

to extend my support to Sandra L. Seeno, a community leader and friend who will be formally recognized on February 4, 2005, at the grand opening of the Center for Immunobiology and Vaccine Development at Children's Hospital in Oakland, California.

Ms. Seeno has been an ardent supporter of Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland for more than 20 years. She is committed to promoting Children's Hospital and ensuring the delivery of high-quality pediatric care. Ms. Seeno has also worked to maintain Children's Hospital as a nationally recognized research program with highly qualified primary care providers and strong education and teaching programs.

For the past 2 years Ms. Seeno has served as a member of the Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI) Advisory Board, which was established to promote CHORI to philanthropic, scientific and business communities. Over the past year she has been particularly dedicated to supporting the completion of the Institute's new Center for Immunobiology and Vaccine Development (CIVD).

Ms. Seeno's service as a community advisor has been instrumental in present and future development strategies for the Children's Hospital and Research Center Foundation. Along with her husband, Albert D. Seeno, Jr. she has helped oversee the charitable arm of the Albert D. Seeno, Jr. Family Foundation and helped to bring about new projects such as the grand opening of the Center for Immunobiology and Vaccine Development.

I congratulate Ms. Seeno for her hard work and dedication to the community and the Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland.

HONORING JANIE WALSH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Janie Walsh, who is retiring as the Executive Director of the Sonoma County Community Development Commission after 30 years of dedicated service to her community.

In high school, Ms. Walsh lived in Vietnam, where her interest in community service took root. She has returned periodically to implement programs sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of California such as helping to build a school, and providing eyeglasses to those in need.

Ms. Walsh began her career in Pennsylvania as a teacher and Head Start director. Her move to California saw a change of direction in her career as she began the important work of community development. As the Redevelopment Project Manager in the City of Petaluma she began the City's housing rehabilitation program. She moved on to the Sonoma County Housing Authority as Community Development Specialist and was quickly promoted to Community Development Manager.

In 1985 the Board of Supervisors appointed her as Executive Director of the Community Development Commission where she has done an outstanding job supervising Sonoma County's Housing Authority, Redevelopment

Agency, and a wide range of community development and affordable housing programs.

Ms. Walsh has also served as Senior Vice President and President of the Pacific Southwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing Officials (NAHRO), where she worked closely with the Department of Housing and Urban Development on major changes in legislation and regulations that affect housing and community development agencies.

Upon retirement, Ms. Walsh and her husband, John Humphrey, are planning to move to the country and raise grapes and honeybees. She plans to spend time with her two adult sons, Philip and John, and her young grandsons. Ms. Walsh is looking forward to some international travel, particularly a trip to visit her roots in Ireland.

Mr. Speaker, Janie Walsh is a woman who has made a positive impact on those around her. She has led the Community Development Commission with an attitude of compassion and respect for clients and community that permeates the entire agency. I am proud to honor her and wish her well in this new chapter of her life.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MARY ZONE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of my dear friend and mentor, Mary Zone, loving mother, grandmother, dedicated public servant, community activist, and dear friend to many. Her passing marks a great loss for her family and friends, and also for the people of Cleveland, whom she served with the highest level of commitment, concern, integrity and honor.

Mrs. Zone's husband, the late Michael Zone, and their eight children were central to her life. The great care and love that she showered on them extended throughout Cleveland's west side neighborhood, where Mrs. Zone carried the torch of her late husband. The well-being of their community, anchored by their parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, remained a constant focus in the hearts of Michael and Mary Zone. Their united focus on family and service to others continues to illuminate the hope and promise of a better day for every citizen of this diverse, working-class community.

A staunch Democrat, Mrs. Zone was appointed to Cleveland City Council in 1974, to serve out the term of her late husband. She was elected to serve three additional terms. As a member of the Council, Mrs. Zone was a fierce champion of the people of the near west side, and her unequalled work ethic and uncompromising integrity quickly garnered her the admiration of residents and the respect of those at City Hall.

Armed with a compassionate heart, sharp mind and even sharper focus on the public she served, Mrs. Zone shattered the status quo by becoming the first woman of Italian heritage to serve on Cleveland City Council, and the first woman to serve as the Council's majority whip.

Her years of working as a business owner and elected official served the City well

throughout her tenure as an administrator with Cleveland's Community Development Department, an appointment made by then-Mayor George Voinovich. Later, she was appointed as Deputy Director of Special Projects with the Ohio Lottery Commission.

Mary Zone's greatest legacy is reflected in the lives of her family and friends and along every street crisscrossing the near west side. She was a founding member of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization and the Nolasco Housing Organization. She was an integral and active member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, serving for many years as President of its PTA. Most recently, Mrs. Zone served on the board of Villa Mercedes. Following the death of her son, Marty, to AIDS in 1993, she actively pursued programs and projects focused on assisting individuals and families living with HIV and AIDS.

Her humble nature precluded her from reveling in awards and accolades. However, her outstanding service was recognized by others. She was the recipient of many awards that highlighted her humanitarian efforts, including the Father Marino Frascati Neighborhood Champion Award from the Detroit Shoreway CDC, presented to her this past November.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mary Zone. The infinite measure of her heart, combined with her courage, vision and integrity, defined her life and served to lift the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our community, especially our near west side neighborhood. Her kindness, energy and compassion will be greatly missed within the hearts of her many friends, including my own. I extend my deepest condolences to her friends and family members, and especially to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary Zone lived her life with joy, energy and in unwavering service to others. Her eternal faith in humanity and in the notion that together, we can make a positive difference, will continue to serve as an unending force of hope and possibility throughout our community, and her memory and legacy will forever live on within the hearts of all who knew and loved her well.

INTRODUCING THE MAKE COLLEGE AFFORDABLE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Make College Affordable Act of 2005. This legislation helps millions of Americans afford college by making college tuition tax deductible. Today the average cost of education at a state university is \$9,802 per year, and the cost of education at a private university is \$31,052 per year! These high costs have left many middle class American families struggling to afford college for their children, who are often ineligible for financial aid. Therefore, middle class students have no choice but to obtain student loans, and thus leave college saddled with massive debt.

Even families who plan and save well in advance for their children's education may have a difficult time because their savings are eroded by taxation and inflation. The Make College