

has also made a tremendous impact within and outside of the labor community as the first woman in California's history to hold many of the executive positions in which she has served held throughout her career.

Judy is a graduate of Holy Names College in Oakland, where she earned a degree in psychology. She is a former Alameda County social worker, and has worked with the General Assistance Program, providing assistance to single adults with substance dependency problems, and also with the Children's Protective Services Program.

Judy's labor career began when she joined the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 535 in 1972. She first ran for union office in 1973, becoming a member of the Alameda County Chapter Executive Board, a Delegate to the statewide Executive Board, and a Delegate to the Central Labor Council of Alameda County.

In 1976, Judy made history by becoming the first woman elected as statewide president of SEIU Local 535. In that capacity she worked tirelessly to defend the rights of those in need, testifying before Congress as well as the California State Legislature on welfare reform, and advocating for increases in funding for programs that served youth, the disabled, and older adults.

In another historic moment, Judy was elected as president of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFL-CIO in 1983, making her the first woman to serve in that position within any major labor council in California history. Under her leadership, the CLC introduced a resolution to the national AFL-CIO calling for major policy reforms on immigration and workers' rights. Additionally, as part of the Labor Immigrant Organizing Network, she worked to bring together union organizers and community groups to advocate for immigrant rights. During her tenure, the Central Labor Council was also successful in working to pass living wage ordinances in the cities of Berkeley, Oakland and Hayward, as well as at the Port of Oakland.

During the past three decades, Judy's leadership on labor issues has also expanded to include a number of academic and community organizations. She is a member of the California State Assembly Speaker's Commission on Labor Education, and serves as a member of various labor-related advisory committees at San Francisco State University, Laney College and U.C. Berkeley. Judy serves on the board of the Bay Area Economic Forum and the steering committee of the Bay Dredging Action Coalition, and is a member of the Coalition on Labor Union Women AFL-CIO.

On June 10, 2005, friends and members of the labor community will gather to honor the contributions that Judy Goff has made to the circumstances of working people in Alameda County and throughout the State of California. Throughout the past three decades, Judy's work has consistently served to support workers' rights, diversity, fairness, and economic and social justice. The result has not only been a consistent improvement in the lives of working people in Alameda County, but an improvement in the quality of life for all people throughout the Easy Bay. On behalf of the 9th Congressional District, I salute Judy Goff for her immeasurable contributions to our community, and thank her for fighting to protect the rights of workers of generations past, present and future.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER ODESSA  
BONNER—USHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today in honor of Mother Odessa Bonner who received the Life Time Achievement Award on June 5, 2005 at the Saint Paul's Calvary United Church of God's Joint Usher Board's 36th Annual Day.

Mother Bonner has been a dedicated member of Saint Paul's Calvary United Church of God's Usher Board for over 30 years. Her willingness to lend a helping hand has made it easy for the Usher Board to declare her 2005's Usher of the Year. She has devoted herself to assisting those in need through her outreach work at community food banks, various shelters and soup kitchens throughout Union and Essex counties.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues here in the US House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mother Odessa Bonner as she accepts the Life Time Achievement Award as Usher of the Year. I am proud to have had her in my Congressional district and wish her never-ending success in her future endeavors.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE  
DEATH OF CHARLIE BOINEAU

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2005*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Roxanne, our sons, and I are deeply saddened to learn of the death on June 1st of Charlie Boineau, who has been a lifetime hero to us for his courage to pioneer the development of the two party system in South Carolina," said Wilson.

"One of the most meaningful events of my life was to visit the State House for the first time in August 1961 to witness Charlie's swearing in as a member of the S.C. House of Representatives. After winning a special election countywide in Richland County, he became the first Republican of the twentieth century to be elected to the General Assembly, an accomplishment that paved the way for the current Republican legislative and Federal majorities in South Carolina.

"I was always grateful to recognize Charlie as a trailblazer of the Republican Revolution, and I will always be proud he was my third cousin. We were both proud of our French Huguenot heritage.

"Charlie Boineau will always be remembered as a political leader, Rotarian, and Chamber official who made a difference for the people of South Carolina.

"Our family extends its deepest sympathy to Betsy, Bonnie, Fred, and the granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following obituary is from The State newspaper of Columbia, South Carolina, of June 3, 2005.

CHARLES EVANS BOINEAU

COLUMBIA.—Services for Charles Evans Boineau will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 1100 Sumter Street. The family will receive friends Fri-

day 5-7 p.m. at 1829 Senate Street, Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family.

Born in Columbia, Mr. Boineau was the son of the late Bessie T. and Charles Evans Boineau. He was a graduate of Camden High School and was a student at the Citadel in Charleston when World War II began. In 1942, he volunteered for the Naval Air corps and at the age of twenty, was a Navy fighter pilot in the South Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier Hornet (CV-12). He participated in carrier strikes against Luzon, Formosa, South China Sea, French Indochina and Okinawa.

After the war Mr. Boineau returned to Columbia and began working for Boineau's Allied Van Lines. He was affiliated for forty-three years with the moving company that was founded by his father in 1931. He became president of the company in 1971. He had been with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce as Membership Ambassador since 1994.

Mr. Boineau was elected in 1961 as the first Republican to the South Carolina Legislature since Reconstruction. He was a charter member of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church where he served on the Vestry and taught Sunday School. He served on the Board of Directors of the Columbia Rotary Club, where he was a member for fifty-five years, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, The Columbia Navy League, The St. Martin's Foundation, and as vice-president of the Southeastern Warehouseman and Mover's Association. He was a former president of the South Carolina Mover's Association.

Mr. Boineau was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor conferred by the State of South Carolina, by Governor James B. Edwards. He was a member of The South Carolina Republican Silver Elephant Club, and was Chairman of the Platform Committee of the party in 1962, and in 1964 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention. He was a lifelong member of American Legion Post No. 6 and was a member of the South Carolina Historical Society. He was a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. He held memberships in Forest Lake Club, The Columbia Cotillion Club, The Trantella, The Flamenco and was a charter member of The Summit Club.

Mr. Boineau is survived by his wife, Betsy Boatwright Boineau; daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Fred Crawford; and granddaughters, Beverley and Mary Crawford and Jessica Bacon.

Memorials may be made to Carolina Children's Home, Trinity Cathedral Foundation or St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Foundation.

HONORING JERI RICE

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 7, 2005*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeri Rice, an acclaimed entrepreneur in Seattle who personifies the spirit, courage, and commitment to see peace in her ancestral homeland of Israel. Jeri Rice is a distinguished Citizen Diplomat.

The Israel Policy Forum has selected Jeri Rice as a 2005 "Focus on the Future" Honoree. It is a wise choice and speaks volumes about the profound and positive impact one person can make in our world.

Jeri Rice is fearless in tackling tough issues. I know that firsthand. With a self confidence rooted in faith and family, Jeri guides everyone she comes in contact with toward a path