COMMENDING LEICESTER CARPET SALES ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leicester Carpet Sales on 40 years of successful business and commend them for recently committing to only selling products made by American workers. With that commitment, Leicester Carpet Sales became western North Carolina's first All-American flooring store.

Leicester Carpet Sales was founded in 1971, by Mr. JB Snelson, a Vietnam veteran, and his wife. After starting the business in their home, Mr. Snelson and his wife moved the store twice to accommodate the demand for their expert craftsmanship and high-quality customer service. Mr. and Mrs. Snelson retired in 1995 and entrusted the store to their son Brad Snelson.

After taking ownership over the company at the young age of 21, Brad Snelson kept his parents' tradition of excellent customer service. He moved the company to its current location in Asheville and opened another facility in Hendersonville.

Leicester Carpet Sales has proven to be an important element in western North Carolina. By giving back to the community and helping to sponsor the Crossfire Christian Ministry, Mr. Brad Snelson continues to reflect Christian values in the family company. With his morals leading the way, the company recently announced its decision to exclusively sell American made products. Leicester Carpet Sales hopes this move will raise the morale for supporting American jobs, products, and the economy.

Leicester Carpet Sales has shown extraordinary dedication to our community and has had an indelible impact in western North Carolina. I am proud to represent Leicester Carpet Sales and the Snelson family. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 40 years of this company and their remarkable commitment to their community and country.

HONORING FORT LUPTON, COLORADO

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175th anniversary of the founding of Fort Lupton, Colorado.

The city was originally founded as a trading fort by LT Lancaster Platt Lupton. The post thrived as trappers bought furs and other supplies from Native American tribes.

Settlement around the fort continued throughout the mid 19th-Century and the town of Fort Lupton was incorporated by 1889.

By the 1900s, Fort Lupton was transformed from a simple trading post to a thriving community with a rich agricultural economy.

With the addition of strong oil and gas industries moving into the area, Fort Lupton flourished into a vibrant town in Eastern Colorado.

However, when the manufacturing community moved to Fort Lupton, the old Fort had to be torn down to accommodate the growth. There are very few original artifacts remaining from the original foundation.

To coincide with the 175th anniversary, the South Platte Valley Historical Society worked to create an exact replica of the adobe fort that was originally built in 1837. It will open to the public as part of the 175th anniversary celebration.

I am proud to recognize this historic city on their 175th anniversary. Many people of Eastern Colorado call Fort Lupton their home.

HONORING HUGH L. CAREY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Hugh L. Carey, former Governor of New York, Member of Congress and decorated World War II veteran, who passed away on August 7, 2011.

Governor Carey's life is truly indicative of what it means to be an American. His accomplishments were many, and I know he will be remembered as one of the greatest New Yorkers in history.

Born to first-generation Irish immigrants, the Governor at an early age dedicated his life to serving his city, State and country. As a member of the U.S. Infantry's 104th Division during World War II, Carey and his unit courageously helped liberate the citizens of France, Belgium and the Netherlands, as well as the prisoners of the Nordhausen concentration camp. After returning from the war, he finished his undergraduate and law degrees at St. John's University in New York City, and in 1961, Governor Carey was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he represented the people of New York until 1974.

In addition to his many successes serving as a Congressman, most New Yorkers admire him for his role in saving the city and State of New York from fiscal insolvency during the economic crisis of the 1970s. During a period of great economic uncertainty, Governor Carey had the insight, fortitude and wisdom to make the tough decisions to repair New York's finances. Employing a system of shared sacrifice, Governor Carey brought labor, industry and government together to the negotiating table to hammer out an agreement that pulled the city back from the brink of insolvency. As a leader during some of New York's darkest times, his willingness to make the difficult choices and bring disparate parties to the bargaining table should be an example to leaders today.

The Governor had far too many other accomplishments to list them all. However, a common thread connected all of his efforts—from his work to promote peace in the North of Ireland to his efforts at expanding aid to students in need, the Governor always put the people of New York first. Because of his commitment, his perseverance and his love of New York, the impact of his life is felt today by all New Yorkers. We will all miss a great American and true son of New York, Governor Hugh L. Carey.

A TRIBUTE TO ANN AND RICHARD MARSHALL ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary couple, Ann and Dick Marshall, as they celebrate a great milestone in their lives on September 9, 2011—fifty years of marriage.

They are the proud and devoted parents of Katie, Richard and Kristin; the loving grandparents of eight grandchildren—Annie, Gabriel and Lochan Flaherty; Seph, Tonnan and Raffi Marshall-Burgardt; and Owen and Fiona Marshall-Young. They are also the terrific mother and father-in-law to John Flaherty, Madeline Marshall and Paul Young.

Ann Dillon and Dick Marshall met at St. David's School in New York as they were each pursing their careers in education. They were married in 1961, at St. Augustine Church in Larchmont, New York, and went on to build a storied life, filled to the brim with children, grandchildren, educational pursuits, a love for learning and the betterment of humankind, nourished by the deep faith they share.

Ann and Dick made their home in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where Dick taught Russian and Russian literature at the University of Toronto, and Ann taught ESL to generations of immigrants.

One of their great loves is their farm—Valley Haven—where Dick, the gardener extraordinaire, raises hundreds of varieties of daffodils, taps his own maple syrup, raises turkeys, and makes his own wine.

Ann and Dick are avid readers, travelers and adventurers. Dick cooks marvelous meals and Ann lights all the candles, and together they light up everyone's life and the world around them.

The Marshalls are devoted parishioners of Holy Rosary Church, and it is there, with their entire family, that they will celebrate 50 years of marriage at Mass.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Ann and Dick Marshall on their 50th wedding anniversary, and pay tribute to them for the integrity of their lives together—for their extraordinary work as parents, grandparents and educators, and for being a source of joy and inspiration to me and countless others for so many years.

HONORING TINO ADAME

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished service of Tino Adame—Marine, Vietnam veteran, and 15-year Commander of the American Legion Karl Ross Post 16 in Stockton, California. I am proud to know Tino and have seen firsthand how hard he works on behalf of the men and women who served our country. He is a passionate