

to pay their respects to the "Butter Cow Lady" on Friday July 1, 2011.

It is an honor to have personally seen and enjoyed the butter cow sculptures at the Iowa State Fair for years, and I know my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of the Mrs. Norma Duffield "Duffy" Stong Lyon.

A TRIBUTE TO WILMA CARTHAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Wilma Carthan for her service to and excellence throughout her community as a model citizen.

Ms. Wilma Carthan is an individual who understands and fully utilizes the opportunities provided by the Great Society programs. Ms. Carthan is a revered community leader who successfully raised six children as a single mother, and tirelessly worked her way from welfare recipient to social service executive.

Over a period of fifteen years anti-poverty programs assisted Ms. Carthan in obtaining a high school diploma, a Bachelor's Degree and a Masters Degree. A career which started as a neighborhood community action worker steadily changed into social worker positions. She became administrator of youth programs and eventually Director of Community Affairs, Marketing and Patient Advocacy at the Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center, one of the nation's oldest community health centers.

Because of her insights, team-work skills and bountiful grass roots wisdom, Wilma Carthan has been called upon to serve in many research studies, group counseling and community planning efforts. At Syracuse University she assisted in the study of violent criminal behavior, was a co-author of a book on criminology entitled *Pro-Social Gang: Implementing Aggression Replacement Training*. She served on the New York City Board of Education Board of Examiners and also was on teams evaluating Title I reimbursable programs. For two decades she served as chairperson of the Board of the 200 Central Avenue Day Care Center. She is the recipient of numerous honors and awards but the most appropriate and revealing one is the unofficial title conferred upon her once as "The First Lady of Brooklyn Community Action".

As she celebrates this 75th birthday Wilma Carthan is probably most proud of the success of her sons and daughters who, despite the hardships of poverty, have all become productive family builders with more than a dozen grandchildren now climbing the ladder to self-sufficiency as they fulfill their American dream. More than can be communicated with hundreds of slogans and thousands of words Wilma Carthan's life sends a message of revelation and how the highest returns are realized through our government's investment in our neediest citizens. With great admiration and appreciation we salute Wilma Carthan.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Wilma Carthan.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID
WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, Representatives GEORGE MILLER, BARBARA LEE, PETE STARK, JERRY MCNERNEY and I rise today to congratulate Mr. David Williams, Director of Wastewater for the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) on his election as the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

Mr. Williams is an accomplished leader and committed environmental steward. From his military service to this country and throughout his career in clean water, Mr. Williams has exemplified what it means to be a public servant. He is ideally suited for this national leadership position with NACWA and to helping ensure that California's and the Nation's clean water agencies are sustainable, that the environment we live in is consistently improving, and our public health is protected.

At EBMUD, Mr. Williams leads one of the nation's most advanced wastewater treatment facilities, providing services to approximately 650,000 people along 88 square miles of the east shore of San Francisco Bay in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Mr. Williams oversees a staff of roughly 300 professionals and technicians who are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the district's entire wastewater system.

Under Mr. Williams' leadership the district has led the industry through his innovative work on several notable programs: utilizing existing wastewater infrastructure to create a national model for recycling and energy creation; working with local dentists, universities and public schools to eliminate sources of mercury in the waterways; developing a partnership with Chevron to build the Richmond Advanced Recycled Expansion (RARE) Water Project; and creating dual plumbing ordinances requiring new development to plan for recycled water use.

Since joining others in founding NACWA 41 years ago, EBMUD has benefitted from its active engagement with the organization. A member of NACWA's Board of Directors since 2004, Mr. Williams has previously served as Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President for the organization and has been a member of many NACWA committees and workgroups. He has also been elected to serve on the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Board, a position he currently holds.

In addition to his work with NACWA, Mr. Williams has actively participated in local, regional, state and national professional organizations including the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, Bay Area Clean Water Agencies, TriTAC, Aquatic Science Center, the California Water Environment Association San Francisco Bay Section, and the Bay Area Dischargers Association.

David Williams has selflessly shared his time, passion, energy and ideas to carry out the objectives of the Clean Water Act and it is my sincere pleasure to ask our colleagues to join us in congratulating him on becoming the new president of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. Mr. Williams' contin-

ued efforts will ensure water quality progress for the San Francisco Bay Area, the State of California, and the Nation.

REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, there is no region of the world more critical to achieving peace and security for Americans than the Middle East, yet no series of interconnected issues that has been more complex or vexing.

Since coming to Congress I have been an advocate of stronger United States engagement to advance negotiations for a two-state solution and for a vision of a secure Israel and an independent Palestinian state living side by side.

I, along with the rest of Congress and the administration, share the goal of preventing a vote for Palestinian statehood in the United Nations this September. Such a course of action will not hasten the creation of an independent Palestine, and will undermine progress.

Unfortunately, the message delivered by H. Res. 268 was undercut by failing to present an evenhanded document. There was no acknowledgement of the administration's balanced approach to Middle East policy and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process in particular. The policy is consistent by political and historical standards—calling for a negotiated two-state solution along the 1967 borders with mutually agreed land swaps as the starting point in this dialogue. This is the language of current and previous U.S. administrations and was employed by the Israeli Prime Minister within the last year.

The resolution would have been more credible by mentioning the unfair comments of Benjamin Netanyahu during his recent visit to Washington. A mention of U.S. opposition to Israel's unilateral construction of settlements would get the attention of the Palestinians, who after all we are trying to influence.

To the extent that Congress is going to opine, it should do so in a balanced way. That is how we can move forward.

CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S HOSTING OF 2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Republic of Korea for winning the bid to host the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang. I have no doubt that Korea will be an excellent host, as it was for the 1988 Summer Olympics and for the 2002 World Cup. This honor recognizes how far Korea has emerged from the ashes of war into a giant in Asia and throughout the international community.