

HONORING EULAH LAUCKS

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 27, 1999*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues an extraordinary woman, who was honored by family and friends on October 22nd as she celebrated her 90th birthday in Santa Barbara, California.

Eulah Laucks has become a good friend and mentor to me, and I want to mention just a few of her many accomplishments. Eulah was born on October 23, 1909 in Goldhill, Nevada. After completing high school, she worked for six years at a Tuberculosis Sanatorium to pay for her own college education. Her hard work paid off and in 1933 she began her studies in journalism at the University of Washington. Eulah had a very successful college career and in 1936, during her last year in school, she traveled to Italy to study. Eulah soon became fascinated with the people and the turbulent changes in government that were taking place in Europe.

In 1942, Eulah married Irving Laucks, whom she met while working in the public relations department of the chemical analysis lab he owned in Seattle. In 1964 the Laucks moved to Santa Barbara. Irving soon began work as a consultant for the Santa Barbara Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions. When Irving left the Center, Eulah continued this important work, where she served on the board in 1966 with my husband, Walter Capps. Eulah's passion for knowledge and commitment to learning did not end in college or with her work at UCSB. In 1979 at the age of 70, she earned a Ph.D. in Family Studies. Her research culminated in a book, "The Meaning of Children in Contemporary America," which she published shortly after receiving her degree. In 1996, Eulah completed another book about her childhood memories in Nevada mining country.

Mr. Speaker, as impressive as any complete accounting of Eulah's life would be, it would not do justice to the long lasting and immeasurable contributions she has made in Santa Barbara. I find myself to be exceptionally fortunate to be a friend of Eulah Laucks. She is an incredibly progressive, strong willed, and independent person. Eulah was also very close to my husband, Walter Capps. I know that they often encouraged and supported one another in their faith and commitment to others. He valued her insight and wisdom immensely.

Eulah Laucks will continue to commit much of her energy to the values and ideals that she loves—the well-being of children, education for all, world peace, and protecting our environment. I am truly honored to represent Eulah Laucks in Washington and to incorporate her ideals in my work as a citizen representative.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY SERVICE  
HONOREES OF THE JAPANESE  
AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE**HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Community Service Honorees of the Japanese American Citizens League. On Thursday, December 9th, the JACL will host a recognition dinner to honor these citizens' outstanding contributions to their community. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting this special occasion.

This year's first nominee for service to the Nikkei community is Midori Hiyama. A long time faculty member and head of the English Department at Sacramento City College, she is being recognized for many decades of service to the Sacramento Japanese American community in the academic field. Along with Henry Taketa and others, she built up the Sacramento JACL Scholarship Program to the largest such program at the chapter level.

Next, the JACL will honor Percy and Gladys Masaki. The late Percy Masaki and his wife Gladys have dedicated many years of service to the Sacramento JACL, especially during the early formation of the local chapter. Their contributions included providing many years of rent-free space and committing thousands of hours of volunteer time. Their volunteer efforts focused in the areas of coordination of community events and the publishing and distribution of the chapter newsletters.

Another esteemed honoree will be Shigeru Shimazu. Known simply as Shig, Mr. Shimazu is being honored for his forty years of invaluable service to the Sacramento Nikkei community. He has remained a consistently active and productive member of the Japanese American community. Although he is not always openly visible during his participation in community functions, his contributions during the past decades have been outstanding.

The Sacramento JACL would also like to recognize the contributions of the Union Bank of California. Union Bank will represent the corporate honoree at this year's Community Service Recognition Dinner. This financial institution has remained supportive of the JACL and many other Japanese American organizations in the entire state.

The contributions of the Union Bank of California have extended beyond the JACL to areas such as various churches, tanoshimi kais, the Asian Community Nursing Home, Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce, and public television's Channel 6. Their policy of service charge free accounts to all non-profit organizations has been appreciated.

In addition, Anne Rudin has been selected for recognition. The former mayor of Sacramento will be the only non-Nikkei honoree of 1999. She has been extremely active in the Japanese American community for the past three decades. Not only was she the first Honorary Chair of Matsuyama-Sacramento Sister City Corporation, but she has traveled to Japan several times as a delegate to the Japan-U.S. Mayors Conference and as a

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member of the Sacramento contingent to the Sister City conferences.

The last nominee of this year's banquet will be James Maddock and the Sacramento Bee. Mr. Maddock of the FBI and the Sacramento Bee (represented by Howard Weaver) are being nominated for their support during the recent arson attacks on three Jewish synagogues. Because of their intensive and active support during the aftermath of these terrible events, the citizens of the Sacramento area have rallied together in opposition to such hate crimes.

Mr. Speaker, as these exceptional people and organizations are honored by the Japanese American Citizens League, I am proud to give my heart-felt endorsement. These people and organizations have all contributed immensely to the betterment of the Japanese American community in Sacramento. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing the honorees and the JACL continued success in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE ON THE 11TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF PATIENT REC-  
OGNITION DAY**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on October 7, 1999, for the 11th year in a row, the Board of Visitors of the Bronx Psychiatric Center held its "Patient Recognition Day."

This day recognizes those who have significantly progressed on the path toward eventual discharge back to the community, and have made a positive impact on the lives of their peers in their wards.

The dedication of the professional staff at Bronx Psychiatric Center has contributed to the recovery process of the patients by putting great care and pride in their work.

The family and friends of the patients who lend so much support and understanding are also recognized, but the greatest honor is reserved for the patients who, in having trusted and worked with the staff, have made great strides on their journey towards recovery.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 11th anniversary of Patient Recognition Day at the Bronx Psychiatric Center, I would like to recognize Samuel Lopez, the President of the Board of Visitors, as well as Sylvia Lask, Nellie Neazer, and Richard Somer who oversee the center, as well as the patients.

HONORING MICHAEL BERRY ON  
HIS RETIREMENT**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and congratulate a very close friend as he marks the close of a very significant chapter of his life: practice law.

Michael Berry has served as a model of community leadership throughout his career