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ness and compassion, whether treating the sick, saving lives, making house calls or deliv-
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low of the American Academy of Family Physi-
cians, as a Diplomat of the American Board of
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well as a competent physician, Dr. Lyle has
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P.R.S.O. Chairman and charter member of the
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Medical Corps of the Naval Reserve.
Dr. Ruth Kaufman also selflessly served the
people of the City of Versailles and Morgan
County as a family physician with the Gunn
Clinic from 1949 until her retirement on August
2, 1996. In her first year of practice, she per-
formed 65 home deliveries. She served as a
member of the American Medical Association,
the Missouri State Medical Association, and
was both a member and fellow of the Ameri-
can Academy of Family Physicians. She, too,
was active in the community as Methodist
Civic Chairman, Morgan County Coroner,
Medical Director at Good Shepherd Nursing
and Family Planning doctor at the Morgan
County Health Center. She was also involved
with Girl Scouting and was a charter member
of the Rolling Hills Country Club.
Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of
the House will join me in paying tribute to these
fine Missourians for their unselfish dedication
to the people and community of Versailles,
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Mr. Speaker, the greatness of our nation
rests in its diversity: the diversity of its ideas,
the diversity of its experiences, and, above all,
the diversity of its peoples. America’s institu-
tions are constantly being reinvigorated by
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nities, with their distinct but equally wondrous
values, and the unique cultures that fuse
fuses together to form a magnificent social
mosaic, one made bolder and more dynamic
by the contributions of citizens of diverse
national origins. We learn from each other, and
we share with each other the dividends of our
different experiences.
Throughout the month of May, we celebrate
the achievements of millions of Americans by
commemorating Asian/Pacific American Herit-
age Month. This year’s theme, “Celebrating
Our Legacy,” calls attention to the extraor-
dinary gifts that Asian and Pacific Americans have bestowed upon our nation. From the sci-
entific community to the sports world, from the
arts to the Internet, the perseverance and pa-
triotism of Asian and Pacific Americans add to
this country’s greatness.

Internet pioneers such as Jerry Yang pre-
pare our economy for the twenty-first century,
while Dr. David Ho leads the crusade against
one of the new millennium’s most alarming
dangers: AIDS. Congressman Bob Matsu-
si and Congresswoman Patsy Mink stand at the
forefront of our government’s fight for civil
rights and social justice, and respected ABC
news correspondent Connie Chung keeps
America informed about these challenges and
others with her insightful investigative report.
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sive discrimination in the form of restrictive
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example of this bigotry involved the forced de-
tention of Japanese-Americans during World
War II, when innocent men, women, and chil-
dren were expelled from their homes and ban-
ished to camps in remote parts of the country.
This outrage remains a permanent stain on the
history of the American people, sullying an
other of simultaneous support for human
rights and individual dignity.

While the American government officially
questioned the patriotism of Japanese-Ameri-
cans on our West Coast, other Japanese-
Americans serving in our nation’s armed
forces in remote corners of the globe were
demonstrating the fallacy of such unjust
judgments. During the Second World War, the
Japanese-American 100th Infantry Battalion
and 442nd Regimental Combat units earned
more than 18,000 medals for bravery and
valor in battle—52 Distinguished Service
Crosses, 660 Silver Stars, and 9,480 Purple
Hearts. The 442nd remains to this day the most
decorated combat team of its size in the
history of the United States Army. Yet, while
the brave soldiers of these units were risking
their lives to preserve freedom, the govern-
ment for which they so courageously fought
was evicting their family members from their
homes and communities.

Mr. Speaker, this is only one of a multitude
of examples of Asian and Pacific Americans
completing the hurdles of prejudice and dis-

