IN HONOR OF DAN HUDSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dan Hudson, a valuable member of the Monterey community who passed away on October 11, 2004, after a courageous struggle with cancer. He was an entrepreneur with a love of storytelling, but is perhaps best known for his creation of the Monterey County Post.

Dan was born on January 7, 1951, in Berkeley, CA, but soon returned to his family's home on the Monterey Peninsula. He spent his youth exploring the Central Coast, and was well known for his love of adventure. After graduating from Robert Louis Stevenson High School, Dan created Hudson & Company, in the Barnyard Shopping Village in Carmel, CA. He attended the Monterey College of Law, but after his graduation in 1994 decided instead to go into the newspaper business.

The Monterey County Post was the result of this decision, which he designed particularly to serve the residents of Monterey County. The lead article dealt with Carlos, a former gang member, and instantly made a name for the paper as taking a serious, in-depth approach to crime and illegal drugs. Dan wasn't afraid to tackle controversial issues, and though the paper had a conservative leaning, he welcomed opinions from everyone.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Dan Hudson's many accomplishments, and I commend him for his dedication to his community and friends. He was a remarkable figure, and his memory will live on in the many people whose lives he has touched. I join the Monterey Bay community, and friends and family in honoring this truly admirable man and friend for all of his lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. GLORIA FRAZIER EVANS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warme congratulations to a very dedicated and devoted educator. Gloria Frazier Evans has given leadership and service to the students at Booker T. Washington High School for seven years. She has been the embodiment of the school's most treasured motto: ''Not The Largest, But The Best.'' On Saturday, February 5, 2005, the graduating class of 1961 from Booker T. Washington High School will honor Mrs. Gloria F. Evans for ''Keeping the Legacy Alive'' for her community.

Born in Orange, Texas, Gloria graduated valedictorian of her 1966 class at M.B. North High School. She furthered her education at the University of North Texas where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree (1970) in French and English and a Master of Education degree (1971) in English Education. Gloria completed coursework for certification in Guidance and Counseling at Florida Atlantic University (1980), and coursework for certification in Administration and Supervision at Florida International University (1986).

Gloria is the youngest child and only girl of James and Henrietta Frazier. She is married to William Evans, retired educator and track coach. They have two daughters, Erica Nicole and Erinn Monique Evans and stepchildren, Lynette Evans, Keisha Person, and Corey Evans. Gloria attends the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. She is a member of the Miami Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Miami Chapter of The Girl Friends, Inc., and the Dade Association of School Administrators.

In 1998, Gloria was selected as principal to direct the restoration of the historic Booker T. Washington Senior High School. From July 1998 to August 2004, Gloria directly supervised and monitored every aspect of the reconstruction of Booker T. Washington High School, including establishing career academies, aligning the curriculum to State standards, and establishing the athletics and activities programs. She also worked directly with the contractors for the new construction and the renovation of the school. Additionally, Gloria worked with the Ad Hoc Committee, the B. T. W. Alumni Association, and individual B. T. W. Class Organizations. She is currently principal of D.A. Dorsey Educational Center.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the students, faculty, administration and alumni of Booker T. Washington High School, and everyone in our community, in honoring Gloria Frazier Evans. Thank you for all your service, and I wish you all the best in all your future endeavors.

HONORING THE RORY DAVID DEUTSCH FOUNDATION

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rory David Deutsch Foundation and the outstanding work it is doing to eradicate pediatric brain tumors and assist families who have felt the devastating effects of this condition.

The Rory David Deutsch Foundation was named in memory of Rory Deutsch, the beloved son of Mindy and Ross Deutsch. In 1998, at the age of seven, Rory passed away from a brain stem glioma, a type of pediatric brain tumor. Even the very best medical treatment and care from the finest specialists was not successful in curing Rory's illness. Rory's tumor grew within the brain stem itself and was not surgically accessible. Sadly, standard chemotherapy and radiation did not offer a cure either.

The day after Rory's passing, his family established the foundation that bears his name. Aimed at eradicating pediatric brain-stem gliomas, the Rory David Deutsch Foundation has developed relationships with two of the most prestigious medical research centers for children: Duke University's Brain Tumor Center and Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital. Due in large part to the Deutsch's generous contribution of the Foundation, these two medical centers have already conducted ground-breaking research on brain-stem gliomas.

The Rory David Deutsch Foundation has been tremendously successful in raising funds to advance this research. In doing so, it has received the support of many large national companies that have donated a generous share of their profits on days dedicated to the foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the research supported by the Rory David Deutsch Foundation on behalf of children afflicted with brain tumors. The promise of a cure borne from this heart-breaking tragedy serves as a source of inspiration and hope for the future of our children. I join with the Fifth Congressional District and indeed all of Chicago in wishing the Foundation and the Deutsch family continued success and happiness in the future.

IN HONOR OF NINA DOBKIN

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nina Dobkin for her exceptional community service and unwavering commitment to helping others. Mrs. Dobkin was honored at a dinner dance for the Richard A. Rutkowski Association's 26th anniversary gala on January 15, 2005, in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mrs. Dobkin has spent decades advocating for important community causes and offering her time and support at various institutions. Her participation has included serving as a past president of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) and as a member of the YWCA advisory board and the School 3 Parent-Teachers Council. Currently, she is a trustee of the Bayonne Board of Education.

An extraordinary leader, Mrs. Dobkin has demonstrated her keen ability to develop new and successful outreach programs, especially in the areas of children, health, and education. Her accomplishments include gathering support for the development of a local mental health center, starting a pre-school program for neurologically impaired children, and organizing a coalition to raise money for the establishment of the Community Day Nursery. She also worked in conjunction with the NCJW to co-sponsor a national taskforce to study and address issues affecting children and youth, and testified before Congress regarding day care regulations.

Other projects have included developing a national survey about young girls and the problems they face in the juvenile justice system, helping to develop the Phone Friend program, and coordinating the distribution of Passover food to those in need.

Mrs. Dobkin graduated from Hofstra University with a degree in music and has worked as a piano teacher for more than 50 years. She and her husband, Earl, are the proud parents of two children and two grandsons.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nina Dobkin for her impressive ability to spearhead and develop worthwhile community endeavors, her passion to help those in need, and her desire and drive to improve social services. Her work has touched the lives of countless individuals in Bayonne and the greater community.