

were later vindicated in subsequent court rulings, sometimes after his retirement. He won a string of legal honors, including a special Buffalo Law Review issue featuring accolades from the state's top judges.

Jasen should have been New York's chief judge; he was proposed for that post by a nominating commission in the late 1970s, but passed over by then-Gov. Hugh Carey for a more politically connected junior judge. As a conservative Democrat and fiercely independent thinker, Jasen had distanced himself from politics while serving on the high court; that cost him politically, but provides a truer measure of his worth as a judge.

Even during his retirement, New Yorkers benefited from Jasen's fair-mindedness and independence as he joined or led task forces and committees dealing with matters such as judicial conduct or traffic court fairness, and state agency adjudication procedures. Jasen was a champion of the rule of law, and a man who would have desired no other epitaph.

RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IS GOOD ECONOMICS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, a study completed last month by Alicia Sasser, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's New England Public Policy Center, contains good news for those of us who have been pushing for an increase in the minimum wage. Ms. Sasser's very careful and well-documented conclusion is that an increase in the minimum wage in the State of Massachusetts would have significant overall benefits for the people of the State. To summarize her conclusion, "increasing the minimum wage by \$1.50 in Massachusetts is likely to have a small impact on employment—roughly on the order of 1 to 4 percent of affected workers. In addition, according to the analysis presented in this report, the combined impact of the two wage increases (contemplated and pending legislation in Massachusetts) would result in an estimated net wage gain of approximately \$255 million. It should be noted, however, that the benefits of this increased wage gain may be diminished if employers respond by cutting hours or reducing their contributions to health insurance."

It should be noted, Mr. Speaker, that this is an analysis of what will happen in one State if that State alone raises the minimum wage. One of the potential negative effects is the loss of jobs for competitive reasons to the nearby State of New Hampshire, which does not have a minimum wage. What this means is that if we were to adopt a minimum wage increase on the national level, we would get, I believe, the advantages that Ms. Sasser's analysis, shows without that particular competitive disadvantage that comes from two States of virtually identical social composition right next to each other, having significant minimum wage differentials. While obviously there is international economic competition, it is not nearly as direct, especially in the industries that are affected by minimum wage increase.

Mr. Speaker, I recommend that Members read this report. It is too long for inclusion here in the RECORD, but it is New England

Public Policy Center Research Report Series, No. 06-1, issued in January. This analysis in my view—I do not impute it to either the Federal Reserve or Ms. Sasser—strongly argues in favor of Federal legislation to raise the minimum wage.

JOHN PEPPER HONORED AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Pepper, an international business leader, visionary, community activist and champion of education, who will be formally honored as a Great Living Cincinnati on February 16 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber has bestowed this award on distinguished members of the community annually since 1967. Recipients of this prestigious award are chosen on the basis of professional achievement, community service, leadership, compassion, and vision. Past honorees have included Neil Armstrong, Dr. Albert Sabin and Charles Scripps.

Mr. Pepper has inspired and impacted the lives of people in our community and across the globe. Throughout his career, he has led, trained and motivated people by his example.

In his 39-year career at Procter & Gamble, Mr. Pepper helped to shape one of the world's largest consumer products companies. He began with the company in 1963. In 1974, he became general manager of Procter & Gamble Italia, and in 1980, he became group vice president. In 1984, he was elected to the company's board of directors and, in 1986, became president. In the early 1990s, he led Procter & Gamble's expansion into Eastern and Central Europe and Greater China. Mr. Pepper was named chairman and chief executive in 1995. He retired from Procter & Gamble in 2002, and retired as chairman of the executive committee of the board in 2003. Following his service to Procter & Gamble, he served for two years as vice president for Finance and Administration at Yale University, his alma mater.

Mr. Pepper recently became chief executive officer of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. This role is especially fitting for him, since he has been instrumental in the creation of the Freedom Center and co-chair of its development effort.

Mr. Pepper has also dedicated his time, energy and leadership to improving education for our children. He has served as a hands-on leader for school reform, pushing schools across the socioeconomic spectrum to set higher standards. He was also a driving force, along with his wife, Francie, in the creation of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, a nationally recognized program that provides youth employment, mentoring and tutoring for those in need. He currently serves as the Collaborative's vice chair.

In 1994, Mr. Pepper chaired Cincinnati's United Way campaign, and has served on numerous local and national boards, including the American Society of Corporate Executives, the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, the Partnership for Public Service and the Na-

tional Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, the National Alliance of Business, Xavier University, the American Chamber of Commerce in Brussels, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Art Museum.

Mr. Pepper and his wife, Francie, have three sons and one daughter, and reside in the Cincinnati suburb of Wyoming.

All of us in the Cincinnati area congratulate John Pepper on being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING DORIS WAHL

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Doris Wahl's 50 years community service and HIV/AIDS advocacy in Whittier, CA. Doris and her husband Wally Wahl, moved to Whittier 50 years ago where they raised four beautiful children, Michael, Margie, Christopher and Paul. For over 20 years, Doris was an active PTA member serving as president and chairwoman of several District Advisory Committees.

Over the years, Doris's community involvement extended to local government where she served as commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the city of Whittier and served twice as its chairwoman. Doris also served as president of the Whittier League of Women Voters, promoting civic participation in government and the political process.

On August 26, 1989, Doris lost her son Christopher due to complications with AIDS. Doris's loss and intimate involvement with the disease motivated her to found the Whittier Rio Hondo AIDS Project, WRHAP, 2 years later. What she learned during her son's illness and in subsequent years was that AIDS is not a disease solely driven by a virus but also by fear, loneliness and depression. It is for this reason that WRHAP provided a compassionate support group for those suffering with AIDS. Doris realized the true scope of the local epidemic when the support group grew to over 30 members after only 3 months. In 1993, 2 years later, WRHAP was incorporated as a nonprofit organization.

Since opening its doors, WRHAP has served thousands of people living with AIDS and provided HIV prevention information to over 12,000 youth. WRHAP currently serves over 100 persons living with HIV/AIDS, conducts over 1,200 outreach contacts per year, and provides over 500 confidential HIV tests.

Under Doris's leadership, WRHAP has become a one-stop resource for people with AIDS. WRHAP's clients receive case management assistance, mental health care, and support group therapy. Through collaboration with other agencies, WRHAP's clients can also obtain outpatient medical and dental care.

In August 2004, Doris founded the Christopher Wahl Youth Center in Whittier as a safe haven and HIV prevention resource for youth.

Doris has become a nationally recognized figure in advocating for appropriate services for people with AIDS, and she co-founded the Southern California HIV/AIDS Advocacy Coalition in 1998. Doris was twice selected as

Woman of the Year, once by the California State Assembly, once by the California State Senate and received a Special Congressional Recognition in honor of Women's History Month.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Doris Wahl for her many years of service to the community and for her many years of HIV/AIDS advocacy. Let us wish her and her family the very best in retirement.

THANKING MARYBETH PETERS
FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues the distinguished career of Marybeth Peters, the United States Register of Copyrights, and to congratulate her as she commemorates 40 years of service to our Government and to the American people.

Marybeth Peters became the Register of Copyrights on August 7, 1994, the 50th person to hold that office since the appointment of the first Register of Copyrights, Thorvald Solberg, in 1897. The mission of the Copyright Office is to promote creativity by administering and sustaining an effective national copyright system. The Copyright Office administers the Copyright Act, Title 17 U.S.C.; provides policy and legal assistance to the Congress, the executive branch and courts; and provides copyright-related information and education to the public.

As chairman of the House Administration Committee and a member of the Joint Committee on the Library, I want to extend my thanks for Ms. Peters' leadership at the Copyright Office, which is a vital component of the Library of Congress. The Library is the custodian of the mint record of American creativity largely due to copyright deposits of books, music, films, photographs, and other materials that reflect our creative society. The Americana collections of the Library—millions of which are available on the Library's Web site through its American Memory digital collections—have been assembled largely through our Nation's copyright system. Last year alone, the Copyright Office forwarded more than 1 million items to the Library for its collections. I want to extend deepest thanks on behalf of the Joint Committee on the Library to Ms. Peters for her stewardship of the Copyright Office as Register and her long years of service to Congress and the American people.

Prior to her appointment as Register of Copyrights, Ms. Peters served as Policy Planning Advisor to the Register from 1983 to 1994. She has also served as Acting General Counsel of the Copyright Office and as chief of both the Examining and Information and Reference divisions. Ms. Peters is a frequent speaker on copyright issues. She is the author of the General Guide to the Copyright Act of 1976 and is recognized worldwide as a pre-eminent authority on intellectual property matters.

Mr. Speaker, Marybeth Peters can certainly be proud of her long and distinguished career in Government service. We are proud of her

leadership and her service to the Copyright Office and to the Nation.

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD L.
MASRY

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, during his 40-year career as an attorney in California, Edward L. Masry fought courageously not only for his clients but also for all people of the United States. As a strong advocate for the environment and open space, Mr. Masry worked to preserve our community's most precious resources. His contributions to the Conejo Valley, the State of California, and the country will never be forgotten.

Sadly, Mr. Masry died on December 6, 2005. Today, I am pleased to pay tribute to him. Mr. Masry moved to southern California in 1940. He graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1950 and then attended Valley Junior College. He never received a bachelor's degree, opting instead to enlist in the U.S. Army in 1952, during the Korean conflict. After serving our country, he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal and was soon accepted at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. He graduated with a Juris Doctorate in 1960.

Soon after graduation Mr. Masry began his law career, and in 1975 moved his law offices to the San Fernando Valley. He gained expertise and a national reputation in numerous areas of the law, including criminal defense, business litigation, entertainment, the first amendment, and toxic torts. His success as a litigator earned him numerous awards, including the esteemed Justice Armand Arabian Law & Media Award in 2000 and the Academy of Justice Award from the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Masry became best known for his work on cases involving toxic environmental contamination. In the early 1990's, his firm, renamed Masry & Vitoe in 1982, argued for the people of Hinkley, California in the landmark case of Anderson v. Pacific Gas & Electric. Mr. Masry won what was at the time the biggest settlement for a civil class action lawsuit. This case was made into a movie, Erin Brockovich, which extolled the success of Mr. Masry as a lawyer and a leader who fought for the rights of the people in California.

Ed Masry was a friend and ally of mine and other local environmental advocates. His involvement with local environmental organizations was instrumental in protecting the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreational Area, as well as other parks and open spaces in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. I was proud to present him with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition in honor of his receiving the Environmental Hero Award from the Environmental Defense Center in 2002. He continued his outstanding work for environmental justice by serving as the CEO and President of Save the World Air, Inc., a company dedicated to improving air quality.

In addition, Ed Masry served two terms as city councilman and mayor of Thousand Oaks. During his tenure he fought to implement his slow-growth platform to protect open space in the Conejo Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Ed Masry's spirit, perseverance and chutzpah. He fought valiantly and successfully for the residents of the Conejo Valley. His legacy will continue to have a profound effect on his Valley, his State and his Nation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LARRY WALL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man who has been a great asset to the health care community in Colorado. After 31 years with the Colorado Health and Hospital Association where he served as president for 21 of those years Mr. Larry Wall is moving on to undertake new challenges.

During his tenure as president of CHA, Larry helped to increase the association's stature and reputation as the primary source of credible information about hospitals in Colorado. In addition, Mr. Wall worked to reaffirm CHA's commitment to public health and expand its community based role.

Over the past 31 years Colorado health care systems have seen vast changes. During Larry's tenure, he has been a part of changes that have made Colorado a leader in public accountability. In fact, while Wall served at CHA, Colorado hospitals became the first in the nation to make mortality data for individual hospitals public. Contributions such as this demonstrate how valuable an asset Mr. Wall is to the Colorado health care community. I wish the best to Mr. Wall in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CARL T. BRANCATELLI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Carl T. Brancatelli, United States Veteran, loving husband to the late Mary Brancatelli; dear father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many as well as a successful entrepreneur.

Mr. Brancatelli was born and raised in Cleveland, the son of Italian immigrants. His parents instilled within him a strong sense of family, faith, and community. He gave these gifts from his parents to his own children—giving them a clear example of the significance of hard work, integrity, kindness, and giving to others. Mr. Brancatelli served our nation as a United States Marine and was stationed in Korea during the 1950's.

For many years, Mr. Brancatelli worked as a bus driver with the former Cleveland Transit System. His expertise in the mechanical trades led him to a long career as a Master Mechanic. Equipped with a keen business sense, Mr. Brancatelli also operated several successful small business ventures throughout his life, even after retirement. As owner of the Shanty Inn Tavern on Harvard Avenue, Mr. Brancatelli regularly sponsored community baseball teams.