the club at the Naturalization ceremonies for new citizens. Lena served as a delegate to the state Democratic convention and was a member of the Fresno Democratic Women's Club. One of her proudest moments was on January 4, 2005 when she saw her son, Jim, sworn in as a Member of Congress in Washington, D.C. as the Representative for the 20th Congressional District.

During her lifetime Lena was well read and enjoyed as hobbies traveling, painting, ceramics and playing cards. For over 50 years she and a group of friends played bridge together at least once a month. Lena was also active within the Portuguese lodges SPRSI and as a charter member of the UPPEC of Kerman.

Lena Costa is survived by her children, Congressman Jim Costa of Fresno and Bette O'Sullivan and her husband Denis of Mountain Lakes, NJ; grandchildren Roberta Rasmussen Vinkhuyzen and her husband Dr Erik Vinkhuyzen of Tokyo, Japan; Eric Rasmussen of Los Gatos; Dr Christopher Rasmussen of Pasadena; Kurt Rasmussen of Eureka; and Laura Rasmussen Nichols and her husband Kallen, who is stationed at Lemoore Naval Air Station; Kerin O'Sullivan Berghaier and her husband Richard of Chalfont, PA; Cathlyn O'Sullivan Markel and her husband Howard of Zephyrhills, FL; and Patricia O'Sullivan Jacobson and her husband Michael of Randolph, NJ. Lena is also survived by her great-grandchildren Saskia, Pascale, and Lukas Vinkhuyzen; Shayla Nichols and Tucker Rasmussen; Nikolas and Alexander Jacobson; and Emma Rose Markel.

She is also survived by her sister Elsie Martin of Hanford; brothers Tony Cardoso of Kerman, Emidio Cardoso of Fresno, Lee Cardoso of Hanford, Dimas Cardoso of Pismo Beach; and brother-in-law Leonel Costa of Fallon Nevada. She leaves 26 nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

Lena Costa was preceded in death by her husband Manuel and sister Georgina Roza.

IN MEMORY OF KUNI HIRONAKA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a dear friend, tireless volunteer and community leader. Kuni Hironaka, served our nation through many decades of service at McClellan Air Force Base as well as volunteering with numerous community organizations in the Sacramento region with great passion, integrity and commitment. He passed away on March 8th. As his family and friends gather to honor and remember his wonderful life, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting one of Sacramento's most well-respected figures, and my friend, Kuni Hironaka.

Kuni was born and raised in Sacramento, where he lived for most of his life. He worked for 37 years at McClellan Air Force Base as a civilian employee. In 1967 he observed that Asian Americans were not a protected minority in the federal workforce. At McClellan there were no Asian American supervisors or foremen in the maintenance department or in the base's management, even though there were a considerable number of qualified individuals with the experience and education necessary to do the job well.

Taking a personal and professional risk, Kuni strived to change this. He repeatedly inquired with the McClellan Air Force Base chain of command and did not rest until the Department of Defense reviewed their hiring and promotion practices. Ultimately, his decision to challenge the status quo resulted in more qualified Asian Americans being promoted in the civilian workforce and the removal of the term "Oriental" as an ethnic identifier. Kuni played a crucial role in ensuring that all minorities were treated fairly and protected in the workplace.

Kuni was always one to give back to our community, spending most of his free time helping others. He was active with the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation, Bocho Doshi Kai and the South Tanoshimi Kai. The day of his passing, he spent all morning volunteering at the Japanese American National Bowling Association's annual tournament.

In recognition of his longtime dedication to numerous non-profit causes and his commitment to civil rights, Kuni was honored as an "Asian Pacific American Heritage Hero" by Sacramento's public television station, KVIE, just last April. It was a fitting honor for a man who gave so much to so many others.

Bob and I were truly lucky to know Kuni so well and to be able to call him our friend. He was always there to help us and our family. Brian, Amy, Anna and I, as well as countless others in Sacramento will miss him deeply.

Kuni is survived by a loving family, including his wonderful wife Rose, their four children, David, Amy, Arlene, and Richard, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, as Kuni Hironaka's family members and friends gather to honor his legacy and many contributions, I am honored to pay tribute to one of my closest friends. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in paying respect to and acknowledging the life of an extraordinarily caring man.

IN RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank my college fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., for the support and encouragement they are providing to the Eastern Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., in recognizing its 50-year brothers and senior Kappas. I have been a member of this great fraternity for 36 years.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded nearly 100 years ago, in 1911, at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, by eleven young African American male students, and chartered by the State of Indiana on May 15, 1911. These undergraduate students were in their late teens and early twenties and were sophomores and juniors, at Indiana University. Their parents and/or grandparents had been either slaves or freed slaves. An excerpt, in pertinent part, from the articles of incorporation reads as follows: "All the subscribers hereto, who are colored citizens of the United States and Students of Indiana University, do hereby associate themselves together . . . for the purpose of founding a National, Secret, Greek Letter Fraternity . . . to stimulate fellow students to the attainment of high, intellectual, moral and social worth."

During the past nearly 100 years, the fraternity has grown to 370 alumni chapters and 375 undergraduate chapters. The fraternity is divided into 12 provinces (regions) throughout the United States, and in several countries abroad. My local chapter, the Hyattsville/Landover (MD) Alumni Chapter is situated in the Eastern Province. The province has 53 Chapters with approximately 1,800 brothers affiliated with chapters assigned to it.

New membership in the fraternity is not limited or restricted to undergraduate students only. Unlike many other national college fraternities, our alumni chapters are most viable and play a significant "training for leadership" role to its undergraduate brothers. This role is accomplished while these alumni members are raising families and achieving in all fields of human endeavor, including rendering community services. We also provide scholarships and loans to high school students, as well as college students, even to those who are not members of Kappa Alpha Psi.

It is noteworthy, that social outlets available to these alumni brothers during the last nearly 100 years made it most feasible and propitious to continue bonding together as they worked with the younger brothers and others in the community.

The Eastern Province has been diligent in its recognition of its senior brothers and brothers who have been members of the fraternity for fifty or more years. Beginning in May 2006, they will initiate an annual recognition activity for these brothers, in conjunction with national initiatives and special amenities, honoring their length of life and service to the fraternity and community-at-large.

Somewhere in heaven, the chapter invisible, I know our esteemed founders are smiling after noting that our senior and fifty year brothers are not being placed on the shelf and forgotten.

KBBF'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bilingual Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. for establishing KBBF 89.1. This station has served my constituents in Sonoma County for 35 years. KBBF is an example of how local broadcasters can serve and benefit their communities. In an era where media outlets are owned by fewer and fewer corporations, KBBF's voice rings brightly throughout the North Bay.

KBBF was the dream of a few Sonoma State University students who had a vision of establishing a community owned and operated, non-commercial, bilingual, bi-cultural, educational FM radio station that would be committed to social change and advocacy for the poor and would be devoted to meeting the educational, informational, and cultural needs of the Spanish speaking community.

Its founding Board of Directors was far from the Fortune 500. It was made up of people like you and me; a farm worker, a lawyer, a