

He was one of the finest men I have ever known, and he touched thousands of people in good and positive ways throughout his life.

I extend my condolences to Bill's daughter and son, Betsy and David; four grandchildren; brother, John; and sister, Allene. His absence will surely be felt in Knoxville, but Bill's life will be celebrated as an example of one lived with a dedication to what truly matters: God, family, and community.

HONORING STEVEN M. WOODSIDE

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today, with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, to recognize Steven M. Woodside who is retiring after 11 years as Sonoma County Counsel.

The 43-person County Counsel office, provides legal services to county departments, more than 25 special districts, as well as to the Board of Supervisors, the Grand Jury, Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART), Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), Sonoma County Retirement Association (SCERA), Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA).

County Counsel attorneys regularly appear in court on behalf of County departments on such matters as juvenile dependency cases, code enforcement actions, bail recovery, and mental health competency hearings.

During his tenure, Mr. Woodside reduced his department's operating costs and dependency on county general funds and organized the office into four practice teams, Land Use, Health and Human Services, Litigation and Justice, and Infrastructure. He encouraged his staff to become involved in state-wide issues and many of his team are now recognized leaders and experts in child dependency issues, land use and energy independence programs, endangered species and natural resource protection.

Mr. Woodside has served as a member and Chair of the Statewide County Litigation Coordination Committee from 1992 through the present and in this capacity, helped coordinate the participation of California's 58 counties in litigation of statewide significance. As Chair of the State Assessed Property Tax Committee of the California Association of Counties, he was the chief negotiator on a successful billion dollar property tax settlement action.

His other professional affiliations include serving as President and member of the Board of Directors of the County Counsels' Association of California and Adjunct Professor of Law and member of the Board of Visitors at Santa Clara University School of Law.

Mr. Woodside has a dual Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Davis and Santa Cruz and a Juris Doctor from University of California at Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). Upon graduation from law school, he joined the Santa Clara County Counsel's office and eventually was named head of the department.

Madam Speaker, Steven Woodside has spent most of his career in public service to the people of the State of California. It is therefore appropriate that we recognize and honor him today and wish him well in his retirement. him well in his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. MARITZA RODRIGUEZ

**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 Ms. Maritza Rodriguez, for her dedication to the field of education.

Since 1971, Mrs. Rodriguez has nurtured her neighborhood, church and community. With over thirty years of her professional and personal life dedicated to public service, Mrs. Rodriguez represents the best qualities of excellence in education.

Mrs. Rodriguez is the Supervising School Aide at P.S. 950, The Eastwood School. She is tasked with overseeing school aides, a responsibility she has skillfully carried out for over ten years. In addition to this, Mrs. Rodriguez endlessly contributes to school initiatives. Whenever a stage needs to be designed for a school production, Mrs. Rodriguez is always ready and willing to assist. When the school building needs to be decorated for an event or holiday, she takes the lead until the task is complete. Mrs. Rodriguez's sense of commitment is strong; even when a task involves working above and beyond her work schedule, she undertakes it without reservation. Her discipline and work ethic have been honored by numerous awards and commendations.

In addition to her professionalism, Mrs. Rodriguez has outstanding interpersonal skills; she is known for her great sense of humor and positive attitude. According to Mrs. Rodriguez, "the most important things in life aren't things." She embodies this motto by selflessly serving others and being a constant source of inspiration to those around her.

It should be noted that Mrs. Rodriguez was born in New York City, where she has spent most of her adult life, and is a product of the city's educational system. Mrs. Rodriguez has been married to Mr. Daniel Rodriguez for thirty-one years and is the proud mother of two children: Baron and Alexandra. She is also proud to be the grandmother of her first grandchild, Nikoleta Danielle Roussinos.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Maritza Rodriguez.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 1, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 3307, the Healthy, Hun-

ger-Free Kids Act. It's a well known fact that children in this country are not as healthy as they need to be. We have a responsibility to provide our children with the opportunity to lead a healthy lifestyle and this includes increasing their access to healthy foods. This bill makes historic strides toward providing nutritious lunches in schools and will ensure that we give children the opportunity to get a healthy start early in life.

Obesity is a serious threat to the health of our nation's children. Nationally, more than 23 million children are obese or overweight. Over 24 percent of children ages 2 to 5 are already overweight or obese. With obesity beginning at such an early age, it is becoming ever more important to intervene early. Obese kids are increasingly likely to become obese adults and are more susceptible to the chronic diseases that are costing our health care system billions of dollars each year. Childhood obesity is also a national defense concern as more and more young adults are ineligible for military service.

Kids that learn healthy eating habits early in life are likely to carry them into adulthood. Healthy eating also increases concentration during the school day. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act will address the issue of childhood by applying nutritional standards to all food sold in schools, strengthen school-wellness policies and improve the overall health of school environments for the first time. It also streamlines the process for enrollment in the free and reduced lunch program, making it easier for low-income families to enroll and participate in this program, ensuring that a healthy meal is provided to the children who need it most.

Not only does this bill increase access and improve the quality of foods in the school lunch program, it also reauthorizes the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program and makes historic reforms to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP helps provide funding for meals and snacks served to children and adults receiving day care and youths participating in after-school care programs. The Healthy, Hungry-Free Kids Act includes provisions from my Healthy CHOICES Act that for the first time will increase healthy eating and wellness in child care through the establishment of higher nutrition standards for providers participating in CACFP.

The bill will also expand after-school dinner programs for at-risk children nationwide by reimbursing states for providing meals. In total, this will provide an additional 21 million meals to at-risk children annually. CACFP program administration will be streamlined, reducing paperwork and increasing efficiency for providers. There are currently 4,435 CACFP sites in Wisconsin that serve over 22 million meals and snacks to children and adults each year. The reforms in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act will allow CACFP in Wisconsin to provide healthier meals to a greater number of individuals.

I urge all of my colleagues to come together to put our kids first by passing this bill today. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act contains the most significant improvements to child nutrition programs in more than 30 years and is fully paid for. We owe it to the health and well-being of our children to come together today and do what is right, pass this bill.