

Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson donated a charitable \$25 million gift to establish this institution.

Sheldon is the Chairman of the Board and principal owner of Las Vegas Sands Corporation which is the parent company of The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Venetian Macao Limited in Macao, China. Throughout his career as a financial consultant, Sheldon has created and developed over 50 different companies, including COMDEX, a tradeshow he developed for the computer industry. In 1989, Sheldon purchased the Sands Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas and then imploded it in 1991 to develop and build the Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino, which has become known as one of the finest hotels in the world. Throughout the years, Sheldon has received numerous honorary degrees and other illustrious awards in recognition of his business and philanthropy achievements and success.

Born in Tel Aviv, Israel, Dr. Miriam Adelson has devoted her life to the medical profession and helping others in need. Miriam specializes in internal and emergency medicine, specifically chemical dependency and drug addiction. She heads both the Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson Clinics in Tel Aviv, Israel and Las Vegas, Nevada, which have successfully treated thousands of individuals suffering from heroin and cocaine drug addictions. She has authored several scientific papers about the effects of drug addiction on the human immune system and she continues to serve on the faculty of Rockefeller University as a guest researcher. I applaud her commitment to providing access to quality healthcare and education to the residents of Southern Nevada.

In addition to education and healthcare, Dr. and Mr. Adelson are dedicated supporters of Yad Vashem and other causes in Israel and Jewish communities abroad. As a result of their generous support, the Museum of Holocaust Art at Yad Vashem was established in memory of members of the Zamelson and Farbstein families as well as Dr. Adelson's parents, all of whom perished in the Holocaust.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson for their unwavering kindness and generous donations to the communities they strive to improve. They are dedicated to improving the quality and the availability of education. The Adelson's enthusiastic commitment to education will help students reach new heights of achievement with the opening of the Adelson School. Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson have made a profound difference in our community and we are most fortunate to have such wonderful and caring supporters of education and health care. Their heartfelt dedication is commendable and I wish them luck in all their future endeavors.

ANIMAL ENTERPRISE TERRORISM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concerns with S. 3880, The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act.

I believe that individuals and groups cannot resort to intimidation, vandalism or violence in the advancement of a cause. Protests must be lawful and disagreements respected. But, this bill, as drafted, could criminalize lawful and constitutionally protected activists.

This bill criminalizes conduct that "intentionally damages or causes the loss of any real or personal property," however, the bill fails to define what "real or personal property" means. As a result, legitimate advocacy—such as a boycott, protest, or mail campaign—that causes an animal enterprise to merely lose profits could be criminalized under S. 3880.

It also fails to adequately define the term "animal enterprise." Nothing in the current definition requires that an enterprise be lawful. Therefore, investigations into unlawful animal enterprises, such as animal fighting organizations or illegal puppy mills, could be deterred as employees, citizens, and legitimate animal activists may be afraid to cooperate or provide information to law enforcement agencies for fear of prosecution under the terms of this bill.

I am a strong supporter of research, but I also believe that animal rights need to be vigilantly enforced. In order to achieve that goal, I have been working with the Humane Society on amendments to the Animal Rights Act, which is the law that governs the humane care, handling, treatment and transportation of animals in laboratories and dealers who sell animals to laboratories and animal exhibitors. My bill would provide two key changes to this law. First, it doubles the fine for violations (from \$5,000 to \$10,000) and increases the number of annual inspections at laboratories.

I will be introducing this measure when the House comes back for the 110th Congress, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in providing these additional animal protections.

HONORING PATRICIA THOMPSON OF NAPA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Patricia Thompson for many years of visionary leadership as the city manager of Napa, CA. Pat has been an outstanding leader for all of us over the 17 years she has been with the city, and her hard work and dedication will be felt in the many projects and improvement she nurtured and brought to fruition during that time.

Mrs. Thompson was born in San Diego and attended San Diego State University, where she received first a bachelor's degree and then her Masters of Public Administration with highest honors. She held a number of jobs with cities in Nevada, culminating in 7 years as the city manager of Sparks from 1981–1988. In 1988, Mrs. Thompson was honored by the American Society of Public Administration as the organizations National Administrator of the Year.

The city and people of Napa have benefited immensely from Mrs. Thompson's arrival in 1989. Among the numerous projects that she has spearheaded are infrastructure improvements like the new Highway 29-Trancas interchange, new parks, walking paths, and a fire

station. She has been a leader in attracting businesses to the Napa area through a series of development projects that have restored and expanded commercial spaces in the city. On numerous occasions when a decisive leader was needed, she has stepped in as a temporary Director of Emergency Services to meet the city's needs during floods, drought and the earthquake. She was the main force behind the city of Napa's effort to pass the Measure A Flood Control Sales Tax, and this facilitated ongoing developments and improvements to Napa County's flood control project.

In addition to her busy roll as city manager, Mrs. Thompson has found time to serve on numerous local governance and non-profit boards. Her participation in these forums has allowed the various governments of Napa County to better coordinate their efforts. She has also served as an Advisory Member to the board of the Salvation Army.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we thank Patricia Thompson for her invaluable service to the city of Napa, and for the numerous projects she has overseen and led to completion. Her exemplary leadership has left a legacy for our community that will extend far into the future.

HONORING BARRY BUCEY AS THCA'S NASHVILLE DISTRICT CAREGIVER OF THE YEAR

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Certified Nursing Assistant Barry Bucey as Tennessee Health Care Association's Caregiver of the Year, representing the Nashville District.

Barry began working at Woodbury Nursing Center 24 years ago as a janitor. After holding additional positions in housekeeping and as a dietary aide, he wanted to be more involved with the patients, so he became a certified nursing assistant. In a job that can be physically and emotionally demanding, Barry helps people with the basic tasks of living while giving them respect and dignity.

Barry's inclination toward helping people is not limited to the patients he assists. He is always more than willing to help other departments as needed, and his previous positions in the facility give Barry valuable understanding of these departments.

I thank Barry for his commitment to helping others, and I commend him on this award.

THE USS "INTREPID"

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep admiration for the work done by the Intrepid Foundation and the great Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum.

The Museum, the world's largest naval museum, is housed on the historic and battle-scarred USS *Intrepid*.

The Museum pays homage to the valiant efforts of the U.S. Armed Forces in defense of our liberties.

Commissioned in 1943, the USS *Intrepid* is a unique educational resource that promotes public awareness of the history and future development of the sea, air and space sciences.

The *Intrepid* fought valiantly in World War II, was a primary recovery vessel for NASA and then was sent to Southeast Asia where it launched the jets that supported our ground forces in Vietnam.

During World War II, the carrier was hit by five Japanese Kamikaze suicide planes in separate incidents that killed dozens of crewmen and injured many others.

Nonetheless, the ship exacted its toll on the Japanese air force, downing 43 planes and 4 kamikaze planes in one day.

During the post-World War II period the *Intrepid* exemplified the United States' leadership and devotion to freedom.

Unfortunately, despite its glorious past, there came a time when the ship was due to be scrapped.

Zachary Fisher, founder of the Intrepid Foundation, rescued the ship in 1978 and arranged for it to be brought to Manhattan where it opened as a Museum in 1982.

Visitors can explore some of the innovative aircraft that made America's air force the strongest in the world, from vintage World War II planes to the latest supersonic jets.

The *Intrepid's* unique educational programs reach 40,000 school children each year, while the Foundation's Vocational-Technical program has helped hundreds of at-risk youth develop work and life skills.

The Nation's men and women still serving in uniform are always at the forefront of the Foundation's activities.

Its Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund provides financial support for the families of United States military personnel who have been lost in the line of duty, while Fleet Week is a celebration honoring those who are currently serving in our nation's military.

Other Fisher Foundations serve the military in numerous ways.

Zachary Fisher established the Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Armed Services Foundation, which has provided funding to numerous military families who have lost loved ones under tragic circumstances.

His Armed Services Foundation provides scholarship funds to active and former service members and their families.

In 1990, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher began the Fisher House program, dedicating more than \$20 million to the construction of 26 comfort homes for families of hospitalized military personnel.

Since the program's inception, more than 35,000 families have stayed in Fisher Houses while their loved ones are receiving treatment.

Thus, the Intrepid Museum is merely the most visible symbol of an enterprise entirely dedicated to serving our nation's men and women in uniform.

Unfortunately, this great symbol of support for our armed forces is aging.

During the past 24 years, the *Intrepid* has resided at Pier 86 in Manhattan, where she has been subjected to the storms, the vicissitudes of the Hudson River and a vast buildup of silt. All of that has taken a toll, and the Foundation has arranged for the ship to receive some loving care.

The ship will spend 18-24 months in Bayonne, New Jersey being refurbished, while the pier is completely rebuilt. At the end of

that period, the ship will return, better able to pursue its mission of honoring our Nation's heroes, educating the public and inspiring youth.

As Robert Burns famously wrote, "The best-laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley."

Like many visitors to New York, the *Intrepid* simply did not want to go.

Despite spending \$1.6 million to dredge 15,000 cubic yards of mud and silt that had built up over the past 24 years, the ship could not be budged in the first try.

With the support of my office and others, and under the leadership of Chairman YOUNG, we have reached out to the Honorable Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy, who has agreed to spending \$3 million to free the ship from New York harbor. We are deeply grateful to him and to the Navy for their help with this effort.

I would also like to thank and recognize, Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Defense who has responded quickly and professionally to our requests and continues to keep us updated.

Given the enormous support the Intrepid Foundation gives to our armed forces, and the extraordinary education visitors to the *Intrepid* receive, this is money well spent.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Fisher family, the Intrepid Museum, the Intrepid Foundation and the remarkable men and women who have made the *Intrepid* an extraordinary public resource.

HONORING ROBERT PAUL LOSEY,
MD, OF NAPA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the tremendous contributions Dr. Robert Paul Losey has made to the lives of infants and families in Napa County. As the founder of Healthy Moms and Babies, Dr. Losey has created a successful, non-profit community health initiative that has yielded tangible results in children's health.

Dr. Losey was born in Pasadena, California, where he attended high school before serving in the Marine Corps from 1957 to 1959. After leaving the Marine Corps, he attended college in southern California where he earned degrees from Pasadena City College and the University of California, Riverside. He earned his medical degree from Creighton University in Nebraska in 1966 before returning to California to complete his internship and residency in Los Angeles.

Dr. Losey moved to the Napa Valley in 1986 when he was hired as the medical director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Queen of the Valley Hospital. His work has further developed Napa County's only facility for the care of premature or critically ill infants. Through his successful private practice at Harvest Pediatrics, Dr. Losey has continued to serve the families of the Napa Valley.

Mr. Speaker, Healthy Moms and Babies was founded in 1988 with the vision to provide comprehensive healthcare for low-income and uninsured women in order to guarantee that every baby is born healthy. By educating expectant women about their own health during

pregnancy, Healthy Moms and Babies has brought a dramatic increase in infant health to the Napa Valley. Healthy Moms and Babies has also made special efforts to develop bilingual resources and do outreach into communities that have traditionally been medically underserved. Napa County has the healthiest babies in the State of California, and Dr. Losey and Healthy Moms and Babies have greatly contributed to this achievement.

Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time to thank Dr. Robert Paul Losey for his many contributions to the community and families of Napa County. He has been active in a variety of health care- and youth-related causes, and his work as the founder of Healthy Moms and Babies has brought a new standard of care to all who live in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE NOAA WEATHER FORECAST OFFICE IN LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the NOAA Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Lake Charles, Louisiana. In September 2005, as Hurricane Rita was approaching the coast of Southwest Louisiana, the WFO Lake Charles developed a life saving partnership with elected officials and emergency managers that was instrumental in minimizing deaths from the storm. While Rita destroyed critical infrastructure and forever changed the landscape of Southwest Louisiana, WFO Lake Charles lived up to the motto of the National Weather Service by "Working Together to Save Lives."

With up-to-date storm-tracking information, elected officials, law enforcement and emergency response personnel were able to lead a safe and thorough evacuation. In recognition of their heroic efforts, the staff of the WFO Lake Charles was recently awarded the Bronze Medal from the U.S. Department of Commerce, as well as a special award from the American Meteorological Society.

Although Hurricane Rita has changed the coast of Southwest Louisiana, it has also reinforced the belief in all of us that preparation is the key to ensuring our families, and our homes, are safe from future disaster. To that end, I commend the WFO Lake Charles for their outstanding job and dedication to the people of Southwest Louisiana.

HONORING THE SMYRNA BULLDOGS ON THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the championship season of the Smyrna Bulldogs. On Saturday night, the Bulldogs capped their football season with a convincing win in the 2006 TSSAA Class 5A BlueCross Bowl.