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TRIBUTE TO AL BALDOCK

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Al Baldock, a legendary college football coach from my district, who passed away on Monday, September 14, 2009, at the age of 79.

Coach Baldock was born in Holly, Texas on December 17, 1929. He attended college at the University of Southern California, where he played football for the Trojans from 1948–1950. During his football career at USC, Al was a teammate of future National Football League MVP, Frank Gifford. In an act of service that would prove to be a theme of his life, he took two years off from college to serve our country in the Army. He then returned to USC for his final year in 1953.

Al's career as a head coach began at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, California in 1959. Leading the football team at Allan Hancock College, Coach Baldock had future Oakland Raiders head coach John Madden as one of his assistant coaches. When John Madden was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006, he credited Coach Baldock as one of the influences in his life. Coach Baldock was the head coach at Allan Hancock College until 1961. Coach Baldock continued to succeed as a head coach, first at the College of the Sequoias from 1962 to 1968 and then at Los Angeles City College from 1972 to 1974.

The majority of Coach Baldock's coaching career was spent at Taft College. He was the head football coach at Taft College from 1976 until 1993. Under his leadership, the Cougars won 15 conference championships, six state championships, six Potato Bowls and two national crowns. For his outstanding leadership, Coach Baldock was inducted into the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame in 1997, the California Community College Football Coach's Association Hall of Fame in 1999 and the California Junior College Hall of Fame in 2000.

Coach Baldock also helped to shape lives off the field as an instructor at Taft College for 28 years. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, daughter Erin, and grandsons Nathaniel and Jonathon. He was a fixture in Taft and will be missed by our community.

CELEBRATING RUTH D. HUNT'S
60TH BIRTHDAY AND INDUCTION
INTO THE DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute and congratulate my dear friend Ruth

Hunt in celebration of her 60th Birthday and her induction into the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

On Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, friends, family and colleagues will gather at Gran Piatto d'Oro in Harlem and at Michael Anthony's in Newport Marina on the Hudson to salute and pay tribute to this remarkable African American woman of excellence.

In 1949, John and E. Patricia Hunt gave birth to their third child, Ruth at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. She and her eight siblings grew up in the Albany Houses on Troy Avenue. Ruth received a public school education at Isaac Newton P.S. 83, John Marshall Jr. High School 210 and graduated from the High School of Fashion Industries in New York City. Ruth also attended and graduated from the Vogue School of Charm and Modeling in Brooklyn in 1967, and began a professional modeling career at 17 years old. She completed her higher education at Brooklyn College and at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) Manhattan.

Ruth was the first woman of color to model in the swimwear industry on Manhattan's 7th Avenue breaking barriers at Sirena Swimwear, Cole of California and Gottex of Israel. On the runway, Ms. Hunt modeled along with supermodels Naomi Simms and Iman. She was a Bill Blass model for both his Robes and Furs Collections. As a fashion expert, she was one of the first Fit models of color and since 1970; she has been represented by Model Service Agency. Ruth was the number one pick for JC Penney's Fit and has modeled for them over 20 years.

As a Fit model, she advises designers and technical teams of clothing manufacturers in the area of quality standards and fit, correcting pattern specifications to ensure the proper fit of imported and domestic garments before mass production. She has modeled for over 100 clothing Designers, and manufacturers including Essence by Mail and numerous fashion designer houses on 7th Avenue, including Calvin Klein and NYC's top department stores and industry trade shows.

Ruth Hunt joined and worked for the Jackie Robinson Foundation from its inception in 1977 and was privileged to be mentored by the illustrious Rachel Robinson. It was at the Foundation that Ruth learned the true meaning of service and humanity. Ruth developed and executed her skills in project management, where she coordinated special events and fund raisers, like the famous annual "Afternoon of Jazz" on the Jackie and Rachel Robinson estate in Stamford, Connecticut and the Jackie Robinson Foundation Awards Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

She continues to enjoy and cherishes the relationship with the Robinson family.

This experience propelled her into philanthropic efforts with the Doll League, Inc; Meharry Alumni; Women and AIDS Resource Network, American Cancer Society; American Lung Association, the Leukemia Society and Alvin Ailey Dance Company. All of these organizations have been beneficiaries of Ruth's time and expertise.

During her illustrious career, she also launched "Ruth Hunt Associates" and began a millinery business that travels the eastern seaboard and was featured in the Roanoke Times, Jersey Journal and the Tribute. Known as the "Hat Lady" in the tri-state area, Ruth

has been featured at numerous churches throughout Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan, including her very own Abyssinian Baptist Church, where she is a member.

Ms. Hunt is a certified Image Consultant, Beauty Advisor and Model Coach. Drawing from her early days as an instructor for the Vogue School of Charm and Modeling and throughout her career she has conducted workshops for numerous New York City organizations such as: Youth and Action; Young Unwed Mothers; Young Peoples Association; The New Muse; Jack and Jill of America; Girl Friends, Inc; The Delta's Youth; NYC Technical College; Zeta Amicae of Brooklyn; and Professional Re-employment and Outplacement Services.

Madam Speaker: Ruth D. Hunt is not only celebrating her 60th birthday and an illustrious career, but she is scheduled to be inducted into the Daughters of the Revolution this coming October. To become a member of this society, you have to prove your lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence, and through her love of genealogy she was able to trace her heritage. One of the highlights of Ruth's quest for retracing her family history came in 1997 when Ruth gave her father a gift of life. She was able to find her father's long lost World War II son, Barry in Wales, England. The family now enjoys an international relationship from across the ocean and today, Ruth conducts genealogy workshops for the New York Coalition of One Hundred Black Women, Convent Baptist Church, Woodhull Medical Center and Bellevue Hospital Center.

Continuing in her commitment to service and humanity at the New York City Health & Hospital Corporation (HHC), Ruth served as Coordinating Manager In Public Affairs and then as the Director of Marketing and Community Outreach at both Woodhull Hospital Center and Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center. Ruth currently serves as the Assistant Director of Public Relations and Director of Community Affairs at the oldest public hospital in the country, Bellevue Medical Center. She has led the charge at Bellevue and helped raise over \$80,000 for the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society.

Ruth also received KISS-FM's Phenomenal Woman Award. This honor stemmed from a live radio broadcast at Woodhull Medical Center for "Take Your Love One to the Doctor Day," which generated over 500 screenings. In addition, she supported the Borough President's "Take Your Man to the Doctor Day." To commemorate National Cancer Survivor's Day, at Woodhull, Ruth produced four of her well known, signature, hat fashion shows which included a luncheon.

Let us congratulate and salute this remarkable African American woman of excellence and distinction as we celebrate the 60th birthday and induction into the Daughters of the American Revolution of my dear friend Ruth D. Hunt.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN WAKEFIELD

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Alan Wakefield, a close