

to providing educational opportunities to students, and his work with PSU to help this important institution grow into a national model of an urban university.

Tom Pflingsten has served at Portland State University since 1980. During that time, the Millar Library has steadily increased its collections holdings from 650,000 volumes in 1980 to the present day 1.3 million volumes.

In addition, during Tom's tenure, there were three major library improvements: (1) an expanded and improved library building that is both functional and architecturally stunning; (2) a major reorganization of the way in which the library internally functions including the creation of a new research and learning center; and (3) a transition from paper systems to electronic media in nearly all aspects of library organization, communication, and presentation to students and faculty. All of these accomplishments have been most impressive due to the fact that his era at Portland State has been one of great financial challenges.

Tom's modest, self-effacing style obscures a canny ability to find money for important projects and to spend it prudently and effectively. He has been a tremendous and tireless advocate for the Millar Library and his efforts, and those of his fine staff, have allowed it to keep pace with Oregon's fastest growing, and now largest, university.

In an atmosphere of constant fiscal challenge, Tom Pflingsten and the Millar Library—like Portland State University itself—have triumphed over adversity and provided high quality service to our students, faculty and community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored that I have had the opportunity to work with and know Tom Pflingsten. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him and his family the best as he enters a much-deserved retirement after a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO MS. MARTHA
WATFORD

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise during this month of March, which has been designated Women's History Month, to pay tribute to Ms. Martha Watford, an incredible woman who has dedicated most her life to the service of others.

For 38 years, Martha has been an active member of the community. She has served as parent, staff and currently Executive Director of the La Peninsula Community Organization. Serving over one thousand families annually, it is one of the largest community based organizations in the South Bronx. In her position as Executive Director, she has been responsible for expanding what was once a two room operation to what is now a facility with six centers and 33 classrooms. This new facility is due to open in September 2004 and will aptly be named the Martha Watford Center.

Mr. Speaker, Martha is always eager to incorporate new initiatives into the program in order ensure that the families and children that her organization serves are given every opportunity to achieve all that they possibly can. As a result of her unyielding commitment to her

community, Martha was the recipient of the Robin Hood Foundation Heroes Award in 1996. She leads her staff by demonstrating unflinching strength and passion in serving the families of our community.

For her commitment to the families of our community, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this remarkable woman.

CONGRATULATING COMMON
THREADS AWARD WINNERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan Cohen, Parry Mead Murray, Margo Souza and Barbara Vineyard, the recipients of the 2004 Sacramento Valley Common Threads Award. This award is presented to women in agriculture who have made a remarkable contribution to their community through volunteer work and philanthropy.

Susan Cohen has been involved in numerous agricultural activities throughout her life. Since 1989, she has held the position of the Solano County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights & Measures. She serves as a key part of the regulatory system that promotes and protects California's \$28 billion agricultural industry. Susan was Monterey County's Senior Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in the Salinas Valley, where she started out as a Produce Inspector and worked her way up to a wide variety of regulatory inspections. She also administered the county Agricultural Advisory Committee, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and became a point person for minor crop pesticide regulations.

Parry Mead Murray has been active in the grape industry for over 20 years. She served as Mead Ranch Vineyard Manager for 22 years and assisted with the conservation easement placed on the property. Parry currently sits as board member of the Napa Valley Grape Growers Association. She serves as Vice President of the Giles W. & Elise G. Mead Foundation, whose contributions go toward conservation and resource management issues. Parry is also a committee member of the Archer Taylor Preserve Land Trust of Napa County, a committee that targets the planning and implementation of long-term property management for one of the oldest and largest strands of Redwood trees.

Margo Souza has been dedicated to the dairy industry her entire life. She has spent the past 20 years as a successful manager in all facets of dairy farming. Margo played a key role in securing a \$100,000 grant from the Buy California initiative to place milk vending machines in selected high schools. She was chair of the Western United Dairymen's 2003 Convention, the year of their biggest trade show ever. Margo also served as the first woman president for the Growers Harvesting Committee in 1996. In addition, she has had several professional appointments that include the California Agriculture and Water Committee in 1999, the California Milk Advisory Board since 1997, and the Western United Dairymen since 1994, among others.

Barbara Vineyard has been an active leader of 4-H for 47 years. She was on the 4-H

County Council serving as president, secretary, and area coordinator. Barbara has chaired many County and Regional events and served on the Regional and State Leaders Councils, as well as director of the California 4-H Foundation. She is chairman of the Mt. Pleasant Hall Committee and assists with fundraisers for the community hall, which is owned by the Placer County Farm Bureau. Barbara also helped form the Placer County Farm Bureau Young People's organization which she remains active in today.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the 2004 Sacramento Valley Common Threads Award winners. These women have shown outstanding involvement, not only in agriculture, but also in strengthening their respective communities. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing these honorees a bright future and continued success.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
MR. ENZO "TONY" MUSOLINO

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to remember and honor an outstanding citizen, Mr. Enzo "Tony" Musolino from Granite Bay, California, who passed away on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, after a year-long bout with leukemia. He was 73 years old.

Tony was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 15, 1930. The only child of Ernesto and Carmela Musolino, he moved to San Francisco with his family in 1940, marking the beginning of his life in Northern California.

In 1952, Tony began a life-long career in the real estate profession. He was a real estate agent, builder, and mortgage broker working throughout the Bay Area, starting in San Francisco and expanding into the Santa Clara and San Jose areas. However, in January 1976, he moved his family to Granite Bay, then a rural community in the beautiful foothills of Placer County. As it turned out, his family was among the first of many people who have migrated from the Bay Area to the greater Sacramento region. Tony's vision for his new home helped transform the community into what it is today.

Tony envisioned the development of custom homes on large lots surrounded by open natural spaces. His residential accomplishments included the development of Hidden Lakes Estates, Shelborne Estates, and the premier neighborhood of Los Lagos. He also succeeded in commercial development ventures in Washington State, the greater Sacramento area, and California's Great Central Valley. Nevertheless, he will likely be best remembered for his exclusive residential developments in Granite Bay.

Mr. Speaker, Tony, who had been semi-retired for several years, turned the management of the family business over to his children to enjoy other aspects of life. He took pleasure in several hobbies, including golf and weight training. As the son of Italian immigrants, he relished his heritage, retaining fluency in the Italian language and passion for authentic Italian cuisine. He even found enjoyment in collecting Italian sports cars, including several Maseratis and a Ferrari.

However, Tony's truest love remained his lovely wife, Barbara, with whom he enjoyed traveling to secondary homes in Kauai and Indian Wells. He is also survived by his daughter, Gina Goldberg; sons Robert and Michael; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, today, I join with Tony Musolino's family, friends, and community to commemorate his life of hard work, good citizenship, and family commitment. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATING DR. RONALD M. BENSON

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Dr. Ronald M. Benson as he ends his term as chairman of the Board of Professional Standards of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Benson received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School. He also graduated from the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute and is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in both general and child psychiatry. After completing his residency and fellowship, Dr. Benson served as chief of Child Psychiatry and Outpatient Services and Mental Health Clinic at Sheppard Air Force Base, where he received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal. Dr. Benson also held several teaching positions at institutions, including the University of Michigan, Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute, and Wayne State University. He published both his own book and videotapes, and wrote chapters in many other books, as well as articles in numerous distinguished scientific journals.

Dr. Benson contributes immeasurably to his southeast Michigan community. He served as a consultant to programs such as the Boys' Training School, the Child Psychoanalytic Study Program at the University of Michigan, the Detroit Psychiatric Institute, and the State of Michigan Bureau of Health Services. In addition, Dr. Benson served on several committees within the International Psychoanalytic Association, American Psychoanalytic Association, and the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute. Dr. Benson continues to contribute to his field and community through his private practice, which he has run since 1970, and active participation in both the International and the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institutes.

Dr. Benson is a highly esteemed doctor in the field of psychiatry. He deserves great recognition for his dedicated service to his community and his country. Southeast Michigan should be proud to have Dr. Benson as a member of our community. I hope Dr. Benson and his family will be both happy and prosperous in the years to come.

NAMPA AND MERIDIAN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, we in Idaho place a high value on our water, and we understand the critical role that water delivery has played in making the arid West bloom. With that in mind, I am honored to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District on the occasion of its centennial, marking 100 years of service to the Treasure Valley on March 9, 2004.

The Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District is the largest entity of its kind in the Treasure Valley, delivering irrigation water to 64,000 acres of farmland and providing water to pressurized urban irrigation systems serving more than 9,500 parcels of land, including residential lots, parks, and commercial areas. The district supplied 177,000 acre feet of water to water users in its system in 2003. Economists estimate the water brought a direct agricultural economic return to the Treasure Valley of approximately \$10 million.

On this historic occasion, it is important to pay tribute to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District and the people responsible for its maintenance and operations for their countless contributions to water users. But I also want to express my gratitude to the district for the cultural, social, and economic contributions it makes to the broader community, to the Treasure Valley, and all of Idaho.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF ROSE MERRY MYERS DARDEN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Rose Merry Myers Darden, who died on February 20, 2004. Ms. Darden was a lifelong community activist and defender of less fortunate citizens. She was married to William (Boone) Darden, former police chief of Riviera Beach, Florida. Her husband, the first black man to become police chief of a major Florida city, preceded her in death.

After her husband's passing, Rose threw herself entirely into community work. A caring and compassionate individual, she sold her jewelry and her automobile to raise the necessary funds to open St. Matthew's House, a shelter for homeless veterans. It later became St. Matthew's Safe House for Women, where many former drug abusers sought refuge and respite from their troubles while they worked to turn their lives around.

A person of principle, Rose Darden gave up an opportunity to receive a \$250,000 federal grant for expansion of St. Matthew's because she felt the guidelines would restrict her efforts to assist the women. She commented at the time, "If we can't do the job the way it should be done. . . . I don't feel we should take the money." I agree wholeheartedly with her sentiment.

I always had the greatest respect for Ms. Darden and her late husband. Her passing

leaves us all poorer, and I challenge everyone who knew and loved her and the many whose lives she touched to continue the wonderful work she did.

I offer my sincerest condolences to her family. We can all take comfort in knowing that her spirit will guide us always.

HONORING ROBERT ANGELL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Robert Angell, who has received the 2003 Volunteer of the Year award for exemplary volunteer service with the Friends of The Sunshine Place. He will be awarded at a reception on April 22nd in Modesto, California.

Mr. Angell is involved in numerous volunteer activities. His most recent activities include facilitating a Dual Diagnosis group, which helps people with substance abuse problems and mental illness. Robert is also a member of the Mental Health Board and the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Quality Improvement Committee. Amongst his volunteer accomplishments, Mr. Angell has returned to college with the goal of working in the mental health field so that he can continue to assist others.

The Sunshine Place is a socialization/recreational drop-in center that is run under the patronage of the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. They offer recreational opportunities for a variety of populations, ranging from chronic mentally ill adults and the physically disabled, to the homeless in their community. They operate with a minimal staff and depend on volunteers for all of their day-to-day functions. The Volunteer of the Year is selected by the people who donate their time to The Sunshine Place, and this year Robert's peers selected him for this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert Angell, The Sunshine Place's 2003 Volunteer of the Year honoree. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Robert many years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING VAN APPLIGATE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Van Applegate, a senior at Jefferson County High School in my district. Van, this week, will become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting.

The Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, which I proudly represent, is home to a great deal of history. Van restored and rededicated the gravesite of Private Luke Quinn, who was killed during John Brown's raid of 1859. Brown's raid was a significant event in our Nation's history, and in the history of eastern West Virginia. Van is to be congratulated for his hard work in restoring this piece of Civil War-era history.