

Project to serve young girls who are “ethnically underrepresented in the college system” by bringing in the best community resources to help them. She personally mentored many of the girls herself.

Susan also found the time over the years to take leadership roles in the local chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Women’s Justice Center (Roseland), Worth our Weight (for kids timing out of foster care), and Friends of Graton Rancheria (support of a Native American tribe).

Her upbringing in Port Arthur, TX, and a background as a teacher likely contributed to both Susan’s resolve and her understanding that education is the path to a better a life. She also counted on the support of the No Name Women’s group, formed in the 1980s with other strong local women who wanted not only to network and support each other, but also to promote progressive candidates and causes. Susan was always willing to make the phone calls to urge the group forward, and today she still makes the calls to an expanded group addressing a broad range of issues, from the Governor’s race to astrophysics. I am proud to have had the group’s support over the years as we addressed the same causes.

Susan Moore cannot be described without mentioning how much fun she is to work with. When her name is mentioned in a group, you will hear chuckles and someone will always say, “Did you hear about the time Susan . . .?” Although she doesn’t take “no” for an answer when she has an issue in her sights, Susan makes people feel that they are willingly joining her in a great adventure. She even learned tap dancing with a group of women who worked on a routine to tap for women’s rights in a Santa Rosa Rose Parade.

Mr. Speaker, Susan Moore is an inspiring role model who makes our community a better place. Please join me in congratulating her on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Award from Roseland School District.

HONORING GARLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL MAGNET SCHOOL ON RECEIVING A 2012 GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the teachers, administrators and students of Garlough Environmental Magnet School in West St. Paul, Minnesota which has been named a recipient of the first annual U.S. Department of Education’s Green Ribbon Schools Award. On behalf of the families in Minnesota’s Fourth District, I am proud to extend my sincere congratulations to Garlough Environmental Magnet School.

The Fourth Congressional District of Minnesota is fortunate to be home to many schools that deliver high quality environmental education. For the past five years, Garlough Environmental Magnet School has been a leader, setting the standard for environmental excellence, winning high praise and numerous accolades throughout the State and Nation while nearly doubling its enrollment in the process. Part of their success is due to out-

standing community partnerships that enable students to get out-of-classroom learning experiences. One of the cornerstone partnerships is with the Dodge Nature Center. Starting in 2007, Garlough teamed up with the conveniently located community nature center to provide students outdoor learning opportunities. The nature sanctuary serves as a 320-acre living science lab where students can participate in field studies, use scientific equipment in biological measuring, and study the sanctuary’s beehives and farms. Garlough’s combination of a targeted curriculum with outside learning opportunities has produced natural experiences that have enhanced students’ intellectual, social, emotional and physical development.

Garlough Elementary is a natural choice for the first-ever round of the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Awards. In September 2011, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Education initiated a new federal-recognition program that honored schools implementing environmentally-friendly policies. The selection process targets schools that exercise a comprehensive approach to creating green environments though reducing environmental impact, promoting health, and ensuring high quality environmental and outdoor education. The Green Ribbon Award highlights the necessity of educating our students in preparation for the 21st century global economy, an economy that will rely more on green industry and technology.

As our Nation continues on into the 21st century, our global competitiveness will be tied into jobs that center on technology, science, math, and renewable energy development. To ensure that the United States continues to be an international leader, schools must create engaging curriculum that focuses on preparing students for success. Garlough Environmental Magnet School sets a great example for this strategy.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of Garlough Environmental Magnet School’s recognition as a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School.

HONORING BISHOP H. H. BROOKINS

**HON. JANICE HAHN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bishop H. H. Brookins, who passed away on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the age of 86.

Bishop Brookins was a giant in the Los Angeles community and in the African Methodist Episcopal, A.M.E. Church both nationally and internationally. He was a leader among leaders who had a knack for creating historic “firsts.” Bishop Brookins is credited for identifying former LAPD Lieutenant Tom Bradley as the preferred candidate to run for Los Angeles City Council in 1963, and for spearheading Bradley’s victory as Los Angeles’s first African-American Council member, and again 10 years later as the city’s first African-American Mayor.

Another Brookins “first” was the co-founding of the United Civil Rights Council, organizing

75 groups to help the Black community recover from the 1965 Watts Riots. Bishop Brookins served as the first President of UCRC, and later was a founding Board Member of Rev. Jesse Jackson’s People United to Serve Humanity, also known as Operation PUSH.

Born Hamel Hartford Brookins in Yazoo City, Mississippi on June 8, 1925, the seventh of 10 children of sharecroppers, he first attended Campbell College in Jackson, Mississippi. There he became pastor of his first church with fewer than 20 members. By 1954, H. H. Brookins was a minister in Wichita, Kansas, where he was elected the first black president of the 200-member Interracial Ministerial Council and led religious and civic leaders in uniting communities following the Supreme Court’s order to desegregate the Topeka, Kansas public schools. Bishop Brookins also was famous for his leadership in the struggle to end Apartheid in South Africa.

The H.H. Brookins legend in Los Angeles centers around his extraordinary accomplishments as Pastor of First A.M.E. Church, whose storied multi-million dollar sanctuary lies in the historic West Adams district, having started with an \$8 building fund. First A.M.E.’s congregation now has nearly 20,000 members, a community development corporation, senior housing, and much more. Although he has passed from this life, Bishop H.H. Brookins lives on in the ministries of First A.M.E., and in all of us who loved and admired him.

I offer my sincere condolences to Bishop Brookins’ wife, the Rev. Rosalynn Kyle Brookins, his two sons, Sir-Wellington Hartford Brookins and Steven Hartford Brookins, and his daughter, the Rev. Francine A. Brookins.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA GREEN

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 30, 2012*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to an outstanding philanthropist and entrepreneur, Martha Green. On June 9, 2012, Martha will be honored with the Tzedakah Award from the Congregation Emanu El for her commitment to charity and passion for bettering her community.

Martha was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina, where she learned to love cooking. Martha moved to California, where she has owned several cooking schools and kitchen stores in Redlands, Las Vegas, and San Bernardino.

In 1974, Martha began her first cooking class the back of her husband’s mattress store, where she taught a class on microwave cooking. In 1978, she expanded her cooking classes and opened a cooking equipment store in Redlands, California. Since beginning her first cooking classes, Martha has opened the bakery, Dough’Lectibles and the restaurant, The Eating Room in downtown Redlands.

Martha’s expertise and creativity in cooking has helped her gain widespread recognition throughout the Inland Empire. Martha has combined her passion for cooking with her drive for helping the local community by hosting approximately 30 fundraising cooking