

Unfortunately he would have to retire, but it would open a new chapter of his life.

Calderon would leave the medical world after his tour in the Navy, leaving a field that has become very complex and burdened with paperwork. He and Mary Kay, his wife, moved back to Mary Kay's hometown of Boone.

"I always tell people that I have so many projects, I have no time to be busy," Calderon said happily.

He paints pictures, many on subjects pertinent to his home country. He reads non-fiction, collects stamps and international currency and he and Mary Kay travel frequently to Europe, Ireland, and next year they hope to travel to Bolivia. Calderon is also a member of the American Legion and the Marine Corps League.

Calderon retired to Iowa, much to the surprise of his colleagues. Both his sons, David and Roberto, live in California, but Calderon retired to Iowa because of the people. He said he has never felt at a disadvantage in the U.S. because he endeavors to act with respect and intelligence.

"I want to show and I want to tell people that immigrate from a different country that once they come into this country, they need to dedicate their lives to the county that has given them tutelage, so to speak, or the ability to be successful," Calderon said.

He feels strongly that the work and service he has given to the United States is the reason he has been rewarded with success and kindness.

"I still care for Bolivia, but Bolivia hasn't given me anything. The United States has helped me, and I have given back to my country. I'm proud to fly a U.S. flag at my house, and mainly to respect the laws of this country," Calderon said.

Calderon still follows some of the traditions and ideas of his native country, but he strives to act as an American in public. He also presents a booth about the culture and history of Bolivia at cultural fairs in Iowa.

Calderon said the legal process for immigration may be strict, but it is the law and it should be followed and respected. Federal laws on immigration should be enforced to ensure that people entering the country can contribute to society, he said.

"The demands are difficult and numerous to get into this country, but while it takes work, it can be done, and it's the way I and others have come here," Calderon said.

Calderon recently contacted Jerry Butler, his friend from the Army in 1959. Calderon and Butler met on Butler's farm in Eldora. The two men had a reunion, and after all the years and miles apart their friendship showed to be just as strong as it was fifty years ago.

I commend Joseph Calderon for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING HIS HOLINESS THE
GYALWANG DRUKPA ON HIS
VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. ENI F.H. FALDOMAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Mr. FALDOMAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend a warm welcome and friendship to His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa during his visit to the United States. His Holiness the Gyalwang Drukpa is the su-

preme head of the Drukpa Lineage of Tibetan Buddhism and the founder of Live to Love International—a global non-profit organization.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding humanitarian and leader for his commitment to service. His projects embody the profound spirit of compassion and action expressed through the collective works of Live to Love. This week, the United Nations Millennium Development Goals Awards Committee in conjunction with the United Nations Millennium Campaign and the United Nations Office for Partnerships recognized this remarkable spiritual leader and his work through Live to Love at the tenth anniversary of the Millennium Development Goals Awards Ceremony.

The mission of Live to Love is to blend traditional Himalayan philosophy with innovative contemporary solutions to provide concrete solutions to humanitarian problems. Live to Love focuses on five areas: (1) education, (2) medical services, (3) relief aid, (4) heritage preservation and (5) environmental sustainability. The organization is headquartered in Hong Kong with support chapters in Bhutan, France, Germany, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, Peru, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Vietnam, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

In furthering the five goals of Live to Love, the organization builds the world's greenest schools and educates young girls in remote regions empowering them with leadership skills and confidence. Additionally, these schools teach a sustainable way of life. Live to Love also combines the best of Eastern and Western medicine to deliver vital health care to underserved groups. Live to Love builds and operates urgently needed medical clinics that serve poor rural areas at little or no cost. These clinics perform eye surgeries, distribute medicine, aid burn victims, as well as administer health and wellness programs. They also train local volunteers to assist resident medical specialists, helping them gain valuable skills that are in strong demand in the workplace and increases their employment prospects. Also, in an effort to preserve traditional Himalayan heritage, Live to Love provides educational services that celebrate indigenous cultures; helps conserve and restore ancient art, artifacts, and structures; and trains community leaders to protect their culture and history.

His Holiness teaches that in serving others, we nurture ourselves. The example and actions of His Holiness and Live to Love serve as a clarion that can rouse the best and highest within us. Indeed, his life and the organization's mission are an inspiration from which we can all draw as we endeavor to lift and strengthen others, and this is why I am pleased to recognize him on this occasion and bring his work and the work of his organization to the attention of the U.S. Congress.

HONORING DUANE IRVING

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Duane Irving who passed away July 19, 2010, at the age of 75 on Halleck Creek Ranch, his family ranch, on which he established Halleck Creek Riding Club for

Handicapped Children. An iconic figure in West Marin, Duane was a hero to hundreds of children and community members who admired his unique blend of cowboy skills, sense of fun and adventure, and big heart.

Born on December 8, 1934, in San Rafael, CA, Duane grew up on his family's ranch in Nicasio. He excelled in athletics, and after San Rafael High School, he turned down an offer to join the San Francisco Giants minor league team to enlist in the Marine Corps where he excelled in both football and baseball. Despite an innate distrust of authority and a tendency for pranks, he was proud to be a Marine and remained loyal to the Marines and their ethics his entire life.

After his discharge, Duane returned to Nicasio where he married Nellie Woodard in 1959. The couple had three children, Peter, Jeannette, and Buck, before divorcing in 1985. Duane also coached Little League in Nicasio for twelve years, maintaining the baseball diamond by attaching a length of chain link fence to his belt and dragging it over the diamond.

Duane trained horses and managed several ranches in West Marin as well as working for Marin Municipal Water District for 12 years. Legendary West Marin Rancher Boyd Stewart enlisted his help in establishing the Morgan Horse Ranch in Point Reyes National Seashore, where Duane set up a breeding program and trained young Morgans to become ranger mounts throughout the national park system.

At the Morgan Horse Ranch, volunteer Joyce Goldfield was bucked off a horse named Dill Pickle and spent five months in a full body cast. While Duane was sympathizing with her inability to get out and enjoy the wilderness, he spoke of some of the children who came to the park confined to wheelchairs and were unable to join in tours or mount horses due to insurance issues. The two decided to use their gentle horses to take disabled children riding into the wilderness of Duane's Nicasio ranch. Thus, in July, 1977, Halleck Creek Riding Club for the Disabled began.

Since that time, thousands of youngsters and adults with any and all disabilities have been served, and many have had their conditions improve dramatically. Duane and Joyce expanded activities to include camping, rafting, snow trips, hose shows, parades, sailing, kayaking, and beach trips in which Duane pushed children in wheelchairs right into the surf. Since all this was free of charge, Duane became a prodigious fundraiser as well. Today over 300 disabled riders per week enjoy the benefits Halleck Creek offers—improved self-esteem, greater freedom and mobility, adventurous activities, and the therapeutic effects of horseback riding.

Duane received many honors for his work including President Bush's Thousand Points of Light award, J.C. Penny Golden Rule Award, and Marin County's Volunteer of the Year. He was also active in helping Joyce collect and distribute clothing and bedding for the homeless and in an annual benefit for Heifer International.

Joyce became Duane's beloved companion, and for nearly 30 years they lived at Fairwinds Farm on Inverness Ridge with her children Cindy, John, and Danny. In Joyce's words, "Duane, the beloved native son of Nicasio and West Marin, shall be ever missed. This handsome, gentle, loving, immensely talented, free-