has been working extensively on livestock and fair issues for the last 17 years. Prior to his appointment, Bill was a former Stanislaus County Supervisor. He also worked for the USDA Undersecretary Earl Butz and served as a White House Intern in the Nixon Administration.

Bill is the current President of the California Poultry Federation where he manages the affairs of the meat poultry industry with emphasis in governmental relations, public affairs, public relations, animal welfare and marketing. He also works with agricultural and business groups throughout the West Coast as well as Washington, DC to promote and advocate for business and industry in California. Bill is known across the nation as a leader on poultry issues and his effectiveness has been critical to the success and growth of the California Poultry Federation.

Bill takes an active role in his local community in addition to his commitments with the California Poultry Federation. He is a past chairman of the Doctors Medical Center Board of Governors, Past President of the Stanislaus State University Foundation Board, member of the Dean's Advisory Board of the School of Agriculture at the University of California, Davis, Executive Committee Member of the Valley Coalition for UC Merced's Medical School, Former President of the Newman Rotary and the Newman Chamber of Commerce, and Former California Chairman of the National Newspaper Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring my good friend, Mr. Bill Mattos, for his leadership, dedication, and outstanding service to our community and the California Poultry Federation.

HONORING BARBARA HAILE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and celebrate a dedicated public servant and my longtime staffer and friend, Barbara Haile.

Barbara Haile would make a good book. Each chapter could start with, "When I had dinner with . . ." Unfortunately, many of those passages would be left out because she could recognize their faces but not always their names. Some dinner stories would start with professional athletes, such as Baseball Hall of Famers Willie Mays and Willie McCovey or they would end with after dinner taxi rides with people like Norman Mailer arguing with one of his many wives. If you drop a name of an iconic American in the last half century, it's a good bet Barbara knew them or at least had dinner with them.

Her life story took her from Jamaica to the United Nations in New York, to Saudi Arabia to San Francisco during the late 60s, eventually landing in San Luis Obispo with her husband Allen Haile and two children, Jonathan and Courtney.

And speaking of books, Barbara can recite the Good Book from memory and may break out singing an old-time hymnal, though she would never describe herself as a religious woman, just the product of a traditional Jamaican upbringing. Whether the results of her traditional Jamaican work ethic or her life experiences she could also write a how-to on helping those in need.

The consummate caseworker, Barbara's name is known throughout federal government agencies. If you work in one of my offices and have the occasion to speak with a Federal social service agency you will eventually be asked, "Oh, Representative Capps's office. Do you work with Barbara Haile?" It is not because she had dinner with these folks but because she is a caseworker extraordinaire who found ways to help people who had given up hope.

Barbara Haile was the last hope for many people facing walls of bureaucracy and red tape or those without options until she authored one of her countless letters. Her tenacity for helping those in need likely led to officials trying to find a way to help because they knew she would not go away. While her countless stories of finding homeless veterans a place to live, getting seniors needed healthcare or assisting immigrants to become American citizens are confidential, the volume of files on her cases would make Superman, possibly a dinner guest, cringe at moving her cabinets to make room for more.

Barbara will be sorely missed not only by me but by the entire community of the Central Coast of California. Not only has her hard work helped countless constituents but she is a true example of a dedicated public servant. Her service and diligence to both me and my late husband Walter—and, most importantly, to the constituents we serve—will not be forgotten. I am honored to have worked with her, and proud to call her my friend.

CONGRATULATING BECKWOOD SERVICES, INC. ON RECEIVING THE RAYTHEON FIVE STAR SUPPLIER EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Beckwood Services, Inc. on receiving the Raytheon Five Star Supplier Excellence Award. This is truly a prestigious honor as only fourteen other suppliers have been recognized at the five star level for their excellence in on time delivery measures, sustained performance on quality, and commitment to continuous process and quality improvement. They have stood out time and again as a great company and a leader in the defense industry for both New Hampshire and the country.

New Hampshire is proud to have them in Plaistow, furthering their work and adding to the local community. Most importantly, we are honored to have Beckwood Services supporting the mission of our service men and women in the United States Armed Forces. Your work helps support their mission and keeps them safe, and we are grateful that our military is supported by the quality products you manufacture.

I congratulate Beckwood Services, Inc. for receiving this award and for their outstanding leadership in the field of defense systems. I wish you all the best for continued success in the future.

RECOGNITION OF REX FERRY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you this evening in recognition of a truly great American, Rex Ferry, who has served as President of Valley Electrical Consolidated, Inc. and Evets Electrical, both headquartered in Girard, Ohio. I wish to recognize him for his extraordinary service, for the past 3 years, serving as President of the National Electrical Contractors Association, NECA.

There are many things that impress and amaze me about Rex Ferry. First among them is that he grew up in the trade and worked hard to build up the necessary resources and assets to eventually own his own company and become an electrical contractor. He began his career as an apprentice with the IBEW Local 573 in Warren, Ohio. He worked in many areas of electrical construction and purchased Valley Electrical in 1990 and later added Evets Electric to his management portfolio in 2006.

Also high on the list of Rex's strong attributes are his family and his faith. He has been married to Mary, his high school sweetheart, for over 30 years. Additionally, his company is family-owned and operated as his daughter and sons-in-law all work for his company.

There is an old saying that leaders rise up in times of crisis and if that saying holds true, there is no one I know who has demonstrated a capacity to lead through difficult times quite like Rex Ferry. NECA and its member companies were not and are not immune to the challenging economic times with construction nearly grinding to a halt. I know this has weighed on him tremendously during his tenure. But as I've grown to enjoy Rex's company over the past years, I've known him to be one of the most optimistic business leaders around.

I know he has appeared at many local and national NECA meetings where he has been called upon to deliver one of his infamous 'pep' talks where groups became accustomed to his legendary "Magic Wand." He welcomes the opportunity to report on the significant challenges not only facing his company, but also, the electrical contracting industry. He has challenged business leaders from around the country to adapt to a changing economic environment. He has implemented a variety of changes at NECA including, but not limited to, creation of focus groups to bring out the youth movement, what he refers to as future leaders, and to encourage women, through installation of a women's peer group, to learn about opportunities in the electrical industry.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that his tenure will expire at the end of this year where the leadership reins will turn over to another capable Ohioan, Dennis Quebe, of Dayton. I'm honored to recognize Rex this evening for his incredible leadership, his passion, his vision, and for his continued friendship.