

Whereas, Coach Napoleon Cross showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Napoleon Cross was a leader and mentor for the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Cross has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Napoleon Cross for leading the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 Basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE M.  
PELLEY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Catherine M. Pelley of Glendale, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Mrs. Pelley as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

As a past nurse and Captain in the U.S. Army, Cathy is a veteran who served her country during the Vietnam War as a psychiatric nurse working with the brave men and women returning home from combat. She is currently the President and CEO of Glendale Memorial Hospital and the Chair of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Board. Cathy also serves on the Board of Directors for Glendale's Armenian Bone Marrow Bank, Salvation Army, and regional Brothers of Saint John of God Healthcare and Retirement Centers.

Under her leadership, Glendale Memorial Hospital's infrastructure has expanded to include additional imaging equipment, several new community clinics, and modern communications systems. These easily-accessible, digital patient records will prevent medication errors and reduce transcription times, as well as maintain up-to-date information for future reference.

With vision that reaches beyond hospital walls, Cathy believes wholeheartedly in the future of the Glendale community. Her efforts to overcome South Glendale's economic challenges were partnered with remarkable honesty, dignity, understanding, and determination. By highlighting common ground between conflicting groups, she gave victims a more effective voice in their healthcare and rallied community support behind the revitalization of a blighted area. Ever since, business has returned with new retail, dining, theatre, and housing options. Cathy has also improved the area by expanding the "Brand Boulevard of Cars" and by implementing solutions to severe traffic congestion.

Though she faced an aging medical facility, dwindling local business, and a community in conflict, Cathy never backed down from the obstacles before her. She chose instead to

provide leadership where it was needed, to invest in the health—both corporeal and economic—of the City of Glendale. In return, the area has transformed itself over four short years to become a beacon of civic progress. It exists as an example of how one person's optimistic vision can infuse a diverse community with the hope and the means to achieve excellence as one.

With steadfast dedication, Cathy's selfless service to the Glendale community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Catherine M. Pelley.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CESAR  
ESTRADA CHAVEZ

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I join with the hundreds of thousands of Mexican residents of my congressional district and across our Nation in recognizing the everlasting accomplishments and contributions of Cesar E. Chavez, a social crusader who lived a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication for the betterment of others.

Cesar Estrada Chavez, World War II veteran and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, as the late New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy once noted, was "one of the heroic figures of our time." A true American hero, Cesar was a civil rights, Latino, farmworker, and labor leader; a religious and spiritual figure; a community servant and social entrepreneur; a crusader for nonviolent social change; an environmentalist and consumer advocate.

A second-generation Mexican-American, Cesar was born on March 31, 1927, near his family's farm in Yuma, Arizona. At age 10, his family became migrant farmworkers after losing their farm in the Great Depression. Throughout his youth and into his adulthood, Cesar migrated across the Southwest laboring in the fields and vineyards, where he was exposed to the hardships and injustices of farmworker life.

After achieving only an eighth-grade education, Cesar left school to work in the fields full time to support his family. Although his formal education ended then, he possessed an insatiable intellectual curiosity, and was self-taught in many fields and well read throughout his life.

From 1946 to 1948, Cesar served in the U.S. Navy and fought in the Western Pacific during the tail end of World War II. Upon his return from the war, he embarked on new beginnings that would set the tone of his life. He married Ms. Helen Fabela and shortly after in 1952 began working as a community organizer with the Community Service Organization, CSO, a prominent Latino civil rights group.

CSO afforded him the opportunity to learn how to organize groups for a common cause. Cesar coordinated voter registration drives and conducted campaigns against racial and economic discrimination, primarily in urban

areas. In the late 1950s, he ascended to the position of national director.

Cesar's dream, however, was to create an organization to protect and serve farmworkers, whose poverty and disenfranchisement he had shared. In 1962, Cesar resigned from the CSO and founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America.

For more than three decades, Cesar led the first successful farmworkers union in American history, achieving dignity, respect, fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and humane living conditions, as well as countless other rights and protections for hundreds of thousands of farmworkers.

Against previously insurmountable odds, he led successful strikes and boycotts that resulted in the first industry-wide labor contracts in the history of American agriculture. His union's efforts brought about the passage of the groundbreaking 1975 California Agricultural Labor Relations Act to protect farmworkers. Today, it remains the only law in the Nation that protects the farmworkers' right to unionize.

The significance and impact of Cesar's life transcends any one cause or struggle. He was a unique and humble leader, in addition to being a great humanitarian and communicator who influenced and inspired millions of Americans to seek social justice and civil rights for the poor and disenfranchised in our society. Cesar forged a diverse and extraordinary national coalition of students, middle class consumers, trade unionists, religious groups, and minorities.

Sadly, Cesar Chavez passed away in his sleep on April 23, 1993. He was laid to rest in a rose garden at the foot of a hill he often climbed to watch the sun rise. More than 50,000 people attended his funeral services in the small town of Delano, California.

Cesar Chavez—a common man with an uncommon vision for humankind—stood for equality, justice, and dignity for all Americans. His motto, "si se puede," yes we can, embodies the uncommon and invaluable legacy he left for the world's benefit. His ecumenical principles remain relevant and inspiring today for all Americans.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
COACH DAVE HAMMOND FOR  
COACHING THE CHILLICOTHE  
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL  
TEAM TO WINNING THE  
BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Coach Dave Hammond showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Dave Hammond was a leader and mentor for the Chillicothe High School boys' basketball team; and

Whereas, Coach Hammond has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Dave

Hammond for leading the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO JAYLENE L. MOSELEY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jaylene L. Moseley of Pasadena, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Moseley as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Jaylene has focused her professional and philanthropic energies in northwest Pasadena and Altadena for over 30 years. She founded and leads the J.L. Moseley Company, a firm that develops and manages sustainable commercial real estate projects in northwest Pasadena and Altadena. She also serves as president of Flintridge Operating Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides direct services to build the strength, effectiveness, and long-term viability of community-based organizations in northwest Pasadena and Altadena.

Her company's commitment is to develop community while developing real estate. This is accomplished by developing sustainable commercial projects that are sensitive to the neighborhoods in which they are situated; involving neighbors—including youth—in every phase of development; leasing commercial space to tenants who agree to participate in community revitalization by hiring or by providing services to local residents; meticulously maintaining the properties; ensuring that each of the 14 buildings the company manages contributes to neighborhood efforts annually; and participating in community dialogue and actions to strengthen neighborhoods. Reflecting the company's commitment to sustainability, J.L. Moseley Company developed the first Gold LEED-Certified building in Pasadena in 2006, and Jaylene donated her services and managed the development of Mothers' Club's Gold LEED-Certified building in 2007.

Jaylene is deeply committed to the education of the community's youth. She worked with community leaders to launch the after-school program "Mustangs on the Move," which tutors high school students, works with youth on special projects, and hires students to work for her company. With the goal of inspiring students to expand their future horizons, she contributed \$250,000 in profit from one of the company's developments to "Mustangs on the Move" to provide opportunities for PUSD students to participate in summer programs on college campuses. In addition, Jaylene personally contributes hundreds of hours each year to local nonprofit organizations, neighborhood groups, and community-based businesses.

J.L. Moseley Company has received 14 awards for its real estate developments, and Jaylene has received 23 awards from commu-

nity groups for her professional and personal contributions to the community. She lives every day by her personal mantra, that "in all [her] endeavors, [she] is committed to economic and social justice."

Jaylene's selfless service to the Pasadena community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Jaylene L. Moseley.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF SHARED INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and praise the work of Shared Interest for their continued encouragement and investment in black-owned businesses in South Africa.

Shared Interest is a New York-based international social investment fund that has worked tirelessly since 1994 to mobilize U.S. investors to provide the necessary capital to foster the development of black-owned organizations, small businesses and agricultural cooperatives in South Africa. Undoubtedly, the work of Shared Interest has provided many struggling black South African people with the funds required to create a successful business. Shared Interest took its \$11 million guaranteed fund and was able to successfully leverage credit of more than \$100 million. Shared Interest has gone beyond simply providing capital to small black businesses in need. The investment fund has taken on a philanthropic role in the community by honoring the work of fellow business men and women in South Africa. Shared Interest has recognized many people including the Honorable Albie Sachs, Debra Lee, Jerry Dunfrey and Nadine Hack for their contributions both business and philanthropic in nature to building a better South Africa.

As a result of their continued initiatives to promote increased business and human rights standards, I hope that many more Americans will recognize the tireless efforts of Shared Interest and the need for further investment in minority owned and operated business within South Africa.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING STUART BEVERLY FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Stuart Beverly showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Stuart Beverly was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Stuart Beverly always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Stuart Beverly on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO ELAINE PAONESSA

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Elaine Paonessa of Burbank, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly, it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Paonessa as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and raised in San Diego, Elaine briefly attended San Diego State College before leaving to tour nationally with an all-girl orchestra as a trumpet player and a professional singer. Her musical background would return one day in her outreach efforts.

Before she emerged as one of the Burbank community's brightest stars, Elaine relocated to Burbank with her husband, Bill, in 1952. There they raised their daughter, Gay, and their son, Guy, and were together until Bill's passing in 2006. It was during her 15 years as a homemaker that Elaine first amassed an impressive roster of volunteer commitments.

As she worked with the Boy Scouts, led the Emblem Club of Burbank as president, chaired the city's Women's Council, founded the local Performing Arts Federation, and supported St. Joseph's Medical Center, Elaine established the blueprint of a truly devoted citizen. When she returned to work in 1967, Elaine blazed professional trails as the first female sales representative for the Automobile Club of Southern California. Never one to shy from community involvement, she served on the Burbank Chamber of Commerce board of directors and the Salvation Army advisory board.

Today Elaine has not slowed a bit. She continues to lead and volunteer with several community organizations, including the Burbank Farmer's Market and the Burbank Civitan Club, to name just a few. Elaine revisits her roots as a traveling performer as the Musical Director of the Van Bloem Singers, a group that visits and performs at senior residences and healthcare facilities. For her incredible breadth of service, Elaine has been recognized by Los Angeles County Commission on Aging and has been honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

With no charitable stone left unturned, Elaine's selfless and awe-inspiring dedication to the Burbank community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Elaine Paonessa.