

HONORING STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CAREY

**HON. DAN BOREN**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man of determination, conviction and integrity—State Representative John Carey of Durant, Ok.

Carey, a former member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, served his district and state with distinction during the years of 2002 to 2010.

John's legislative work has been devoted to improving education, making the state government more efficient and helping the brave men and women who have served our nation in the military.

His personal career has also been focused on improving the lives of hard-working Oklahoma families through economic development, business growth and community outreach.

Representative Carey has been active in civic affairs for several years, serving as a Gear-Up mentor, a Crisis Control board member, a board member of the Oklahoma State University Consumer & Family Services Advisory Committee, past chairman of the Bryan County Junior Livestock Show and as a member of the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Homecoming Committee.

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to acknowledge not only his successes in the Oklahoma legislature, but also his work as a devoted father and a steadfast friend.

John Carey is the husband of Pam Carey and father of G.W., Emma, and Anna Carey.

The 21st House District of Oklahoma is a better place because of the service of my friend and colleague, John Carey.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. VERA WINN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Vera Winn.

Vera received a Bachelors of Science degree in Nutritional Management from SUNY Empire State College. She is a New York State certified Dietitian-Nutritionist and, for 29 years, was employed by Nassau County as a dietitian.

Vera is an active member of the Brooklyn community. Since 1968, she participated in organizations such as the Stuyvesant Heights Lions Club and the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs ("NANBPWC"), Inc. Vera is widely recognized for her commitments. Among her list of accolades, she received the Lion Foundation's highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award; and the NANBPWC's highest honor, the Sojourner Truth Award.

Vera is extremely dedicated to the NANBPWC and Lions Club, serving both organizations in several capacities over the years. Vera's list of positions with the NANBPWC includes Third Vice President in charge of Youth

and Young Adult Clubs, Chairperson of Public Relations, and Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee. Her list of positions with the Lions Club includes Fundraising Chairperson, Chairperson for Membership and Retention, and Chairperson for the Afternoon of Elegance.

From 1993 to 2003, Vera served as Public Board Member of the University of the State of New York's Education Department. She was later reappointed to serve on the peer panel as an extended member until September 2013. Vera received an award of achievement and appreciation from the University of the State of New York's Education Department for this dedication. The award was signed by President Mills and the Commissioner of Education.

Vera is a member of the American College of Counselors and a member of the World Changers Church of New York. Vera is the wife of the late Franger Winn, Jr.; mother to two daughters, Franshone Winn-Amelemah, Esq. and Gale Winn Inlaw, Library Media Specialist; and mother-in law to Edward Amelemah, M.D. She is also grandmother of Win Inlaw and David Franger Amelemah.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Vera Winn.

UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL  
WORKERS LOCAL 135, LABOR  
UNION OF THE YEAR:

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very dedicated Labor organization that has distinguished itself in San Diego County.

In Labor, we realize that hard-fought victories can only be accomplished if we stand together to reach a common goal.

This is especially true when unions come together to stand up for issues that don't directly affect their membership. The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 135 is an example of how all unions can contribute to Labor's victories.

The blue and yellow of UFCW Local 135 can be seen at nearly every Labor Council event.

From precinct walks to rallies and job actions, UFCW Local 135 understands that Labor must stand up for each other in order for it to achieve success.

In the weeks leading up to June's primary election, at least a dozen UFCW Local 135 members volunteered for each precinct walk and weekly phone banks to protect union jobs in construction, an industry in which they have no members.

This was repeated in the fall as UFCW Local 135 strongly supported the election of Jerry Brown for governor.

This leadership by example was rewarded throughout 2010 as members from other unions supported UFCW Local 135's priority issue of requiring large big box retailers to prove they don't have a negative economic impact on neighborhoods.

The desire of other unions to write letters, make phone calls and attend community planning meetings was a result of the respect won by UFCW Local 135 for the solidarity they've shown other unions.

For their exemplary display of leadership and volunteerism, I join with the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council in honoring United Food and Commercial Workers Local 135 as 2011—San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council's Union of the Year.

PRO LIFE

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor notable women in America's history, like Alice Paul and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who fought to extend American rights and freedoms to every American citizen. These women, who played an integral role in extending the right for women to vote, held American ideals and standards in the highest regard. One of the principles that they considered to be sacred is the sanctity of life. Not only did America's founding women fight to ensure each and every citizen was vested with the unalienable rights granted by our Constitution, they also fought to preserve the life of every American, including the unborn.

Today, I firmly believe that the right to life needs to continue to be protected. As a pro life Member of Congress, I have made it a priority of mine to fight for the most vulnerable members of our society. I have been proud to uphold the sanctity of life by supporting legislation that affirms that life begins at the moment of conception, defunds Planned Parenthood and prohibits any federal funding from ever being used for abortions. I joined with my colleagues to repeal the government takeover of healthcare, which would overturn a 30 year bipartisan effort banning all federal dollars from being used for abortions.

I will continue to fight to preserve the America that these women fought for so hard, and this includes protecting the right to life for the unborn.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER DOUGLAS  
CASEY

**HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Firefighter Douglas Casey of Kent, New York for his steadfast commitment and dedication to our community as a forty year active member of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department. Firefighter Casey is a founding member of the Kent Fire Department and has remained active for the entirety of its existence. Firefighters like Mr. Casey have a crucial role in protecting our homes and families. It is because of committed volunteer firefighters like Mr. Casey that our communities have active emergency responders that come to our rescue in our times of need. Mr. Casey has a longstanding history of commitment to his community and his fellow firefighters. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Firefighter Douglas Casey for his 40 years of outstanding fire service.