

New Haven, Larry served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Policy and Economic Council and was appointed by former Governor Lowell Weicker as Chair of the Connecticut Board of Governors of Higher Education. Larry was also selected by former President George W. Bush for an appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, a group which oversees the accreditation of institutions and associations in higher education.

In addition to his distinguished career in education, Larry has also served in public life where he demonstrated a unique commitment to public service. He served five terms in the Connecticut State Senate as well as one term as the United States Representative for Connecticut's Third Congressional District. After his term in the United States House of Representatives, Larry went on to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the United States Department of Health and Human Services. He was also appointed by former President George W. Bush as a member of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine—a position which he held for 4 years.

It is not often that you find an individual who so willingly dedicates himself to the betterment of his community. In addition to his professional contributions, Larry has worked with numerous local business and service organizations aimed at providing a better quality of life for the residents of the Greater New Haven area. Our communities would not be the same without people like Larry, who give their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of others.

Through his contributions, Larry has left an indelible mark on our community. For all of his good work, I am proud to rise today to join his wife Mary Lou; his four children, Larry, Jr., Gregory, Mark, and Lesley; family, friends, and colleagues in extending my thanks and appreciation to my friend Lawrence DeNardis. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING COX COMMUNICATIONS'  
MOVIES UNDER THE MOON  
CHARITY EVENT

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 12, 2004*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to honor Cox Communications for hosting Movies Under the Moon, a series of nine free movies shown at George Mason University's Robinson football field during the summer of 2003.

Movies Under the Moon drew over 75,000 Fairfax County residents. Through proceeds derived from on-site food vendors, the event raised \$23,500 in proceeds for Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and Special Love Camp Fantastic, a support group for families coping with cancer. This year's lineup of movies promises to be as popular.

Mr. Speaker, Cox Communications developed a unique and rewarding program to provide entertainment to the people of Fairfax County while simultaneously assisting Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and Special Love Camp Fantastic. The efforts made by Cox

Communications to serve the Fairfax community are much appreciated and greatly admired. I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Cox Communications for a job well done.

WATER SUPPLY, RELIABILITY,  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVE-  
MENT ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2004*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2828, the Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act, to reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources. This reauthorization will help address the critical water crisis in the Southern California region, effectively improving water supply reliability and water quality while enhancing the environment. In addition, this bill provides a model for how to make progress in enormously complex natural resources issues through a partnership of state and federal agencies.

Many states today are faced with the formidable task of providing reliable and safe water resources for a rapidly increasing population. This is no exception to California and its growing population of more than 30 million people. Southern California's arid climate makes it difficult for this region to find viable and dependable sources of water. The Interior Department's ruling to reduce the availability of Colorado River water to Southern California exacerbated the area's water supply problems by diverting approximately 700,000 acre feet of water this year alone. The lack of a reliable source of water discourages economic growth, jeopardizes the environment and compromises the health and safety of Southern California residents. It is for this reason that Congress must work to find innovative and effective solutions to the challenges posed by such debilitating water shortages. H.R. 2828 offers such viable solutions.

One of the most important elements of this legislation is it will finally allow us to begin the process of developing and constructing water supply, storage and delivery projects. H.R. 2828 will augment the conveyance of water through the Delta, California's most important watershed. This will reduce the demand on imported water from the Colorado River and other unreliable remote water sources. Through the water recycling, desalinization, and groundwater replenishment projects authorized by this legislation, California will become more self reliant and a better steward of its water resources.

H.R. 2828 recognizes the importance of improving management and coordination of existing water supply projects for meeting present and future demands for water in California. The bill would bring a focus to developing integrated, regionally-based water management plans as a necessary means to help resolve growing conflicts and foster cooperation between agencies, utilities, and public interests. It also stresses the need for water

users to better cooperate and integrate their actions to improve water management to solve broad, multi-dimensional issues.

This bill equalizes environmental protection and water supply demands and effectively provides for the agricultural, municipal, commercial, and recreational water needs of the state. Ecosystem-restoration projects will help return California's bays, deltas, rivers, and other natural habitats to their original ecological state. Projects will be authorized as long as the activity has been subject to environmental reviews and approvals under applicable federal and state law.

Perhaps one of the most important elements of this bill is that it injects accountability into the process by requiring a cross-cut budget detailing the way in which the various agencies intend to use federal CALFED dollars. Only through such a process will we know if progress is occurring in a reasonable time-frame and, if not, how best to revise the program to accomplish the results that we expect.

I would note that H.R. 2828 is the result of several years of work and bipartisanship, which is a true credit to Chairman Pombo and Chairman Calvert. Their decade of effort has given hope to a reality of enhanced water resources for all Californians. I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation.

HONORING THE REVEREND ABRAHAM  
MARSACH ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 12, 2004*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, and community members who have gathered to celebrate the life and legacy of one of our most outstanding leaders, and my dear friend—Reverend Abraham Marsach—as he celebrates his retirement. However, I am quite sure that his retirement does not mean the end of his advocacy and activism.

As we have seen across the nation, the Hispanic community in New Haven has grown and flourished over the last several decades. As it has grown so has its demands for strong, vocal advocates willing to stand and fight for the needs of its members. Reverend Marsach has been just this kind of advocate—a passionate, active leader who has made a real difference in the lives of many. It is not often that you find such dedicated individuals who commit themselves so fully to the betterment of their community.

As both a community and spiritual leader, Reverend Marsach has touched the lives of thousands in New Haven. In his role as President of the Asociacion Ministerial Evangelica Hispana de New Haven he helped to unite religious leaders across the community and worked with municipal leaders to effect change in the community. The founder of Junta for Progressive Action, he created a social service agency which has helped thousands in New Haven's Hispanic community access the programs and services they need to improve their quality of life. Mentor, leader, advocate, and friend—Reverend Marsach is a true community treasure.