fellow citizens as a leader in both his profession and his community, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his priceless contributions. I will be forever honored by our friendship.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to Lon's family, and gratitude for all he did.

TRIBUTE TO JAY LAWHON

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and an outstanding citizen. I am proud to recognize Jay Lawhon in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his community, his family, his state and this nation.

Mr. Lawhon was born on a small farm near Harrison in northwest Arkansas in 1919. After serving in the Navy in World War II, Mr. Lawhon moved to southeast Arkansas to become a vocational agriculture teacher. He served as principal of McCrory High School before beginning his career in the seed industry. Mr. Lawhon opened Lawhon Farm Supply in the late 1950's, and passed the thriving business to his son, Noal, in 1975 in order to begin his work as a missionary.

As lay leader in McCrory's Methodist Church and founder of the World Christian Relief Fund, Mr. Lawhon made several humanitarian trips to Bangladesh when floods and famine struck in the 1970's. He later traveled to Haiti to help build a hospital and continued to visit the country to teach Haitians to drill and repair wells for water and plant trees.

Jay Lawhon was a faithful and dedicated husband to his wife, Lillian, a loving father to

Noal and the proud grandfather of two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Throughout his life, he was dedicated to serving his fellow citizens as a leader in both his profession and his community, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his priceless contributions. I will be forever honored by his friendship.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to Jay's family, and gratitude for all he did to make the world a better place.

HONORING RETIRING COUNCIL
MEMBER DORIS RODRIQUEZ

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to Council Member Doris Rodriguez, who is retiring from the Hayward City Council at the end of her term on April 6, 2004. Ms. Rodriguez will leave a legacy of 27 years of dedicated service to the city of Hayward, California.

Her initial service was on the City of Hayward Citizens Advisory Commission from 1977 to 1984, followed by an appointment to the city's Planning Commission, where she served a seven-year stint. Rodriguez was first appointed to the City Council in 1991 and was elected in 1992 and has served consecutive four-year terms.

The city of Hayward has benefited from Rodriguez's tireless contributions as a city council liaison on the Airport Committee, Commercial Center Improvement Committee, Citizens Advisory Commission, Downtown Revitalization Committee, Public Agencies Committee and the Route 92/880 Interchange Citizens Advisory Committee. Serving as the council's liaison, Rodriguez has been the city's vital link to the community. She has garnered wide-ranging respect with all segments of the community. Her intellect, her sound judgment, her calming personality, her sincere interest in Hayward issues and its citizens, and her ability to work with myriad organizations have benefited Hayward immeasurably.

Rodriguez is an integral part of Hayward's fabric. She is a member of numerous organizations. Her name is not merely listed on the membership rosters but she is intricately involved in the heart of the organizations to make a positive contribution to Hayward. These organizations, who continue to benefit from Rodriguez's experience and commitment, include Friends of the Hayward Library, Hayward Area Planning Association, Hispanic Elected Local Officials, Southgate Home Owners Association, League of Women Voters, and Sun Gallery.

On March 19, 2004, the City of Hayward will host a farewell dinner to thank Council Member Doris Rodriguez for her tireless efforts on behalf of Hayward and its citizens. I join the fine citizens of the city to thank Doris for a job well done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LUCY
MEYRING

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to the historic achievement of a remarkable woman from my home state. Lucy Meyring of North Park, Colorado was recently chosen as the next president of the Colorado Cattleman's Association. What makes this more special is the fact that the Cattleman's association is the oldest in the country and Lucy will become its first female president. I join with my colleagues to congratulate Lucy on this remarkable achievement.

Lucy has spent her entire life as a cattlemaster in Colorado, and has a deep love of ranching and the cattle industry. As the newest leader of the Colorado Cattleman's Association, Lucy hopes to educate our youth on the importance of agriculture and the origin of such staples as milk and meat. While Lucy recognizes that she will have an extensive travel schedule over the next year, she believes that doing so will provide a unified voice for all cattlemen throughout Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the achievements of Lucy Meyring. Throughout her life, Lucy has been a devoted cattlemaster and earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, friends and fellow citizens. It is a great honor to rise before this body of Congress to congratulate Lucy on her achievements. I wish her all the best throughout her tenure.

CONGRATULATING MR. PORTNOW
AND THE RECORDING ACADEMY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share remarks made by Recording Academy President Neil Portnow at the 46th Annual Grammy Awards on February 8th, 2003. Mr. Portnow worked on behalf to the Recording Academy in a variety of volunteer leadership roles for over 20 years before being selected as President by the Board of Trustees in September of 2002.

In his first two years as President of the Academy, Mr. Portnow has used his creative talents in marketplace development and his many years in the entertainment industry to advocate on behalf of the Music and Arts community, especially in the area of Music Education funding.

I know I am joined by my colleagues in the House of Representatives in congratulating Mr. Portnow and the Recording Academy on their success in fostering, supporting and promoting a myriad of music-based education and community programs throughout the country.

To follow are the remarks presented by Neil Portnow, President, Recording Academy, on February 8th, 2004 on the occasion of the 46th Annual Grammy Awards:

Thank you for joining as we celebrate the 46th Annual Grammy Awards.

Tonight, you've seen some remarkable performances that span the spectrum of recorded music, with musical icons joining wonderfully talented young artists to demonstrate that we are all one family.

But our family extends beyond the boundaries of the artists nominated tonight for Grammy Awards. You, the music fans, are the most important part of our family for whom all of us in this creative community give our all. We are inspired to create and make our music so that you can hear and enjoy it. After all, music uplifts the very fabric of our daily lives.

As in all families, there are times when we must all come together as one. Tonight is one of those times.

Many of our music family have arrived here on this Grammy stage because they had the benefit of exposure to music and the arts in school. Proposals for dramatic cuts in funding for the arts mean that our children will be denied that vital opportunity. We cannot sit idly by and allow this to happen. If our leaders spend our resources to search for something, it ought to be for tools of mass education and cultural enlightenment in our nation.

The Recording Academy recognizes your hunger and passion for music. We also represent the music-makers and many others involved in the creative process whose livelihood depends on your support. And tonight we are asking for that support.

We have spent the past year researching and examining the complex issues created by the digital world and this evening, we are announcing a national program designed to educate and inform music lovers everywhere about the serious issues and alternatives surrounding digital downloading of music. We encourage you to visit our new Web site, What's The Download.com, and learn about legal downloading and the ethical choices you can make about how you get your music.

The coming months and years will be a critical time for all of us who bring you the music. Our industry will emerge from what has been a perfect storm. And we will reinvent and renew that which requires change, providing more choices and options to discover and enjoy music.

Just as you would respond to one of your family members seeking your help, we ask you to help us keep music strong and alive for this and for generations to come. You can be sure that we will continue to do our part; we're counting on you to please do yours.

A TRIBUTE TO JUDGE LENARD D.
LOUIE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to an extraordinary man and an excellent judge who has dedicated his life to the people of San Francisco. Judge Lenard D. Louie currently presides in the San Francisco Superior Court.

Born in San Francisco, Judge Louie attended both the University of San Francisco and Hastings School of Law. Upon graduation, he passed the bar and began his public service career as a Deputy District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. During the sixteen years that Judge Louie was a prosecutor he proudly points out that he "handled