

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF A
NATIONAL VETERANS HISTORY
PROJECT WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1644. This resolution expresses support for the designation of a National Veterans History Project week, recognizing a truly incredible program that honors our veterans.

The National Veterans History project collects the personal narratives and mementos of our veterans, in order to preserve a rich history of the brave men and women who have so honorably served our country. The project—administered by the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress—allows veterans and interested parties to register and acquire a free field kit to participate.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of a project that has already collected more than 70,000 oral histories—ensuring the preservation of these stories for generations to come. This educational project provides people of all ages the opportunity to learn an important history of the meanings of service, sacrifice, and democracy—directly from many of those who have honored those values.

I am honored that so many veterans of the 13th district of Ohio have shared their incredible stories with me—all of which are deserving of being shared with the world. Our support for the National Veterans History project will help make that happen.

A TRIBUTE TO DEREK PHILLIPS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Derek Phillips.

Derek Phillips received his Master's Degree in African American Studies from the State University at Albany, NY and later received another Master's Degree in School Building Leadership from Mercy College. He completed his undergraduate studies at the State University at New Paltz.

An Educator by profession, Derek taught History at Park West High School for one year. He went on to teach Math and History for eight years at the New York City Public School Repertory Company, a school for "under-credited" high school students. While at PSRC, he also served as the college advisor. Derek taught at the Eight Plus Learning Academy for region ten at Wadleigh High School in Harlem, NY for four years. The Eight Plus Program was a school for "at-risk" eighth graders who failed to fulfill the necessary requirements for promotion to high school. While at Eight Plus, he served as Math teacher, Dean and Site Coordinator. He also taught Social Studies and Global History at the Choir Academy in Harlem. Currently, he is an Assistant Principal at Queens Academy High School, a school for under-credited and over-aged young people.

In addition to being an educational leader, Derek is the Founder and Executive Director

of the Real Dads Network—an organization that is committed to educating, supporting and empowering Black fathers. The Real Dads Network received national recognition in *Ebony* magazine, June 2010 as one of the top ten resources for dads. Additionally, Derek serves as a spokesperson for fatherhood in several ways: by appearing as a guest on radio such as 98.7 Kiss FM's Open Line and Al Sharpton's Hour of Power, as a guest on the BET Special, Black Men the Truth, and as a panelist at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference on Fatherhood. Derek was also featured in the *New York Daily News*' "Spotlight on Great People," and created the Daddy Daughter Valentine's Dance, which has been adopted in other major cities. He contributed to the best-selling book *I Got Your Back: A Father and Son Keep It Real About Love, Fatherhood, Family and Friendship*, by Eddie Levert Sr. and Gerald Levert with Lyah Beth leFlore and co-directed and produced the award-winning documentary "Black Men on Fatherhood" with commentary by the late Ossie Davis.

Derek is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and through his works, words and actions, he is committed to educating, uplifting, and empowering our youth. His motto is "if everyone does a part, then no one is left doing the whole thing." He resides in Peekskill, NY with Maria, his loving wife, and Jordyn and Maya, his two beautiful daughters.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Derek Phillips.

RECOGNIZING FARRELLI'S WOOD
FIRE PIZZA FOR WINNING THE
NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSO-
CIATION'S 2010 RESTAURANT
NEIGHBOR AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza in Tacoma, Washington, for receiving the National Restaurant Association's 2010 Restaurant Neighbor Award.

The National Restaurant Association is a nonprofit organization that represents thousands of restaurants across the nation. The Restaurant Neighbor Award was created through a collaboration with the National Restaurant Association and American Express to celebrate the philanthropic spirit of the restaurant industry, to raise awareness about the restaurant industry's contributions to local communities across the country, and to inspire other restaurant operators and owners to make even greater contributions to their communities.

Established in 1995, Farrelli's has grown to five Washington State pizzerias and the Irish-Inspired McNamara's Pub & Eatery. Located near Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Farrelli's has become a staple among soldiers and their families. Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza gives back to our troops by sending signs, uniforms, and other Farrelli's memorabilia to soldiers stationed in Iraq, allowing them to transform their overseas break area into a satellite Farrelli's

of their own. The restaurant also offers their Washington-based soldiers weekly discounts, farewell events, and welcome back parties.

Farrelli's customers also have a hand in community involvement by voting on which cause the restaurant should take up next. Recently, Farrelli's created a campaign to fight diabetes by joining the Dining for Diabetes fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and incorporated a wholegrain pizza to their menu named after Elliott, a regular customer who was recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and who was in search of a healthier dining option. The restaurant has also raised more than \$150,000 for organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the local Boys and Girls Club.

The National Restaurant Association recognized Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza in Tacoma with the 2010 Restaurant Neighbor Award in the mid-size business category. Farrelli's owner Jacques Farrell was flown to Washington, DC, to receive the award and a \$5,000 donation during a National Restaurant Association ceremony held in September 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza for receiving the 2010 Restaurant Neighbor Award.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
LOU XIONG

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Lou Xiong on the occasion of receiving the 2010 Milken Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. The Milken Family Foundation's Milken Educator Award seeks to celebrate, elevate, and activate exemplary K-12 educators and has been hailed as the "Oscars of Teaching." Ms. Xiong was one of 55 educators across our Nation, and one of only three in the State of California, to be honored this year.

Lou was born in Laos as the fifth of 12 children to Chong Sue Xiong and Khou Moua. In 1980, Lou and her family immigrated to the United States from Laos in search of a better life. After attending high school in the Fresno area, Lou enrolled at California State University, Fresno, and graduated in 1999 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. Upon graduation, Lou joined the staff at Balderas Elementary School in Fresno, California, to follow her dream of becoming a teacher.

Over the last 11 years at Balderas Elementary School, Ms. Xiong has taught a variety of subjects to students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and contributed immensely to both her students and the school. In addition to her teaching duties, Lou has volunteered her time in school site responsibilities serving as Grade Level Chair, participating in the Leadership Team, serving on the School Site Building Committee and acting as Coordinator of the Hmong New Year Celebration. Outside of the classroom, Lou has served as a Math Coach for the Fresno Unified School District, helping fellow teachers and assisting in creating a pacing guideline program which is now used throughout the district.