

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 preeminent 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.