I thank Mr. EHLERS and Mr. GINGREY for their extensive input in developing this bill and my Democratic colleagues for incorporating our priorities into this bipartisan legislation. I look forward to working on this bill with all of my colleagues on the Science and Technology Committee.

HONORING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, EDEN AREA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Eden Area chapter of the League of Women Voters (LWVEA). Throughout its extraordinary history, LWVEA has been known for promoting respect for individuals, valuing diversity, and empowering communities through civic engagement. This year LWVEA celebrates 50 years of service through encouraging the informed and active participation of individuals in government.

The League of Women Voters was first organized on February 14, 1920 in an effort to unite organizations who believed in the League's principles. The goal of this collaborative effort was to develop and codify legislation and public policy that protected future advocacy groups and promoted voter education throughout the electorate.

The League prevailed in implementing legislation that addressed labor, social security and social justice concerns pertaining to woman's rights. Specifically, the League urged legislators to enact provisions for Federal aid for child care and maternal programs. In the 1930's, the League advocated successfully for the enactment of the Social Security and Food and Drug Acts. The League played an important rule in transmuting hundreds of federal jobs from the Spoils System to the Civil Service designation. Credit is owed to the League for establishing the United Nations pursuant to World War II. Later, the League was recognized by the United Nations as being a nongovernmental organization.

The Eden Area group, like the national organization, is a nonpartisan political organization whose mission is to build citizen participation in the democratic process. The League of Women Voters, Eden Area group strives to educate policymakers and the general public on important issues in the public interest at all levels of government. LWVEA is committed to studying community issues in an unbiased manner, and achieving positive solutions to public policy issues through education and conflict management.

The Eden Area Chapter has made immeasurable strides in furthering the nation's democratic objectives. Some recent and notable achievements of the Eden Area Chapter's work include sponsoring an Alameda County community forum on open government; writing letters and newspaper articles in support of state legislation on campaign finance reform; and promoting universal health care for all Californians. The LWVEA also has televised and moderated candidate forums for city, county and state candidates; provided translation services and ballot measure pros and cons; and conducted elections for homeowner associations and other community groups.

Today the members and supporters of the League of Women Voters, Eden Area have come together to celebrate not only their 50 year anniversary, but also their permanent and positive impact on our community. On this very special day, I join all of them in thanking and saluting the League of Women Voters Eden Area Chapter for their profound contributions to California's 9th Congressional District, our country and our world.

A TRIBUTE TO SOL LEWITT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to celebrate the life of Sol LeWitt, one of America's greatest artists and a resident of Connecticut's Second District. Sol died last week on Sunday, April 8, 2007.

Sol lived a distinguished and accomplished life. After earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Syracuse University, and bravely serving in the Korean War, Sol spent much of his early life studying art at the New York City School of Visual Arts and working at the Museum of Modern Art. While in New York, Sol began what would later become a flourishing and influential career as an artist.

Sol is best known for his work with drawing and sculpting two and three-dimensional works. His exhibitions have been shown all over the world in the most prestigious of museums, including the New York Museum of Modern Art, Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, Gemeentemuseum in The Hague, and the Krunsthalle in Switzerland. He is frequently referred to as one of the country's most prolific artists and as someone who has helped shape the modern art movement.

Given all of Sol's significant life accomplishments, he was an exceptionally humble man who was loved by those around him. His wife Carol was especially devoted, and is an exceptionally caring and compassionate individual.

I rise today to salute the life and accomplishments of Sol LeWitt and join Members in praying for his family. He will be missed by all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ERNEST GALLO

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2007

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the House of Representatives is considering H. Con. Res. 88, a resolution honoring the life of Ernest Gallo. I am an original cosponsor of this resolution and a long-time admirer of Ernest Gallo, who sadly passed away on March 6.

Ernest Gallo was a pioneer in the field of winemaking and a generous philanthropist. He was also a friend to me and my late husband, Congressman Robert Matsui. His story is remarkable and exemplifies the American dream. Born to Italian immigrants, Ernest and his brother Julio, took just $5,900 in savings and a winemaking pamphlet from the Modesto Public Library, and from this modest start built the world's second-largest winery. He foresaw the potential for the California wine industry and relied upon smart ideas and hard work to build an incredibly successful business that today serves as an industry model. Today, the Gallo Winery is an important driver of northern California's regional economy, providing good jobs for 4,600 families.

But Ernest's lifetime contribution to California and the Nation went beyond his business achievements. As he became more successful, Ernest gave back to the community where he grew up. Ernest Gallo's personal generosity is demonstrated by such endeavors as the Gallo Center for the Arts in Modesto and the Ernest Gallo Clinic and Research Center at the University of California, San Francisco. These important institutions stand as a reminder of Ernest Gallo's life and his spirit.

I hope all of my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution and honoring the life and memory of Ernest Gallo.

NATIONAL BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act.

Increasing access to cancer screening for women at risk is an essential part of preventing deaths from breast and cervical cancers. However, unfortunately, women with fewer resources and women of color, who are disproportionately uninsured or underinsured, are significantly less likely to have access to preventative screenings such as mammograms and Pap tests.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 1132, which reauthorizes the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, NBCCEDP, to improve access to screening and diagnostic services for breast and cervical cancers among underserved women. It also authorizes increased funding for this lifesaving program.

Since it was created in 1991, NBCCEDP has provided breast and cervical cancer screening services to more than 2.9 million uninsured and underinsured women. It has diagnosed more than 29,000 breast cancers, 94,000 precursor cervical lesions, and 1,800 cervical cancers. H.R. 1132 renews our commitment to saving women's lives through screening and early detection of breast and cervical cancers.

Ensuring that all women have access to these vital health services must be a priority. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.