

EPSILON CHAPTER OF DELTA
KAPPA GAMMA RECOGNIZED
FOR EXCELLENCE

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor an exceptional group of women in my community, the members of the Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Established on May 11, 1929, in Austin, TX, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society is an international honorary society of over 150,000 key women educators residing throughout the United States and Europe. In South Florida, the Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society began in 1938, when women banded together in sisterhood to uphold the role of women teachers. I am proud to say that the organization is today thriving in South Florida, and I congratulate Marian Krutulis for her tireless devotion and hard work while serving as president from 1996-98.

This sisterhood of devoted women educators and philanthropists has truly been a great asset to many in my community. The women of the Epsilon Chapter have achieved this role by striving to advance the professional interest and position of women in education, and by honoring South Florida's women who have evidenced distinctive service in any field of education. The Epsilon Chapter has also provided the same shining guidance to our community's schools where these women have committed themselves to the support and initiation of desirable legislation. Furthermore, through the endowment of scholarship aid to outstanding women educators pursuing graduate work, they are taking positive steps to invest in our community's future, educational excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in applauding these outstanding women who have devoted themselves wholeheartedly. Their cause is noble and their dedication has brightened the future of many women and students in our community.

TRIBUTE TO WARREN-CENTER
LINE-STERLING HEIGHTS CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE INDUCTEES

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize three community leaders as they are honored by the Warren-Center Line-Sterling Heights Chamber of Commerce. The first annual inductees into the Macomb Foundation's Hall of Fame are three individuals who have made outstanding contributions to improving the economic and community life of Macomb County: Tarik Daoud, owner of Al Long Ford in Warren; Gerald Elson, on behalf of General Motors Corp, and Mark Steenbergh, mayor of the city of Warren.

Mr. Tarik Daoud, owner of Al Long Ford in Warren, is honored for his long-standing com-

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mitment to the community. He is an active member of the local Chamber of Commerce and serves on the board of directors. Mr. Daoud is involved with the Lion's Club, has supported local high school sports programs and has served on the planning board of the Warren YMCA.

Mr. Gerald Elson, currently the vice president of General Motors and general manager of operations for the North American Car Group, and General Motors Corp., are being recognized and honored for their commitment to investing in the economic fabric of the city of Warren. The recent \$1.2 billion investment in the Warren Tech Center will make it a premier international facility and help to solidify Warren's long-term economic vibrance.

And, finally, the Chamber recognizes a dedicated public servant, an individual committed to serving the residents of the city in which he was born and raised. Under Mayor Mark Steenbergh's leadership, the former tank plant is being transformed into an attractive and accessible industrial park, a project I had the pleasure to work on with him. Mark is also striving to improve the quality of life of Warren residents by pursuing plans to improve city services, rebuild older neighborhoods, and fashion a new community center for all the residents to enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tarik Daoud, Gerald Elson, General Motors, and Mark Steenbergh for their years of dedication and devotion to the people of our community.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A.
STEVENSON, JR.

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Edward A. Stevenson, Jr., an outstanding individual who dedicated his life to public service. He was honored on November 19 by family, friends, and public officials for his outstanding contributions to the community with a street renaming in his honor. This is a fitting tribute for a man who has given so much to our community.

The Honorable Edward A. Stevenson, Jr. was the only child of the distinguished former Assemblyman Edward A. Stevenson, Sr., who was the first Caribbean-American to serve in the New York State Assembly, representing the 78th Assembly District in the Morrisania section of the Bronx. He was also a founder of the Jackson Democratic Club in the South Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, like his father, Edward Stevenson, Jr. was an active public servant in the Democratic party both in the Bronx and city-wide. He became a District Leader in the 78th A.D. and managed several political campaigns.

Under his leadership in the early 1970's, the Bronx Shepard's Restoration Corporation, composed of more than 100 religious organizations committed to rebuilding the Bronx, was founded. He understood the need for the rehabilitation and construction of new housing

projects for the homeless, the elderly, and low- and moderate-income families, as well as in facilitating educational opportunities for our youth. He also served as Chairman of the Neighborhood Advisory Board and as a member of Community Board 9. In 1990, he founded Envirogard Corporation, a real estate enterprise to pursue residential property management. Stevenson Jr. also managed the 972-unit Lafayette-Boydton housing complex in the Soundview community.

Mr. Speaker, as cofounder of Voters Organized To Educate and Register (V.O.T.E.R.), a not-for-profit entity, he helped and encouraged thousands of Bronx residents to participate in the electoral process. Two days before his untimely death in December 1996, Edward Stevenson, Jr. was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Board of Elections for the Bronx.

Edward A. Stevenson, Jr. is survived by his wife Mildred and his eight sons, Greg, Eric, Eddie Jr., John, Cecil, Scott, Mark, and Motier. Like his father and grandfather, Eric is proudly continuing the family tradition of public service. The 34-year-old currently works as Community Coordinator under Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Honorable Edward A. Stevenson, Jr.

TRIBUTE TO TWENTIETH ANNI-
VERSARY OF REE'S CONTRACT
SERVICE, INC.

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to pay tribute to B. Marie Foster, the founder and president of Ree's Contract Service, Inc., as that Overland Park, Kansas, based firm celebrates its twentieth anniversary in business.

For several years prior to the founding of Ree's Contract Service, Ms. Foster was employed by government contractors, including Quality Maintenance of Kansas City and for Tombs and Sons, which assisted in the construction of the Alaska petroleum pipeline. Based upon the knowledge and experience she gained from those positions, Ms. Foster decided in September 1980 that she could provide quality services to the federal government through her own contracting firm. Working from her home, she won her first contract in November 1980 to provide armed guard services at the U.S. Weapons Testing Area in Jericho, Vermont, providing twenty-four hour service with four employees. In March 1981, Ms. Foster won her second service contract in Champaign, Illinois.

During 1981, Ree's Contract Services was awarded its first major contract at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. The firm contracted to provide services that included armed security guards, bus transportation, training support, janitorial services, and dormitory management. The firm held the armed guard service contract for three consecutive terms totaling fifteen years; the other service contracts were held for two