

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Chamber was designated as a farm labor office tasked with steering workers to local farmers. In the years following the war, the Chamber focused on supporting an adequate sewage system, the introduction of local hospital and the adoption of a zoning plan.

By mid-century, the Chamber hosted an industrial conference, boldly escalating efforts to bring new industry to the Valley.

Today the Chamber has expanded its membership to more than 700 leaders who continue to help ensure a thriving economy through advocacy, promotion, networking, education and services.

Operating under the mantra that "Strong businesses make strong communities", the Chamber hosts events, publishes a business magazine and offers comprehensive business, community and visitor resources. The Chamber also leads recognition efforts, honoring the business of the year and green businesses.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce. In years to come, this organization will remain an integral and powerful force that continues to enrich the business community for the benefit of all Sonoma Valley residents.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor during the week of Monday, December 7, 2009, to Friday, December 11, 2009.

For Tuesday, December 8, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 931, on motion to instruct conferees regarding H.R. 3288; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 932, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to Con. Res. 199; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 933, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 206; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 934, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 940; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 935, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 845; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 936, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 2278; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 937, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 915; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 938, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 907.

For Wednesday, December 9, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 939, on ordering the previous question to provide for consideration of H.R. 4213; "no" on rollcall vote No. 940, on agreeing to H. Res. 955; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 941, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3951; "no" on rollcall vote No. 942, on motion to table appeal of the ruling of the chair regarding H.R. 4213; "no" on rollcall vote No. 943, on passage of H.R. 4213; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 944, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3603; "no" on rollcall vote No. 945, on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 956; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 946, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 86.

For Thursday, December 10, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 947, on ordering the previous question to provide for consideration of the Conference Report to H.R. 3288; "no" on rollcall vote No. 948, on agreeing to H. Res. 961, which provides for consideration of the Conference Report to H.R. 3288; "no" on rollcall vote No. 949, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 3288; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 950, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4017; "no" on rollcall vote No. 951, on agreeing to H. Res. 962; "no" on rollcall vote No. 952, on agreeing to H. Res. 964, which provides for consideration of H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 953, on agreeing to the Frank amendment No. 1 to H.R. 4173; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 954, on agreeing to the Sessions amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 955, on agreeing to the Lynch amendment to H.R. 4173; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 956, on agreeing to the Murphy (NY) amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 957, on agreeing to the Frank (MA) amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 958, on agreeing to the Stupak amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 959, on agreeing to the Stupak amendment to H.R. 4173.

For the morning of Friday, December 11, 2009, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 960, on agreeing to the Kanjorski amendment to H.R. 4173; "aye" on rollcall vote No. 961, on agreeing to the McCarthy (CA) amendment to H.R. 4173; "no" on rollcall vote No. 962, on agreeing to the Peters amendment to H.R. 4173.

#### PROCLAMATION ISSUED TO BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit this proclamation which I issued to Beulah Baptist Church.

Whereas, the Beulah Baptist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past 113 years; and

Whereas, Pastor Jerry D. Black and the members of the Beulah Baptist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, the Beulah Baptist Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past 113 years by preaching the gospel, singing the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Beulah has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Beulah Baptist Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 113th Anniversary of their founding:

Now Therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim November 22, 2009 as Beulah Baptist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of November, 2009.

ANDREA LEWIS

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Andrea Lewis. A talented journalist, radio news anchor and a true renaissance woman, Ms. Lewis had an uncanny ability to broach any subject with her impressive knowledge, affability and confidence. Ms. Lewis passed away Sunday, November 15, 2009 at the age of 52.

Andrea Lewis, a native of Detroit, Michigan, earned her B.A. from Eastern Michigan University, where she studied music, English literature, and art history. After moving to the Bay Area in 1983, she became an editor for Plexus: West Coast Women's Press, and in the late 1980s, she worked as a research editor for Mother Jones magazine. After gaining further publishing experience as an editorial assistant at Harper Collins Publishers in San Francisco and senior editor at Third Force Magazine in the early 90s, Ms. Lewis joined Pacific News Service as an associate editor.

Ms. Lewis, known for her rich, resonant voice, made an effortless transition to radio in 1999, joining the KPFA Morning Show as co-host of the two-hour weekday public affairs program. Though the warm tone and timbre of Andrea's voice was often praised, she is most remembered for voicing sound and well-researched opinions.

A tireless advocate and champion for civil rights, Ms. Lewis was particularly interested in combating sexism, racism and homophobia. Ms. Lewis acquired a following throughout her career, and was especially admired for her thoughtful and compassionate equanimity when discussing difficult subjects on or off the air.

More recently, Ms. Lewis took a year off to complete a 2008 Knight Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University. She returned as evening news co-anchor and host of a two-hour Sunday morning interview and call-in program that she dubbed "Sunday Sedition." She was also a fellow in the Society of Professional Journalists Diversity Leadership Program from 2006 to 2007.

Among Ms. Lewis' many accolades were The National Federation of Community Broadcasters' Golden Reel award in 2002, the California Teachers Association's John Swett Award for Media Excellence in 2004, and many well-received published articles. Ms. Lewis was a regular contributor to Madison, Wisconsin's Progressive Magazine, and I am honored to hear that she was proud to have had a quotation from our 2005 interview included in the Progressive's 100th anniversary edition in April.

Ms. Lewis exercised a life-long passion for music as both a member of her university's choral group, which toured Europe, and for the last 20 years, as a talented alto in the San Francisco Symphony Chorus. Both Ms. Lewis and her family were so proud when the chorus

had the honor of performing at Carnegie Hall. She was also an avid reader, a sports fan and a lifelong golfer. She will be remembered by family, friends and colleagues for her laughter, her insight, her honesty and her vibrant spirit.

This evening, we salute and honor a great human being, Ms. Andrea Lewis. Our community is indebted to her life's contribution in countless ways. We extend our deepest condolences to Ms. Lewis's family and to all who were dear to her. May her soul rest in peace.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I submit to the RECORD the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on December 14th. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

H. Res. 779—Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month, roll No. 969—"yea."

H. Res. 942—Commending the Real Salt Lake soccer club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup, roll No. 970—"yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 969, Runaway Prevention Month, rollcall No. 970, Real Salt Lake Soccer Club, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

COMMEMORATING THE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JAMES H. AND ELIZABETH GARBUTT SHAW

### HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 70th wedding anniversary of two American patriots residing in my District. Their deep dedication to this country founded in the commitment to each other is a testament to the strong values that have made this country and its people the model for the world to emulate.

James Henry Shaw married Elizabeth Garbutt on December 14, 1939 in Valdosta, GA. James is a former U.S. Marine who stormed the beaches of Yellow Beach with the First Marine Division on April 1, 1945 and fought long and hard in the entire 82-day campaign that saw over 50,000 American casualties including over 12,000 dead or missing. James was one of those casualties sustaining shrapnel wounds in his side earning him the Purple Heart. Once the island was secure, James and his fellow Marines began training exercises preparing to invade the main Islands

of Japan on their push to Tokyo until the Japanese surrendered on August 15, 1945. He was then part of the occupying U.S. forces in China before returning home in 1946. Elizabeth remained back on the home front contributing to the vital efforts supporting our troops abroad. She raised two children and is now the proud matriarch of a family that has grown into 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Her son was a career Air Force enlisted man with his children all serving proudly in the officer and enlisted ranks of the United States Air Force. Her daughter had two sons that attended the United States Naval Academy and are currently active duty officers in the United States Navy. Besides being a father and grandfather, James has been a career railroad freight man moving to trucking freight later in his life and retiring. James and Elizabeth are now in their 9th decade, still living unassisted, and until recently, served tirelessly and unselfishly as volunteers at their local polling precinct assisting others to vote.

This achievement allows for reflection on what it means to remain in a committed and loving relationship dedicated to the values and ideals that help shape and foster the citizens of this great country. On behalf of my colleagues, and myself, I extend to James and Elizabeth Shaw my gratitude, deep appreciation, and continued health for many more years to come. Thank you both for your service and commitment to our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 2 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 969, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, to H. Res. 779, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 970, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 942, I would have voted "yea."

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE McALLEN MONITOR

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the McAllen Monitor, which has served as a vital news source for the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas and our communities.

This newspaper has accomplished a "century of service" to our community over the years.

From copy boys in the past, to computers in the present, the Monitor has kept an unprecedented pulse on south Texas.

They've generated news and reports of historic people, legends, events, tragedies and accomplishments, that have served to shape the story of the Rio Grande Valley.

The first issue was released on December 11, 1909.

The Monitor was founded in a small facility at the corner of Beaumont and Broadway in McAllen, Texas.

It was "humble beginnings" for our neighborhood paper.

Now the Monitor has a 100,000 square foot building, equipped with modern equipment and journalists of all backgrounds.

Over the past 100 years, the Monitor has undergone change, along with changes in news on a daily basis.

The paper was even renamed four times. But the spirit of its content, unchanged through all the years.

For a century now, the Monitor has provided a steady flow of information as a trusted news source throughout the region.

The McAllen Monitor has covered groundbreaking news items that have shaped the Nation, State, and community.

From 1909 to 2009, the newspaper has covered landmark events including:

"Black Tuesday" when the Nation fell into the Great Depression;

1933 when a hurricane hit Brownsville to McAllen;

and in August 1957, a Russian spy was taken into custody in McAllen.

In 1968, Hispanics participated in a walkout at Ecouch-Elsa High School because of unjust treatment in the school.

Three years later, Cesar Chavez visited the Valley followed by the great late Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy who visited the Valley in October 1980.

These are landmark, local civil rights movements in our community.

For all these events in history, the Monitor was there.

That's why they are our trusted news source in the Rio Grande Valley, McAllen and in south Texas.

They are our local newspaper who understands the spirit of our City and the values of our People.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize the 100th anniversary of the McAllen Monitor newspaper.

The Monitor is celebrating 100 years of service, continuing its mission for the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas.

A century of news for our community, so I commend and congratulate the Monitor with the greatest gratitude.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VILLAGE OF MUNDELEIN'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mundelein, a town in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to the district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

Mundelein is celebrating its 100th anniversary. As early as 1650, the Potawatomi Indians were trading with French fur traders in the area now known as Mundelein. Nearly two centuries later, a group of English immigrants came to the area and named their new community "Mechanics Grove". In 1921, Cardinal George Mundelein of Chicago bought property