

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REMEMBERING ROGER GROSSMAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with sadness today on the occasion of the death of my friend and constituent, Roger Grossman of Mill Valley, California, who died January 26, 2006, after an extended battle with prostate cancer.

Roger was relatively new to Marin County, arriving 5 years ago as the new publisher for the Marin Independent Journal, the IJ, the daily paper for thousands of residents. He quickly established himself as a forceful, astute leader and a caring contributor to the community, both as an individual and in his role as newspaper publisher.

Originally from Seattle where he got his start with the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Roger also worked at several radio stations, held publishing posts in San Diego and Michigan, and wrote, "Eleven Steps to Advertising Success." In 1989 he joined MediaNews Group, the parent company of the Marin IJ.

One of Roger's best-known activities was his crusade to bring attention to the issue of workforce housing. Realizing that the high cost of housing in Marin County was hurting the economy by driving workers farther and farther away, he ran a hard-hitting series highlighting the issue and championed the creation of the Marin Workforce Housing Trust by the County's large employers. He also spoke out on Marin's high rates of both breast cancer and prostate cancer, important public health issues.

A frequent presence at so many events that an IJ editorial opined that he "seemed to be everywhere," Roger's visibility was enhanced by his imposing physical stature, vibrant energy, and warmth of spirit. As an advocate for the many nonprofits that are the fabric of the community, he supported causes ranging from the arts to health care to youth services. He served on many boards including Dominican University of California, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Marin Ballet, the Novato Chamber of Commerce, United Way, the California Film Institute, and the School to Career Partnership and won several awards including Heart of Marin.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl and children Erik, Stephanie, Trent, and Elliott.

Mr. Speaker, Roger Grossman's passing will leave a hole in the fabric of Marin County. His compassion, resolve, and buoyant energy leave a legacy for us in how one person can make a difference to his community, his colleagues, his family, and his many friends.

HONORING JUDGE MARIO J. ROSSETTI

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor a respected jurist, a dedicated public servant and a trusted friend upon the occasion of his retirement from the New York State Court of Claims.

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, to proud immigrant parents, a long-time resident of Buffalo and Williamsville, New York, Judge Mario J. Rossetti began his public service when he joined the Niagara Frontier Port Authority early in his legal career. Rossetti also served as a confidential lawyer to the Erie County Surrogate's Court through 1981.

Judge Rossetti's dedication to public service culminated when he was nominated by Governor Mario Cuomo, and confirmed by the New York State Senate, as a New York State Court of Claims Judge in 1987. The day Judge Rossetti swore the oath of office was one of the proudest days of his life, though he lamented that his deceased father could not witness it. Upon reappointment to the post by Governor George E. Pataki, Judge Rossetti has served as a Court of Claims Judge and Acting Supreme Court Justice since 1987.

Mr. Speaker, in the cases that have come before him, Judge Rossetti has dispensed justice with great compassion and firmness of judgment. Judge Rossetti's deep love of the law and his regard for the highest potential of the legal profession deepened his sense of fulfillment while on the Court. Attorneys practicing before Judge Rossetti often remarked that they enjoyed trying cases before him because he let them try their cases as the advocates that they are supposed to be, with the Judge enforcing the rules of the court.

Mr. Speaker, Mario Rossetti's involvement in a variety of civic and community organizations have made their mark on the community. Most of those endeavors also bore the unmistakable mark of Helen Rossetti, nee Pacini, Mario's dear wife who passed away in June. Married in Buffalo in 1958, the couple had six children, Michael, Thomas, Ann Marie, Barbara, David and Renee.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of and in gratitude for his service, leadership and patriotism, I ask that this honorable body join me in honoring Judge Mario J. Rossetti upon the occasion of his retirement, and wish him great health and happiness in the days and years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE COOPER EVANS

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Representative Cooper Evans, who passed away on December 22.

Representative Evans served in the Iowa General Assembly from 1975 to 1979 and continued his service to Iowans in this Chamber representing from 1980 until 1986. He was a friend and colleague to many Members who still serve in the U.S. House of Representatives today.

One of the reasons I made the decision to enter public service was because of Cooper Evans. As a young student at Luther College volunteering for Congressman Evans, I was able to see firsthand his dedication to improving the lives of Iowans.

Following his service in Congress, he served as a policy advisor to President George H.W. Bush beginning in 1991. In that capacity, Representative Evans continued his service to Iowa by bringing his agriculture experience and offering his voice as a Midwesterner within the administration.

Representative Evans led an impressive life. He served our country during World War II in the Army Corps of Engineers, using skills he learned at Iowa State University. When the United States began to strive for its goal to land an astronaut on the Moon, Cooper Evans continued his work as an engineer, as NASA's Director of Lunar Missions.

In more recent years, Representative Evans worked to promote agriculture throughout the world and bring food to those in need through his work with Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance. This effort helped bring better nutrition and stability to those living in the former Soviet republics.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to pay my respects to Cooper Evans. He led a life of service to the people of Iowa. My thoughts are with Jean Evans and her family and friends, as they grieve for their loss, but also celebrate the life of Cooper Evans.

ARTICLE BY RABBI ISRAEL
ZOBERMAN

HON. THELMA D. DRAKE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share the following article written by a constituent, Rabbi Israel Zoberman.

This is a time of critical crossroads. Israel's Prime Minister Sharon's serious health condition would have been a cause for concern, nationally and internationally, at any time. The current timing, however, is bound to offer a host of challenges.

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Having just recently formed a new centrist political party, Kadima (Forward), Sharon's popularity in the Israeli public has initially catapulted it in the polls to the top of the March 28 scheduled elections with 40 representatives in Israel's 120 seat Knesset (Parliament). It is doubtful now that presumably in Sharon's absence of active participation, Kadima will muster such commanding influence.

This reality allows the Likud party, created by Sharon back in 1973 and decimated by his defection due to its hard-line vis-à-vis the Palestinians and Sharon's changed posture, to reemerge as a potent power under Netanyahu's present leadership. The door has also been opened to potential gains by Labor with its head and rising star, Peretz, who defeated long-enduring Peres.

An unsettled and unsettling Israeli scene is bound to have repercussions, at least temporarily, for the peace process which has finally gathered momentum given the disengagement from Gaza and the northern West Bank. A breakthrough move masterminded by Sharon's single-mindedness and quite smoothly facilitated with the aid of Israel's responsive democracy. The Palestinians and Arab rejectionists might be tempted to take advantage of the temporary vacuum left by Sharon though the government is fully functioning, and test the waters, inviting increased tension in a volatile context.

Sharon's lasting legacy which can not be denied nor hopefully diminished but only enhanced, is his crowning and courageous transformation from a right winger vehemently opposed to Rabin's Oslo initiative to a responsible leader who upon becoming Prime Minister painfully appreciated the need for a peaceful Palestinian state next to a secure Israel. I recall being in Sharon's company years ago when as the architect of West Bank settlements, he zealously displayed dotted maps. Thus his radically revised course was met with disbelief and hostility by long time friends and supporters, turning him into possibly the most guarded man on earth, traveling by helicopter rather than car.

I will cherish my memorable encounter with Sharon in December 2000 in Jerusalem, exactly two months before first elected Prime Minister. It was during a solidarity mission following the outbreak of the Second Intifada, triggered by Sharon's explosive visit to the Temple Mount and his nemesis Arafat taking advantage of it, unleashing unremitting violence against Israeli citizens while denying former Prime Minister Barak's far-reaching negotiating concessions. I found Sharon approaching my row and seating next to me. He was chairman of the Likud and I saw no bodyguards around him. After he addressed our delegation I had the gumption to ask him if he would had visited the Temple Mount had he known how the Palestinians would exploit it. He simply responded, "They always have excuses." He did express sympathy for the Palestinians' plight. His searching eyes of down-to-earth humanity yet steeled determination will remain with me.

Just like Rabin the General he too was transformed into both visionary and realist, struggling for that elusive yet essential peace. A war hero who was badly wounded in Israel's 1948 War of Independence and distinguished himself in the 1967 and 1973 wars, he was deeply disappointed when not appointed the military chief of staff. Sharon received a black eye from the official inquiry commission following the tragic events of the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps during the 1982 war in Lebanon. Consequently he was forced to resign from his Defense Minister post with a bleak public future. He also experienced family adversity, losing two wives and an eleven year old son killed in a gun accident.

A colorful man of charisma and charm, conflict and controversy, Sharon nonetheless succeeded in gaining his nation's confidence as Prime Minister due in large measure to Palestinian terror and his tough aura though his response to Palestinian provocation of suicide bombings has been quite cautious, partly because, I believe, of his desire to rehabilitate his past tarnished image. His insistence on erecting the security-barrier in face of outside opposition substantially reduced terrorist attacks. Nicknamed the "bulldozer" who does not stop at a red light with negative and positive attributes, he proved to be "the comeback kid" exhibiting remarkable skills in Israel's political minefield.

The last of Israel's grandfatherly figures inspiring awe, turning from politician into statesman, he enjoys a close working relationship with President Bush who highly values his Israeli partner in pursuit of common goals in a terrorism threatened world. However, the basic bond between the two intimately linked allied countries will persist with whoever is Israel's leader or America's. Even as we pray for Sharon's well-being we traumatically learned of the fateful impact one man with a crushing burden of duty can make, and of the human boundaries of even great historical personalities. In health and sickness, Sharon has come to symbolize an embattled Israel on the fronts of war and peace fighting to prevail.

HONORING JAMES E. PFEIFFER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James E. Pfeiffer of Sausalito, California, who died January 14, 2006, while hiking on the Marin County trails that he loved. Jim will be remembered for his contributions to his community and the youth of California as well as for the leadership he provided to the Foundation of the State Bar of California.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1945, Jim earned a B.A. from Wesleyan College in Iowa and an M.A. from George Washington University in Washington, DC. He worked for the YMCA in New York and Connecticut before relocating to California in 1976 as Program Director of the Sonoma County YMCA.

Jim also served stints at the YMCA in Los Gatos, the Diocese of San Jose, the Japanese American Community Center, and the Charles Armstrong School, before becoming the first Director of the Foundation of the State Bar of California upon its establishment in 1990. He later became its first employee as well as continuing to manage a volunteer board of directors.

Founded to fund law-related education and public service and to provide scholarships to law students, the organization under Jim's leadership raised corporate sponsorships of several hundred thousand dollars per year. Due to his guidance, it now supports the development and promotion of peer courts for first-time youthful offenders who commit a misdemeanor; awards 40 grants annually to causes such as "Kids in the Law" and "When You're Over 18" publications; and offers scholarships and internships to applicants from all over the State.

Jim also spearheaded the creation of the Legal Heritage Institute which sends a high

school student to Sacramento for a week to experience the courts and legal issues in the Capitol and for several years served as executive director of the California Supreme Court Historical Society where he focused on the recovery and promotion of the State's judicial history. He retired from the foundation in 2003 due to advancing Parkinson's disease.

Jim's community service includes volunteering as lay eucharistic minister for the San Quentin Prison Ministry, developing and guiding historical walking tours of San Rafael for the Marin Historical Society, and working with youth as recreation director for St. Andrew Church in Marin City's Vacation Bible School. He also walked precincts for political candidates Faye d'Opal, Sharon Jackson, and John Kerry. And Jim was a great supporter of mine.

Mr. Speaker, James Pfeiffer will be sorely missed by his many friends and colleagues and especially by his devoted wife, Bonnie Hough. His courage, spirit, and warmth were an inspiration to all of us who knew him and are a continual reminder not only of what we have lost, but also of what we can achieve.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOWARD
FRIEDMAN

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate Howard Friedman on becoming the new President of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, AIPAC. Howard Friedman is one of the most dedicated and talented individuals I know, and AIPAC will be in good hands under his leadership.

Howard is a resident of Baltimore. He also is the Managing Partner of Lanx Capital, a hedge fund advisory firm, and is the co-founder and Vice Chairman of Circa Group, an investment group. In addition to his success in the business world, Howard has a long-standing commitment to Jewish communal affairs. He has served as the Campaign Chairman of the Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore and as President of the Baltimore Jewish Council. He also serves on numerous boards, including 1st Mariner Bank, AIPAC and Sinai Hospital.

In assuming the helm of AIPAC, Howard knows these are difficult times for Israel and the peace process. But he also knows that Israel is an island of democracy and freedom in a sea of totalitarian, repressive regimes. As the President of AIPAC, Howard will work to continue to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship. Israel is the only Western democracy in the Middle East and it's vital that our bond remains unshakable.

The enemies of Israel are strong, and AIPAC is an important ally in combating those who seek the destruction of Israel.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to congratulate Howard Friedman on his new role as President of AIPAC, and affirm our support for the State of Israel.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
JUDGE ART DANNER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my dear friend, the late Judge Art Danner. Art died unexpectedly on Saturday the 28th of January, leaving a void in both the legal community and the community at large. As a friend, experienced lawyer, Superior Court Judge and respected public servant, Art heavily impacted Santa Cruz County, and it is fitting that we honor him today. Art is survived by his wife, Betty Danner; his parents, Arthur Danner Jr. and Marie Danner; and his sons, Arthur and Andrew Danner.

Art was revered in Santa Cruz for his commitment to justice and the strength of his personal convictions. Art built a reputation for tenacity as the district attorney for Santa Cruz County, as each of his cases was debated with patience and fortitude. This determination was characteristic of Art throughout his career as a prosecutor. As district attorney, he was known for his tireless pursuit of justice and was acutely aware of his responsibility to the public as the chief law enforcement officer in the County. This sense of responsibility and service resonated throughout the community, instilling public confidence in the judiciary and the Judge himself.

Art retained these qualities as a jurist, proving to be dynamic in approach and pragmatic in his application of the law. In the courtroom, he applied himself with imagination and fervor, showing himself to be a considerate and pensive judge, ensuring that every case before him was decided in accordance with established law and the principles of justice, liberty and equality.

As a member of the society, he was held in the same high regard. Community groups have recognized Art for his tireless work as a prosecutor, judge and active citizen. For all that knew him, both in his professional and personal capacity, he was an inspiration and is regarded as a man of integrity and unrelenting diligence. Today we honor the memory and cherish the legacy of Judge Art Danner.

HONORING JUDGE SHARON S.
TOWNSEND

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor a respected jurist, a dedicated public servant and a trusted friend upon the occasion of her selection as recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Interclub Council of Western New York.

Judge Sharon S. Townsend is most deserving of this award, as she exemplifies the spirit and character of Susan B. Anthony by her record of professionalism, community service and achievements. Judge Townsend was the first woman in the Eighth Judicial District to be appointed Administrative Judge, a position she assumed in January 2003.

This fine judge's career is marked by her election to the New York State Supreme Court in November 2003, and she was previously elected to the Family Court in 1992 and re-elected to a second 10-year term in November 2001. Judge Townsend's community service also includes seven years as Justice in the Village of Williamsville.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Townsend's involvement in a variety of civic and community organizations have made their mark on the community. She serves on the Board of Trustees and was a model court lead judge for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. In 1995, she was appointed a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. Since 2003, she has served as a member of Chief Judge Kaye's Adoption Now Task Force, and she served as chair of the Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee for the New York State Office of Court Administration for four years.

Her community activities reflect this dedication to Western New York. Her activities, among others, include, YWCA Public Leadership Alumnae Network, Governor's Commission on Child Abuse and Neglect, Bryn-Lyn Community Hospital Advisory Board, Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital and Gates Circle Operating Boards, Erie Community College North Advisory Board, and served as an adjunct professor at Medaille College.

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. Judge Townsend was recipient of the Erie County Court Appointed Special Advocates Light of Hope Award, the Outstanding Jurist of the Year Award from the Erie County Judges and Police Conference, and the Erie County Bar Association named her Jurist of the Year in 2001. In March 2004, she was recognized as one of the Women Making History in Erie County, and the next year she received from the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western Chapter, the Lady Justice A ward, named in memory of Judge Townsend's mentor, the Honorable M. Dolores Denman.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of and in gratitude for her service, leadership and patriotism, I ask that this honorable body join me in honoring Judge Sharon S. Townsend upon receiving the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Interclub Council of Western New York.

HONORING THE PEOTONE FIRE-
MAN FOR 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Peotone Firemen who are celebrating 125 years of service to the Village of Peotone and the surrounding area. The Peotone Fire Protection District lies wholly within the 11th Congressional District in Illinois.

In 1881, the Village of Peotone purchased its first fire truck and the first drill for the volunteer firemen was held on April 15, 1881 under the command of Captain John Fedde. In 1924 a Model T Fire Truck was purchased. The Rural Fire District was formed in 1940 and a tanker was purchased in 1953 that could carry 1,000 gallons of water. In 1975, the Fire Dis-

trict purchased an ambulance and had the first operational paramedics in will County.

1978 was a banner year for the Fire District. The voters passed a resolution to support an ambulance service, the Peotone Fire Protection District was established and the Peotone Fire Protection District accepted the Peotone Fire Department as the organization to protect the residents of the district from fire; promote fire protection and prevention; and to provide emergency medical services to district residents. A new fire station broke ground in March 1992 and was dedicated to the memory of Trustee Gerald Borchardt in 1993.

Today, the Peotone Fire Protection District has approximately 50-volunteer and part-time dedicated personnel under the direction of Fire Chief John Young. The district maintains a modern and well-equipped station at 7550 West Joliet Road in Peotone and also operates two Advanced Life Support ambulances. Residents in the entire Peotone area can rest assured they are well protected by firemen from the Peotone Fire Protection District.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other individuals in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's families and communities.

HONORING HOWARD T. PAGE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Tom Page for his many years of service to his community. Starting in 1958, Mr. Page devoted 30 years of his life to the Barrington Police Department, climbing the ranks from patrolman to chief. His service did not end there. He went on to represent Barrington, New Jersey, as a councilman for a total of 7 years, with a term as mayor in between.

Mr. Page took time out of his busy schedule to coach in and manage the Barrington Little League and Girl's Softball League. He is a past member of the Barrington Ambulance Corps., the PBA Local 328, and a past associate member of the Barrington Fire Co. Tom is retired from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as the ex-president of Camden County Police Chiefs Assoc. Currently, Tom Page works for Camden County Department of Corrections as a training officer.

Tom Page is a pillar in my community, and he has served us well for 43 years. I express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Page for over four decades of service to his community.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Resolution 657, which has been offered by Mr. KENNEDY from

Minnesota. I thank my colleague for introducing this resolution during Catholic Schools Week 2006.

Catholic Schools Week is an annual national celebration of the important role that Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the country play in providing quality education for American youth. The mission of these institutions—to build solid foundations for lives of confidence, faith, and service—has had a tremendous impact in shaping family values and community life across the country, and particularly in my community in Western New York.

In my hometown, neighborhoods are often known by the names of their Catholic Schools and Parishes, and the many families that are active in Catholic schools are enriched by the values they espouse. Indeed, I have spent my life as a first-hand witness to the beneficial work of Catholic schools. My mother was a teacher at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and my two children, John and Maeve, are enrolled at St. Martin of Tours Catholic School in South Buffalo. My family and I are personally grateful for the contributions that America's Catholic schools have been making to families like ours, and American society at large, for more than four centuries.

Today, more than 7,700 Catholic schools and 160,000 Catholic school teachers nationwide are making valuable contributions to education and are playing an integral role in shaping a brighter, stronger future for our nation. Together, they will teach 2.4 million students, an astounding 99 percent of which will graduate and 97 percent of those graduates will go on to college. As these students become adults, their intelligence and character will benefit communities in Western New York and throughout the nation.

I thank the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for cosponsoring this week-long event and for helping to increase awareness for Catholic education across this great country.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my colleagues in supporting this resolution, and I thank my colleague Mr. KENNEDY for his leadership on this issue.

STEPHEN AND MARY PETRILLA:
GET WELL SOON

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two very special people while offering my prayers and warmest wishes for their quick return to full health.

Stephen and Mary Petrilla are 50 year residents of Hamilton Township—the largest municipality in my congressional district in central New Jersey. As teachers, parents and local residents, they live quiet but influential lives, earning the respect and devotion of their students, neighbors, and fellow parishioners at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Trenton, New Jersey. Their family and friends are inspired by their faith, kindness and commitment to helping others.

Mr. Stephen Petrilla is a veteran of the United States Army and was injured while

-serving his country in the line of duty. He is a member of the American Legion, the DAV and the Elks.

For nearly 75 years, Mr. Petrilla dedicated his life to the field of education, helping children in either a teaching or administrative capacity. A former administrator for two training schools in New Jersey, his expertise and passion focused on special education, helping children with mental retardation and working to ensure that State and local governments did more to meet the needs of our precious children who face special challenges.

Mr. Petrilla organized and directed shelter workshops for challenged children across the State and later worked as a special education teacher in Lawrence Township and at Sister Georgine's Learning Center in Trenton. His inspiring commitment to helping children has been recognized through various honors including being named a Fellow in the American Association of Mental Deficiency and being featured in various Who's Who publications including Who's Who in the East, 1979, and Who's Who in Child Development Professionals, 1976.

Mrs. Mary Petrilla has been a constant source of love and support for her husband and her children, while also distinguishing herself in the teaching profession. After receiving her bachelor of arts degree at St. Joseph's, Mrs. Petrilla began working as a teacher eventually advancing her way to become one of the first female elementary school principals in the Pennsylvania School District. She also taught adult education classes in Trenton while serving as a private tutor. For 20 years, Mrs. Petrilla served as a home instructor for Ewing Township Schools, helping children with illnesses who were physically or medically unable to go to school. She also served as a supplemental teacher for "English as a Second Language" and Basic Skills Instructor until her retirement in 1994.

Lots of children have benefited from the hard work, commitment, love and compassion the Petrillas each exuded on the job, in their careers in education. And it is important to note, that that same love, generosity, empathy, nurturing and mentoring was and remains a hallmark of the Petrilla home. They are the proud parents of five children and eight grandchildren and their family feels abundantly blessed. They have shared with me inspiring stories that truly capture their parent's extraordinary example of reaching out and helping others throughout their lives.

We join with their family and friends in thanking the Petrillas for dedicating themselves to successfully helping our community, and we offer our continued prayers for their comfort and full recovery.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that will bring some sanity back to prescription drug marketing, and help bring down the astronomical costs of prescription drugs. The Prescription Drug Safety and

Affordability Act will force manufacturers to educate physicians instead of spending billions of dollars wining and dining them.

As Congress begins to investigate its own ethics, we should also shed some light on the immoral relationships between the pharmaceutical industry and physicians. Golf trips and lavish meals aren't just for Members of Congress. Though its hard to imagine, physicians may actually get more lobbying perks from the drug industry than Members of Congress do.

For far too long, the pharmaceutical industry has jeopardized patient safety and inflated prescription drug prices by using tax-deductible dollars to underwrite their so-called "physician education" efforts. According to a recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Association, JAMA, there is a clear conflict of interest when doctors become too cozy with pharmaceutical companies.

Drug companies annually spend about \$10,000 on every single physician in the United States trying to entice doctors to prescribe their drugs. That adds up to nearly \$8 billion in annual spending by drug companies marketing their products to physicians. It is not unusual for doctors to receive lavish meals, all expense paid "educational" trips to posh resorts, and lucrative consulting deals from pharmaceutical manufacturers. Every single dollar spent on these unnecessary gifts is tax deductible for the drug industry as a general business expense.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, PhRMA, pretended to discourage these improper marketing ploys by issuing conflict-of-interest guidelines in April 2002. After announcing the guidelines with fanfare, they then paid the American Medical Association to "educate" their members on these guidelines—that is, they gave doctors financial incentives to promote ethical guidelines that called for an end to financial incentives! It is obvious that PhRMA is not serious about ending the practice of giving financial incentives to doctors.

Regardless of what PhRMA may say, the marketing tactics are still working. It is clear from the JAMA study that self-policing won't work. "Although physician groups, manufacturers, and the federal government have instituted self-regulation of marketing . . . current controls will not satisfactorily protect the interests of patients."

Doctors swayed to prescribe a certain drug because of their financial ties to drug companies put their own personal interest above the health and safety of their patients.

This must stop now. My legislation will curb unnecessary spending physician gifts to the benefit of all patients.

The Prescription Drug Safety and Affordability Act is a simple way to ensure pharmaceutical companies' behavior matches their rhetoric. This bill eliminates the tax-deduction that pharmaceutical companies currently receive for spending on physician gifts. The bill specifically exempts free drug samples, as that is often the only means by which uninsured patients can get medications.

Unnecessary physician gifts from the drug industry unduly influence prescribing, increase drug prices and corporate profits, and endanger patients who get the wrong prescriptions for the wrong reasons. By removing incentives for pharmaceutical companies to lavish gifts of dubious public value on physicians, I hope

that pharmaceutical companies will either redirect those funds toward research and development of lifesaving drugs or reduce the prices of prescription drugs for seniors and all Americans.

The American Medical Student Association has endorsed the Prescription Drug Safety and Affordability Act. This group of future doctors—not yet beholden to the drug industry—recognizes the importance of this bill and the problems physician gifts cause in the doctor-patient relationship. I am pleased to submit their attached letter of support for inclusion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the Prescription Drug Safety and Affordability Act. Prohibiting the drug industry from lavishing unnecessary gifts on physicians is a nonpartisan issue that should receive bipartisan support. If we can clean up Congress there is no reason we shouldn't clean up health care. It is time to stop using taxpayer dollars to fund marketing campaigns that put profits above patients.

AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT
ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION,
Reston, VA, February 1, 2006.

Hon. PETE STARK,
*House of Representatives, Cannon House Office
Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE STARK: On behalf of the 60,000 physician-in-training members of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), we would like to offer our strong support for the Prescription Drug Safety and Affordability Act. The impact of pharmaceutical marketing on the professional behavior of physicians is very concerning to the future physicians of America. AMSA has long advocated for physicians to protect their independence from the pharmaceutical industry.

We applaud the Prescription Drug Safety and Affordability Act as a way to reduce the financial incentives for promoting drugs. The pharmaceutical companies spent \$7.3 billion on detailing to doctors in 2004, more than twice what was spent in 1997. These gifts to physicians contribute to the high cost of medications for our patients. Taxpayers should not further subsidize this behavior through the deductibility of drug company promotions to physicians.

Gifts from the pharmaceutical industry have an eroding effect on the doctor-patient relationship. Numerous studies have documented how those gifts influence the prescribing behavior of physicians, often in ways that deviate from the recommended treatment guidelines. However, the most obvious evidence that gifts influence physicians in the fact that drug companies would not spend billions of dollars on pens, meals and honorarium if it didn't work.

Since 2002 AMSA has been entirely independent of funding from drug companies in our meetings and publications, and we have called for other physician groups to follow our lead. Last month the *Journal of the American Medical Association* published recommendations from leading academicians that academic medical centers—where physicians are trained—should be entirely free of pharmaceutical representatives, industry sponsored meals and free samples. We applaud the institutions of medical education for taking this step.

AMSA's PharmFree Campaign (www.amsa.org/prof/pharmfree.cfm) has been cited in major medical journals, making AMSA a leader in removing the pharmaceutical companies' influence in the practice of medicine. In 2005, AMSA launched the Counterdetailing Campaign where medical students teach physicians to use non-biased

sources of information about prescription drugs. *Time* magazine and *USA Today* have featured AMSA and our Counterdetailing Campaign. Through AMSA, medical students continue to lead the drive to protect the doctor-patient relationship from outside influences.

The Prescription Drug Safety and Affordability Act will remove the unhealthy influence of the drug industry from the practice of medicine. AMSA is proud to support your efforts and leadership in this issue. If we can help in any way, please contact Chris McCoy, Legislative Affairs Director at 703-620-6600 x 211.

Sincerely,

LEANA S. WEN,
National President.
CHRISTOPHER P. MCCOY,
Legislative Affairs Director.

TRIBUTES TO BARBARA JAEHNE,
TRACY BRAINARD, CATHY
BOUDREAU, CELIA SZELWACH
AND KENDALL JONES

HON. KATHERINE HARRIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize five extraordinary women whose diligence and determination have led them to pinnacles of their chosen professions. Despite their numerous successes, it often is the case that their contributions are never recognized.

One goal of my Women In Business Initiatives is to highlight positive role models, engage them in the community and applaud their worthy contributions. To achieve this end, I asked my constituents to nominate a business woman whom they believed deserved recognition.

A woman whose compassion and charity has been invaluable in lifting others to greater heights. These women represent the very best our State and Nation has to offer. It truly is an honor and a pleasure to serve as their Representative in Congress.

Woven from unique backgrounds, their histories share a common thread—a refusal to allow obstacles placed in their way by outdated thinking or unpredictable circumstance to delay the pursuit of their dreams.

A wife, a mother, a medical professional, and an active member of the community, Barbara Jaehne could have found equal success as a juggler if her passions had not led into the field of medicine. Currently, Jaehne serves as chairman of the board of speech language in the Department of Pathology and Audiology at the Florida Department of Health.

Her work managing two offices in Venice and Englewood and her involvement with initiatives to improve the lives of the hearing impaired have not confined Jaehne to professional pursuits. The Republican Executive Committee of Sarasota County, as well as the Manatee Community College, is one of the varied organizations on whose behalf she volunteers her energy and her time.

Tracy Brainard is literally the ground-breaker of this distinguished group. In her role as office manager, Brainard is an integral member of the team at Coastal Construction Southwest, a construction company owned and administered by women. Coastal Construction

President Evelyn Treworgy has made note of her “most unbelievable work ethic,” an invaluable quality in any field.

Recognizing the indispensable role she holds within the company, Treworgy has stated that Brainard is “respected, trusted and absolutely depended upon by not only the principals but also fellow employees.”

It has been said of Cathy Boudreau that she “works until all of her duties are completed” and her tasks are “always handled with complete professionalism.” If there were a key to Cathy's success, it certainly is the single-minded commitment she brings to every endeavor. From the front desk, where Boudreau began her career at the Palm Island Resort, to the office of the President, Boudreau has earned the high praise and respect of her colleagues and peers.

Another individual not content to limit her horizons, Cathy also functions as event and group planner and assistant to the director of sales and marketing.

In 2000, when Celia Szelwach launched her own company—Creative Collaborations Consulting—there were no surprised faces to be found. After graduating in 1990 from West Point, Celia earned distinction as a senior parachutist and subsequently, her captain's bars while she led relief missions in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew.

The skills which served her as a logistics specialist in the Army were an asset in her various roles with the Tropicana Corporation. Determined to positively impact others, Celia shares her entrepreneurial vision through her column for *The Maddox Business Report*, a Tampa Bay business magazine with a focus on diversity.

More importantly, Celia recognizes the power of her position as a role model within the Hispanic community. This commitment earned her recognition by the Girl Scouts Gulf Coast of Florida branch, which awarded her the President's Merit Award for service above and beyond expectations, particularly in the area of Hispanic outreach. It has been said of Celia that she possesses “tremendous personal strength and unlimited potential,” qualities which have sustained her through difficult life challenges.

Kendall Jones. In the words of her business partner, Anand Pallegar, Jones is “driven by the love of this community and a desire to make it better.” As editor of the *S2 Report*, the only free digital daily business news report in Sarasota and Manatee counties, Jones recognizes that the business community is hungry for information, yet starved for time. Her success in reaching a balance is evident in the publication's growing readership, not to mention the first-place award she received from the *Gulf Coast Business Review* for in-depth writing.

The audience Jones places the greatest priority on reaching is an audience of one—her daughter, whom she single-handedly raises. When she is not keeping the business community up to speed on events, Jones is busily trying to keep up with her daughter's Brownie troop.

As separate and distinct as the stories of these five successful business women may be, all serve to illustrate the power of the individual to reach a goal, the value of hard work and the necessity to never give in or give up.

It is a pleasure to honor these five extraordinary women and to highlight their contributions to their businesses, their neighbors and their communities.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY AND DARLA
WYENO, CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harry and Darla Wyeno who were recently honored with the Crowley County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award. The Wyenos were described as making community service a labor of love. They have worked tirelessly for the benefit and promotion of Crowley County.

The Olney Springs couple was recognized for the volunteer work they do within the county, but especially for the work they do as members of the Crowley Heritage Society.

Although Darla is retired, she continues serving as the Town Clerk. Harry, who is also retired, still continues to work part time at the First National Bank of Ordway.

Whenever they are not working these jobs, they can be found volunteering. Darla is probably best known for her work as the President and Chief Procurer of Crowley County. She continues to gather, archive, and present the county's history. Through her efforts, grants for the Crowley Heritage Center have been procured so much of the historical collection can be catalogued and protected for future generations to enjoy.

As President of the society Darla has made certain that all cultural and ethnic groups in the region are recognized in the local museum. The couple has also been very involved in the Chamber of Commerce for many years.

In addition, the Wyenos can be found volunteering for their church, where among other things, they have been faithful choir members for over 50 years at the United Methodist Church of Ordway.

Harry and Darla Wyeno are two people whose strengths of love, devotion and community service are wonderful examples for all of us to follow. As a Member of Congress I am proud to represent such fine citizens from Colorado's Fourth Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING

SPEECH OF

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Coretta Scott King, wife of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a guiding force of the modern civil rights movement in her own right.

Just seventeen days ago we honored the birthday of her husband and celebrated January 16th as a national holiday in his honor. It would be too easy to remember Mrs. King simply as the wife of Dr. King, one of this country's great 20th century leaders. To do

this would be a disservice to the memory of a champion of civil and equal rights in her own right.

Coretta Scott King began her long career of civic engagement as an undergraduate at Antioch College where she joined the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

After graduating from Antioch with a B.A. in music and education, Coretta Scott received a scholarship to study concert singing at the New England Conservatory of Music in my home state of Massachusetts. While there she met her future husband, Martin Luther King Jr.

After receiving her degree from the Conservatory, she and Dr. King moved to Montgomery, Alabama. It was here that she and her husband became central figures in the Montgomery Bus Boycott and ultimately, the civil rights movement.

Following the success of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Dr. and Mrs. King traveled tirelessly to ensure that the civil rights movement continued to grow. Mrs. King's talent and education in the arts led her to conceive of and perform a series of Freedom Concerts which incorporated poetry, narration, and music to tell the story of the larger movement for equal rights. These concerts were vital in the fundraising efforts for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization her husband headed.

Mrs. King was not deterred by her husband's assassination, and if anything this tragic event strengthened her resolve in their shared struggle. In 1974, she established the Full Employment Action Council, a diverse coalition of more than 100 religious, labor, civil, and women's rights groups dedicated to economic justice through equal opportunity.

In 1983, Coretta Scott King marked the 20th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington with another march on the Capitol featuring hundreds of organizations called the "Coalition of Conscience." At the time it was the largest demonstration in Washington's history.

Mrs. King led the movement to have her husband's birthday, January 15th, established as a federal holiday and I am happy to say that Congress and the President acted on the merit of Coretta Scott King's wish and established Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a national holiday in 1986.

While we are truly saddened at her passing, we are given pause to contemplate the impact she made during her lifetime on our lives and those of future generations. The freedoms all Americans enjoy today are due in no small part to her participation in the struggle for civil rights and equality.

Mr. Speaker, let us celebrate the achievements of this remarkable woman's lifetime and work to ensure that her legacy endures long after her passing.

RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF
S. 1932, DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT
OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, this week House Republicans high-

lighted their commitment to sound fiscal policy and protecting the hard-earned income of the American taxpayer by passing the Deficit Reduction Act. This legislation finds almost \$40 billion in savings through programmatic reforms to mandatory spending.

Along with my Republican colleagues, I supported this vital legislation because it ensures that Federal programs are more efficient for the beneficiaries that rely upon them, while safeguarding taxpayer dollars.

Unfortunately, the radical left wing could not even support this modest step towards making government more efficient. It seems that raising taxes and recklessly spending is the only fiscal policy they will support.

I applaud the Leadership of the House and Senate for bringing this legislation to the floor and greatly appreciate the President's support and commitment to fiscal responsibility and reducing the deficit.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Coretta Scott King, a civil rights icon and the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who died January 30, 2006, at the age of 78. Coretta Scott was born and raised on a farm near Marion, Alabama, where she knew little racial prejudice. However, living in town to attend high school, young Coretta learned firsthand of the harassment and violence directed at African-Americans. In 1942, at the age of 15, she was personally exposed to this hatred when the Scott home was set on fire on Thanksgiving night.

Church and music became Coretta Scott's salvation, and in 1945, she left for Antioch College in Ohio where as one of three African-American students in her class, she began to study music and education. After graduation, Coretta ventured off to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston to study concert singing. It was in Boston where Coretta met Martin Luther King Jr., who was then studying for his doctorate in theology. She later said, "Even at the time we were courting, Martin was deeply concerned—and indignant—with the plight of the Negro in the United States."

The two married in 1953 and within the following decade became the parents to two sons and two daughters. In her new life as a married woman, Mrs. King gave up music to take on the role of a pastor's wife at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, where Dr. King became the seminal figure in the civil rights movement. Mrs. King joined her husband's pursuit of civil rights, and occasionally substituted for him as a speaker. They traveled the world, observing severe poverty and all its consequences, and together they learned the art of nonviolent protest from the disciples of Mahatma Gandhi. Throughout their married life, Mrs. King was an equal partner in Dr. King's tireless efforts to pursue justice, equality and peace, and was by his side in Oslo in 1964 when he received the Nobel Peace Prize.

On April 4, 1968, Mrs. King learned of her husband's assassination through a telephone call from Reverend Jesse Jackson. While supporting a sanitation workers' strike, Dr. King was shot on a Memphis motel balcony. In her autobiography, *My Life with Martin Luther King Jr.*, Mrs. King recalled, "Because his task was not finished, I felt that I must rededicate myself to the completion of his work." Indeed, she was compelled to fully immerse herself in the nonviolent civil rights movement that her husband led. Many wives become spokespersons for their husband's causes, yet Coretta Scott King was unique; an ardent activist in the fight against injustice, Mrs. King brought a new energy to the civil rights movement. Giving hundreds of speeches and leading countless marches, Mrs. King overcame the challenges of widowhood and witnessed the successes of the civil rights movement and her husband's unfulfilled dreams.

Neverending in her commitment to justice, Mrs. King was appointed by President Carter to the United Nations General Assembly, where she devoted herself to the development of Third World nations. She joined the fight to end apartheid and lobbied the U.S. Congress for sanctions against South Africa. Mrs. King also coordinated a 15-year campaign to keep her husband's memory alive, culminating in 1983 with the passage of legislation introduced by Congressman JOHN CONYERS and Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm to commemorate her husband's work with a federal holiday. Dr. and Mrs. King have been succeeded by their four children who have each followed in their parents' footsteps, carrying with them strong hearts, minds and voices in pursuit of justice and peace.

Two years ago, I was invited to join a civil rights pilgrimage to Montgomery, Birmingham and Selma, Alabama. The journey was a remarkable experience. Led by Congressman JOHN LEWIS, a number of my colleagues in the House and the Senate and I visited the sites of many of the civil rights struggles, including the Kings' own Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. We experienced these places with some of the activists that led the movement and relived the moments through their eyes. To hear them share their account of the very church we were sitting in being attacked by a mob of segregationists was extraordinary.

Those of us who were too young to remember well the civil rights movement continue to ask ourselves what would we have done? Would we have stood up, would we have questioned those in power, would we have demanded equality and justice? Or would we, like so many Americans, have remained indifferent? The best answer we can find to that question of what we would have done is answered by what are we doing now to advance the cause of justice and equality. In 1960s Alabama, Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King, Jr., battled overt bigotry. Today, we arm ourselves against silent intolerance. While we must look to our past and consider how far we have come, we must keep an eye toward the future knowing that the movement is not over and that each one of us must continue to dedicate ourselves to pursuing an America with equal opportunity for all.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, Coretta Scott King was a major reason that our Nation advanced from the backward ways of segregation. Her passing is a tremendous loss for all of America.

Mrs. King was a civil rights hero—she was active in the cause before she married the great Dr. Martin Luther King, and she helped shape the movement as his wife, and later, his widow.

As my friend and colleague, the great champion of civil rights John Lewis, said yesterday, "She was more than the devoted wife of a great minister . . . she was a leader in her own right."

With dignity and with strength, Mrs. King helped lead the civil rights movement for decades. For many, she was the face of the movement.

We are saddened by the loss of a great American and we are so thankful for her life. As Black History Month begins today, I hope we will all use this month and beyond to honor Mrs. King, her husband and all of our civil rights heroes, and to live their message of peace and equality, everyday of our lives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MRS. CORETTA SCOTT KING

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Coretta Scott King was a radiant symbol of the best that the American South and this nation have to offer. She was beautiful, charming, graceful and dignified. She was a shining light who had the ability to brighten the dark places, to bring hope where there was hopelessness.

I first met her in 1957 when I was a 17-year-old student in Nashville. She was traveling around America, especially in the South, telling the story of the Civil Rights Movement through song. I will never forget it. She looked like an opera star standing on stage. She wore a lovely pearl-white dress with layers of cascading ruffles falling gently around her. She would sing a little and then talk a little, and through her singing and talks she inspired an entire generation.

She was more than the widow of Martin Luther King, Jr. She was a leader in her own right. She was the glue that held the Civil Rights Movement together and the strength that sustained one of the most charismatic leaders of our time. Long before she married Dr. King, she was an activist for non-violence, traveling to a conference in Europe with Women Strike for Peace to discuss the dangers of atmospheric nuclear testing.

Though she tasted the bitter fruits of segregation and racial discrimination, Coretta

Scott King was prepared for a privileged life. She was well-educated and married a gifted minister from a prominent family. Just like any other mother she wanted to raise her four children in peace. But when an opportunity came for her to actualize the philosophy of non-violent change, she did not ignore her convictions.

Along with her husband and the more than 50 thousand black people of Montgomery, she responded to the courage of Rosa Parks, who on December 1, 1955, refused to give up her seat on a city bus in Alabama. That simple act launched the modern-day Civil Rights Movement and changed Coretta King's life forever.

Her commitment to non-violence led her to trade her privilege to live under the constant threat of brutality. Her home was bombed, her husband was repeatedly jailed, people she knew were killed, her husband's life was always in jeopardy. And finally one day he was assassinated by a gunman's bullet.

She did not become bitter or hostile. She did not hide in some dark corner, but she drew on her faith in the transformative power of peace. And a few days after the assassination, she led striking workers through the streets of Memphis. All the days of her life, she would travel throughout the South, America, and the world urging respect for the dignity of humanity.

She went all out to create a living memorial to her husband called the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change, one of the most visited landmarks in Atlanta. She met with President Reagan, who was not inclined to sign the legislation, but in the end he could not deny her. She used her prominence to mobilize the American people and built a bipartisan coalition in Congress to make her husband's birthday a national holiday. Because of her efforts, generations yet unborn will learn his message of peace, and they will hear about his struggle for equal justice in America.

I loved Coretta Scott King. She was so warm, so genuine, so caring. For 20 years, she always sent me a card or a book on my birthday. I will cherish those mementos always.

I will remember Coretta Scott King as a dear friend. But the historians will remember her as one of the founding mothers of the new America, for through her noble acts, she helped liberate us all. This nation is a better nation, and we are a better people because she passed this way. However, she was not only a citizen of America, she was a citizen of the world, a world still yearning to build the Beloved Community, a world still yearning to make peace with itself. Above all, Coretta Scott King personified the beautiful, peaceful soul of a non-violent movement that still has the power to transform America, that still has the power to change the world.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSE NADER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Rose Nader, who at age 99 died on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, of congestive

heart failure. As you can see, Mrs. Nader indeed lived an honorable life.

Below is a reprint of her obituary that appeared in the Washington Post on January 26, 2006:

Mrs. Nader, who jostled with politicians and complacency as a small-town activist and was the mother of consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

Mrs. Nader developed a certain civic renown in 1955 when she confronted Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.), the father and grandfather of presidents. When Senator Bush visited Winsted, following a catastrophic flood, he was approached by Mrs. Nader at a public gathering. When he offered his hand in an obligatory fashion, Mrs. Nader latched on and refused to free him until he promised to help a dry-dam proposal move forward. This was fulfilled.

Later, she advocated building a community center for children, forming a speakers club that would bring worldly lecturers to the town, and expanding and preserving a local hospital.

At home, she could be implacable, particularly about food. She emphasized homemade items over packaged goods whose contents she found bewildering. She prohibited hot dogs and later beef because of the presence of a growth-stimulating hormone linked to cancer.

She sweetened food with honey, not sugar, and pushed her children to eat chickpeas instead of candy bars on their way to school. When news of this was publicized during Ralph Nader's rise to prominence, the Wall Street Journal editorial page likened his mother to a Puritan.

This characterization was laughed at by her children, even as they promoted the story involving her distrustful relationship with chocolate.

Mrs. Nader later said: "When the children convinced me that chocolate-frosted birthday cakes were what all the other children wanted, I frosted the cake, but after the candles were blown out and before they cut into the cake, I removed the frosting. Some people might say I was severe, but it became a family joke."

She later wrote a cookbook.

Rose Bouziane was born in Zahle, Lebanon, on Feb. 7, 1906, to a sheep broker and a teacher. She taught high school French and Arabic before her marriage in 1925 to businessman Nathra Nader.

After immigrating to the United States, they settled in Connecticut, where his Main Street bakery-restaurant-general store in Winsted, in the northwestern corner of the state, became a redoubt for residents be-moaning actions or inactions at the town hall.

On occasion, Mrs. Nader used newspaper opinion pages to express her views.

Writing in the New York Times in 1982, she denounced the use of "credibility phrases," such as "frankly," "to tell you the truth" and "in all honesty," that sometimes preceded a political statement or sales pitch. They gave her "the pervasive feeling that distrust is so widespread that people need to use such language to be believed."

In another editorial, she embraced mass mailings from issue groups that are commonly dismissed as "junk mail." She wrote that they often come from people "who care about their times."

Her husband died in 1991. A son, Shafeek Nader, died in 1986.

Besides Ralph Nader of Washington, survivors include two daughters, Claire Nader of Washington and Winsted and Laura Nader of Berkeley, Calif.; a sister; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ralph Nader once said his mother "took us out in the yard one day and asked us if we

knew the price of eggs, of apples, of bananas. Then she asked us to put a price on clean air, the sunshine, the song of birds—and we were stunned."

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOORE
RUBLE YUDELL ARCHITECTS &
PLANNERS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners, a Californian firm that has recently been awarded the 2006 Architecture Firm Award by the American Institute of Architects, the AIA. The AIA Firm Award is the highest honor bestowed by the AIA, recognizing firms that have continued to produce distinguished work for at least 10 years. The firm has contributed largely to institutional and cultural design and it is fitting that we mention them today, in particular the founding members Charles Moore, John Ruble and Buzz Yudell.

The firm was born from the founding members' dedication to habitation and the intersection of people, place and culture. Moore Ruble Yudell's early residential work evolved into a broad spectrum of private and public projects, projects that are rarely mentioned without a sense of wonderment. Their competition winning design for The American Embassy in Berlin, nearing completion, represents American democratic values abroad.

This progressive firm has been at the forefront of architectural design while retaining its commitment to the fundamental principles of humanism. The firm has remained committed to the notion of social and environmental responsibility in their designs.

Moore Ruble Yudell has completed projects of social and cultural importance and it is fitting that they have been awarded the AIA Architecture Firm Award, recognizing their illustrious body of work from the past 28 years. Together with the AIA and members of the United States Congress, I welcome you to our Nation's capital and in recognizing the importance of good design and good planning, join in congratulating Moore Ruble Yudell for their achievement and thank them for their contributions to American culture.

REMEMBERING CORETTA SCOTT
KING

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 7, 2006

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in great sadness as our Nation mourns the passing of Coretta Scott King—the First Lady of the Civil Rights Movement.

Coretta Scott was preparing for a career in music when she met her future husband, the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., while studying concert vocals at the New England Conservatory of Music. Coretta Scott became Martin Luther King, Jr.'s partner in life and in the movement.

After the assassination of her husband in Memphis, on April 4, 1968, Coretta Scott King

never lost sight of the dream that Dr. King had so powerfully articulated. She dedicated her life to seeing that her husband's work was continued and his legacy protected—all while raising four children. She established the King Center, a living memorial in Atlanta, and successfully worked to establish a Federal holiday in King's honor.

I have always admired Coretta Scott King's remarkable strength and grace. I am inspired by the depth of her commitment to equality and peace. Coretta Scott King did not waiver in her quest for justice even in the face of violence—as when the King's Montgomery home was bombed. Because of her strength and tenacity, she leaves this world a better place.

We have lost one of our great leaders. The thought of a joyous reunion of partners separated far too soon, softens our sadness.

RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF
S. 1932, DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT
OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues today in support of S. 1932, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which provides needed reform to several programs and slows the growth of mandatory spending. This conference report achieves important savings through the modification of certain programs, while making significant new investments in child care, child protection, and the promotion of marriage and families, among other changes.

This legislation includes a compromise on child support for families that provides more support directly to families, especially those who have left welfare. It saves \$1.6 billion by ending state "double dipping" on Federal child support incentive funds. Additionally, this legislation provides \$300 million for court improvements and services to assist families involved with foster care and adoption programs. Technical changes to the Supplemental Security Income program save an additional \$725 million.

Importantly, this conference report reauthorizes the nation's welfare reform law, which was originally signed into law in 1996, expired in 2002, and has been temporarily extended a dozen times. Welfare reform has been a success in reducing poverty, ending dependency, and promoting work. Child poverty has fallen sharply since 1996 with 1.4 million children being lifted out of poverty. Meanwhile, work among welfare recipients has more than doubled as welfare caseloads have fallen by more than 9 million.

Despite these successes, we still have work to do. Currently, 58 percent of welfare recipients are not working or engaged in training programs to acquire necessary skills. Two million families continue to be dependent on welfare. In addition, far too many families break up or never form; these broken homes leave millions of children and parents at a higher risk for future welfare dependence.

The welfare reauthorization contained in this conference report will continue and strengthen the reforms enacted in 1996. While this legislation does not include all of the provisions

passed by the House in 2002, 2003, and 2005, it includes the essential features of those proposals. With passage of this legislation, we will help even more low-income families and parents support themselves by promoting more work and stronger families. Child care funding will be increased by \$1 billion over the next 5 years and States will continue to receive Record Federal welfare funds, despite huge caseload declines since 1996.

To complement these reforms, the conference report also provides \$500 million for the promotion of healthy marriages and \$250

million for programs to encourage responsible fatherhood. Independent studies show one of the most effective ways to reduce child poverty and improve child well-being is by promoting healthy, stable marriages. These programs are an important part of preventing future welfare dependence. Despite the often heroic efforts of single parents to work and care for them, children raised by single parents are five times more likely to live in poverty, five times more likely to depend on welfare, two to three times more likely to show behavioral problems, and twice as likely to

commit crimes or go to jail. These parents and families need more help to overcome such obstacles, and this legislation provides funding for services to help parents lead fuller lives and better support their families without needing welfare.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, which builds on the success of the 1996 welfare reforms and offers brighter prospects for the future of millions of low-income families.