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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

personal friend and valued member of my home town. Corona, California has been blessed by dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work.

Alan was five years old and attending kindergarten in Titusville, a small town in western Pennsylvania, when he first met a pretty young girl named Susan. For 58 years, Alan and Susan were best friends. For almost 39 years, they were husband and wife. Over the years, they have enjoyed a multitude of blessings, most importantly their son, Josh, and his wife, Jill, who have blessed Alan and Susan with two beautiful grandchildren. While Alan died long before we would have wished, Alan had some precious time to spend with his grandchildren. During those last months, Matthew and Garret witnessed the character of their "Poppy" that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. They learned that Alan was a man who loved to laugh but was not afraid to cry; that he would stand strong to defend the values that were important to him, but would melt in the face of another's sadness. The size of his heart belied his stature, and his generosity touched so many lives.

Since 1982, the Wakefields have owned ASJ Industrial Hose, whose name is an acronym for Alan, Susan and Josh. Alan would often say, "Hose is my life." It was not, of course. His family was his life, along with the many friendships he formed over the years. He was also passionate about golf, was a gourmet cook, and an avid gardener who referred to plants by their Latin names. While Susan has been active in just about every organization in Corona with three or more members, Alan for the most part remained in the background; he was not "a joiner." But a few years ago, he relented and joined the Corona Rotary Club, and was one of its most popular and active members.

Near the end of his life, visitors would find Alan to be more interested in what they were doing than talking about his health. When friends would mention they were considering a trip or a home improvement project, Alan would say, "Do it. Do it now." He was speaking from a perspective that the rest of us could only imagine, and some of us sensed that he was suggesting something more than that. Don't put off those trips and projects, but more than that, don't put off telling someone you care, righting a wrong and keep focused on your life's priorities.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is my honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the life and legacy of my friend Alan Wakefield. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his dear family and friends.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DAY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a service organization that has done as much for America's veterans as any other organization or group in our Nation's history, The American Legion.

Yesterday, the House of Representatives passed a resolution rightly honoring this organization, proclaiming September 16, "The American Legion Day."

The American Legion was founded in 1919 and has proven a formidable organization in the support of veterans of our Armed Forces. I am a proud member of American Legion Post 161 in Redmond, Washington, and appreciate their steadfast and ongoing support of veterans and their families. At a national level, the Legion has been active in supporting veterans through work such as the crafting of the G.I. Bill of Rights, and across the country the Legion is involved and committed in their communities. "Legionnaires" are known for and exemplify the spirit of service and this spirit continues to drive their actions long after they take off their uniforms. They create benevolence funds, host barbeques and involve themselves in civic projects. Legionnaires believe in service. They are the voice of our veterans and advocates for our men and women in uniform. I am grateful for the organization's 90 years of service and sacrifice to our country.

General George Washington said in a letter to the Provincial Congress, "When we assumed the soldier we did not lay aside the citizen," the American Legion exemplifies this attitude. In this body, we must continue supporting The American Legion and I urge Legionnaires to continue to reach out to lawmakers for our support.

RECOGNITION OF REVEREND TRACEY L. BROWN'S 10TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Tracey L. Brown, of Ruth Fellowship Ministries in Plainfield, New Jersey. She was commissioned and installed as Pastor and Founder on April 17, 1999 and is being honored for her 10th Pastoral Anniversary.

Over many years, Rev. Brown has served her community well as an active leader. She is an International Pastor with the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, serves as the Third Vice Moderator for the Middlesex Central Baptist Association, and as a Commissioner for the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority in Plainfield, New Jersey. She is also a former member of the Plainfield Board of Education.

Rev. Brown often preaches the value of our communities and how important it is that we work together, as a team, to make the City of Plainfield a better place. I think her team mentality comes from the lessons she learned on the basketball floor, where she was recently inducted into Montclair State University's Athletic Hall of Fame for Women's Basketball.

Rev. Brown has been a fixture in the Plainfield community as a role model for young women and a spiritual leader for the city. She continues to work every day with tremendous enthusiasm and energy.

Rev. Brown will be celebrating her 10th Pastoral Anniversary as the pastor and found-

er of the Ruth Fellowship ministries. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Brown's great achievement and I wish her the best.

STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY "PETE" STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes:

Mr. STARK. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of creating education opportunity for millions of students. The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (H.R. 3221) is the single largest investment in college affordability in our nation's history. In addition, the legislation will provide much-needed resources for states to develop and improve early childhood education programs.

The ideal behind this bill is simple: stop providing taxpayer subsidies to banks to act as the middlemen in student lending, save billions, and reinvest most of those savings into our beleaguered education system.

By moving all student loans into the Department of Education's Direct Lending Program, this legislation saves \$87 billion that would otherwise be siphoned off by private lenders. These savings allow for historic investments in the Pell Grant and Perkins Loan programs for low- and moderate-income students. Over 16,000 students in my Congressional District rely on Pell Grants each year. These students will see the maximum grant rise to \$5,500 in 2010 and automatically increase each year thereafter to keep up with inflation. By 2019, the maximum grant is expected to be \$6,900. Similarly, the Perkins Loan program will receive a \$6 billion boost, providing assistance for thousands of new students.

The bill also invests in another vital resource: Our community colleges. H.R. 3221 invests \$10 billion in community colleges to modernize facilities, implement reforms, and work with local employers to create curricula to ensure that students are graduating able to fulfill local workforce needs.

Finally, the legislation before us will help to make sure that every child enters school ready to learn and achieve by creating the "Early Learning Challenge Fund." This fund will provide resources to states to expand and improve their "Birth to Five" early childhood education programs by improving licensing standards, developing high quality curricula aimed at cognitive, emotional, and social development, and building a highly qualified workforce.

The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act is an example of reform that this Congress can achieve when we are willing to put aside the narrow concerns of special interests and support common sense policies that will provide greater educational opportunity. I urge all of my colleagues to support the bill.