

Among some important firsts, Ms. Morgan served as the first woman President of the Santa Clara County Bar Association in 1985–86 and as the first bankruptcy lawyer appointed as a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. She has also served as a member of the Bankruptcy Advisory Committee to the United States District Court and as a referee and probation monitor on the State Bar Court. Since her appointment to the bench in 1988, Judge Morgan has continued her extensive contributions to the legal community. She is one of the co-founders of the Congressman Don Edwards American Inn of Court, a professional association dedicated to promoting civility and enhancing communications between the bench and the bankruptcy bar. She has also served on the Board of Directors of Lincoln Law School of San Jose, Consumer Credit Counselors of San Francisco and its subsidiary, BALANCE, and the Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum.

Judge Morgan has been a powerful advocate for the improvement of the legal system. In 2007, Judge Morgan testified about “Protecting Home Ownership” before the Subcommittee on Administrative and Commercial Law of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1997, she also testified before the National Bankruptcy Review Commission regarding proposed amendments to the Bankruptcy Code. In 2007, the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys recognized Judge Morgan for her extraordinary service in the field of consumer bankruptcy law. In 1999, she received the Fresh Start Award from the local consumer bankruptcy community in recognition of her contributions to improving the consumer bankruptcy system.

Judge Morgan has also been an active and effective advocate for improving the quality of, and access to, legal services available to the public. She has served as President of the Santa Clara County Bar Association Law Foundation and a trustee of Santa Clara County Law Related Education. She is also a co-founder of the Pro Bono Project of Santa Clara County. Judge Morgan has been a frequent provider of continuing legal education through the Bay Area Bankruptcy Forum, the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the Santa Clara County Bar Association, the California Bankruptcy Forum, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the American Law Institute—American Bar Association, and the Norton Institute.

In addition to her contributions to the legal community, Judge Morgan has given generously to her broader community. One of the first women admitted to membership in the Rotary Club of San Jose, she has truly fulfilled its mission of “service above self.” She has served on the club’s Board of Directors and has been intimately involved in developing Los Amigos de Washington School, a Rotary program that provides support to the students, families and teachers of Washington Elementary School through activities, events and mentoring. Judge Morgan has been a regular at the school, reading books to several classes and mentoring a group of fourth grade girls. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross; the San Jose Cathedral Foundation; The Women’s Fund; the Santa Clara County Public Facilities Corpora-

tion; the Santa Clara County Building Authority; the Downtown YWCA; and the Santa Clara County Century Club.

For more than 30 years, Judge Morgan has been an outstanding pillar of our community in San Jose, a forceful advocate for the improvement of the legal system and the community at large, an inspiration and role model for her public service, a loyal friend to the many people with whom she has worked along the way, and a jurist whose common sense and legal acumen has provided justice to those who have appeared before her.

She is married to the Hon. (Ret.) James R. Grube, and they have three children, Terry, Elyse, and Mark.

It is with great pleasure that I join Judge Morgan in celebrating her life and many accomplishments. I thank her for her contributions to our region in California and to our nation. On behalf of our community, I congratulate Judge Morgan and wish her and her family well in her retirement and her future plans to continue in service to her community.

CONGRATULATING JAMES “J.T.”  
THOMAS JR. FOR WINNING CBS’S  
“SURVIVOR: TOCANTINS”

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 2009*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mobile’s own, James “J.T.” Thomas Jr. on winning the million-dollar prize on CBS’s “Survivor: Tocantins—The Brazilian Highlands.”

Before a national television audience, J.T. was announced the winner of the 18th edition of the game. Known as the show’s “nice guy,” J.T. won the unanimous votes of seven jury members, proving he had outwitted, outplayed, and outlasted the other 15 players. He became only the second person to win both the jury vote, worth \$1 million, as well as the viewers’ vote, worth \$100,000.

The Samson, Alabama, native earned a business administration degree from Troy University. While living in Troy, he also owned his own fencing company. He moved to Mobile in 2007, where he manages the B.E. Cattle Co. farm, an operation with 112 head of registered Angus cows, along with 70 calves that are a year old and 60 calves that are just a few months old. He also manages 700 head of cattle in Lowndes County.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating James “J.T.” Thomas Jr. for winning CBS’s “Survivor: Tocantins—The Brazilian Highlands.” I know his friends, families, and members of the community join with me in praising his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ERWIN CHARLES  
“RED” BECKER ON HIS RETIREMENT  
AS MAYOR OF EVANSVILLE,  
ILLINOIS

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 2009*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in rec-

ognizing Erwin Charles “Red” Becker and wishing him well as he retires as Mayor of Evansville, Illinois.

Red Becker comes by public service naturally. His great uncle, Walter Becker served as Mayor of Evansville from 1923 until 1957 when he died in office. Before serving the Village of Evansville, Red served his country with a tour in Vietnam.

In 1983, Red decided to become more actively involved in local government and ran for Village Trustee. This confirmed his commitment to his community and, two years later, he was elected Mayor of the Village of Hon. Evansville, a position he held through six terms and 24 years.

During Red Becker’s tenure as Mayor, Evansville has seen many changes, including a four-phase road project, an upgraded and expanded boat dock, a new fire house, water tower and line replacements, and new water and sewer treatment facilities. These last items were made necessary due to damage from the “Great Flood of ‘93” which displaced the Mayor from his own residence. During this disastrous time for Evansville as well as many Midwestern communities, Red Becker proved his dedication to public service by working around the clock, meeting the needs of his community, even as many of his own belongings were lost to the flood.

After the devastation of the 1993 flood, Red oversaw a rebuilding of Evansville and has continued to work tirelessly for the benefit of the village and its residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of recognition and appreciation for a true public servant, Erwin Charles “Red” Becker, and in wishing him all the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING ROBERTA RAKOVE,  
RECIPIENT OF THE PARTNER-  
SHIP FOR ACTION GRASSROOTS  
CHAMPION AWARD

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 20, 2009*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Roberta Rakove, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, of Sinai Health System for her outstanding leadership in creating grassroots and community activity in support of her hospital’s mission. Roberta Rakove was first nominated by the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA), and later awarded by both the IHA and the American Hospital Association (AHA) the Partnership for Action Grassroots Champion Award on April 28, 2009.

The Partnership for Action Grassroots Champion Award was established to recognize hospital leaders who most efficiently inform elected officials of the affect major issues have on a hospital’s fundamental role in the community; to recognize hospital leaders who have done an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for the hospital; and to recognize hospital leaders who continue to advocate on behalf of the hospital and its patients.

Roberta Rakove’s commitment to advocating for the hospital community extends to her 15 years of devotion on IHA’s Advocacy