

Rights advocacy. It is from this position that he has spent the last 25 years continuing to work hard to protect the civil rights of all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 25 years of his distinguished legal career, Bill Lann Lee has been an advocate for civil rights enforcement, leading the fight for health care accessibility, public transportation equity, fair employment and housing rights and school desegregation. He worked for the NAACP since 1974 and the Center for Law in the Public Interests since 1983 where he served for five years as supervising attorney for Civil Rights Litigation. Among his most noteworthy victories are a 1985 case that provided housing for Los Angeles area residents displaced by the Century Freeway; a 1987 case that broke down barriers to the hiring and promotion of women and minorities at Lucky Stores, a retail chain in California; and a 1991 case that led to the expansion of California's efforts to screen underprivileged children for lead poisoning.

On December 15, 1997, Bill Lann Lee was appointed Acting Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Department of Justice. In this position, he has worked to strengthen our nation's hate crime laws, make society accessible to Americans with disabilities, fight housing discrimination, and protect reproductive health care providers and combat modern day slavery. His accomplishments as Acting Assistant Attorney General have been remarkable, and that taken together with his previous accomplishments in the NAACP and the Center for Law in the Public Interests make him an excellent choice for Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Lann Lee has established a remarkable record of service as Acting Assistant Attorney General, and it is most fitting that President Clinton made the recess appointment of Mr. Lee as Assistant Attorney General because of his deep commitment to protecting the civil rights of all Americans. Bill Lann Lee deserves to serve in this position, but more importantly, our country needs to have Bill Lann Lee in this post.

Mr. Speaker, I commend President Clinton for appointing Bill Lann Lee to the post of Assistant Attorney General, and I applaud the appointment of the first Asian-American to America's top civil rights post.

HONORING MACLOVIO MARTINEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize the outstanding service of the Honorable Maclovio Martinez, of Costilla County, Colorado. Mr. Martinez is retiring after two decades of service as Costilla County Assessor. Before serving the great state of Colorado, Maclovio began his public service with the State Department in the Foreign Service, where he served for eight years in Paraguay.

Mr. Martinez's achievements as a public servant are many in number. As Assessor, he helped to form the Costilla County Conser-

vancy District, serving as its president. He also served as a member of the then Colorado Gov. Roy Romer's Cost Containment Committee, as well as Chairman of the San Luis Valley Health Care Foundation and president of the San Luis Museum.

Maclovio has served his community admirably and has ensured that Costilla County and its surrounding communities are a better place to live. His outstanding commitment to public service will be missed and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

On behalf of the citizens of Costilla County and the United States Congress, Maclovio I thank you for your contributions.

IN HONOR OF ROSE MARIE LOVANO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember Rose Marie Lovano, a woman who dedicated her life to improving her community and the lives of those who lived in it.

While Rose was active in her community it was through politics that she felt that she could best help those around her. Rose believed in politics as a tool to help improve people's lives. Rose's long and distinguished career in public service started in 1960, as precinct committeewoman. Rose went on to serve as president of the Garfield Heights Democratic Club and has been a ward leader since 1981. Rose has also been awarded the distinct honor of representing her community at every Democratic National Convention since 1980.

Born in Cleveland, Rose, before her career in politics, served as a dedicated union member throughout her working life. She joined Bakery Workers Local 19, during her six years working for J. Spang Baking Co., then joined the Upholsterers Union during her seven years working for Kroehler Furniture. Rose went on to work for Greyhound Bus Lines, and was a steward in Local 1517 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, serving also as president of the Greyhound credit union.

Politics was Rose's true passion. Rose is a true example of how politics can serve the needs of the people, and benefit people's lives. Rose never turned her back on any of her constituents. Residents would constantly call her at the home she shared with her family, and Rose would never turn her back on them. If she couldn't help she would find others who could. Rose's life serves as model, to all, of how politics can be used as a tool of good, to help the people who often need it the most.

Mr. Speaker, on a personal note, I knew Rose, and the dedication, passion, and persistence that she brought to politics, and her life long commitment to helping others has had a profound effect on my life. It is for this reason, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of this truly remarkable human being who dedicated her life to helping others.

IN HONOR OF EII, INC., AT THE INFENIUM BAYWAY CHEMICAL PLANT, FOR RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM OSHA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STAR VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAMS (VPP)

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor EII, Inc., at the Bayway Infenium Chemical Plant, located in Linden, New Jersey, for its exceptional employee safety and health programs.

EII, Inc.'s recent approval for participation in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) is a testament to a company that puts the well-being of its employees above the careless and irresponsible desire to increase profits at all costs—rare behavior at a time when profits often seem more important than people.

EII, Inc. is an electrical contractor providing maintenance and process support at the Infenium Chemical Plant, a VPP Star for five years running. EII, Inc.'s employees, all represented by their respective trade unions, include electricians, pipefitters, millrights, and carpenters. Each employee has been incremental in OSHA's evaluation and approval of EII, Inc.

OSHA's recognition of EII, Inc. is the result of a special relationship that has developed between management and employees, a relationship established by the management's commitment to the safety and health of the hard working men and women at EII, Inc.

In addition, EII, Inc. is the only electrical contractor to receive VPP approval, with less than 20 construction companies participating nation-wide—only two of which are in New Jersey.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me as I honor EII, Inc., a company that truly understands the safety needs of its employees, and a company that puts people before profits.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL "MITCH" BOICH, FOUNDER OF THE BOICH COMPANIES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mitch Boich who passed away on August 25, 2000. Mitch was the founder of the Boich Companies and a man of tremendous vision who never lost his sense of tradition.

Mitch was a native of Steubenville, Ohio who served in the Army after graduating from Wintersville High School in 1944. After the war, he attended the Ohio State University.

Since the late 1940's, Mitch founded several successful businesses in construction, coal mining and related industries. He and his wife of nearly 50 years, Doris Jean, have three