

to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.

I am proud that in my district, we have students who care not only about the social sciences, but also about being involved. The established tradition of excellence in this competition is a testament to the administrators and faculty at Amador Valley High School. It reflects the dedication of inspiring and enthusiastic teachers.

In a time when we decry the state of our public schools, Amador Valley High School shines as a light of hope for the future of our nation. The vision of a first-year teacher, coupled with the determination of these bright students, brought them beyond the district and state finals to our nation's capital. I am proud of this Mr. Campbell and his students for their remarkable journey and their example of excellence.

I would like to thank these students and their teacher for taking an interest in American government; I would like to thank the supportive communities in my district who made this trip possible; and, most of all, I would like to thank the parents of these wonderful students, who have set a standard of excellence for their communities. Congratulations to the students from Amador Valley High School, you are an attribute to our nation!

**SUPPORTING DAY OF HONOR FOR  
MINORITY WORLD WAR II VET-  
ERANS**

SPEECH OF

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 2000*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to join my colleagues on the House floor today, but wanted to join them in showing my support for the resolution recognizing the Day of Honor 2000 Project, which gives long overdue recognition to the millions of invisible minority World War II veterans.

During the Second World War these valiant soldiers were waging a war on two fronts. They fought gallantly beside their comrades in the most trying conditions, while battling the bigotry and racism that was still prevalent in the United States military. These same minority war veterans continued their fight against racism at home by forming the grassroots of the civil rights movement.

In my State of Florida, we have the oldest veterans population in the nation. Unfortunately for these veterans and veterans all across the country, the VA budget continues to be underfunded, causing them to be denied the health care and services they need and deserve. As our aging veterans population declines, we will need programs like the Day of Honor 2000 to remind us of the sacrifices minorities made to protect the freedom that we all now enjoy.

I look forward to the passage of this resolution and want to wish Dr. Smith and the other leaders of the Day of Honor 2000 Project the greatest success in portraying the honor and dignity displayed by our Minority World War II veterans. Their efforts and accomplishments

have been ignored for far too long and I look forward to sharing their achievements with people today and for generations to come.

**WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN  
AND THE CONSTITUTION**

**HON. ROBERT E. WISE, JR.**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2000*

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce for the RECORD the names of outstanding students and teachers of Clay County High School in Clay, West Virginia. These constituents participated in "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution", a national contest concerning fundamental values and ideals of the American government. These students competed against 50 other classes from around the nation and were able to reach the national finals by demonstrating a remarkable understanding and knowledge of our constitutional government. Following is a list of those students and teachers involved.

Students: Brandi Brown, Rachel Douglas, Jeremy Duffield, Josh Ferrebee, Angela Fitzwater, Robin Fitzwater, Casie Frame, Deanna Holcomb, Leslie Lanham, Matt Legg, Rebecca Legg, Eli Litton, Charles McCumbers, Justin Salisbury, Jacob Samples, Angela Shamblin, Autumn Tanner, Jacqueline Taylor, Jada Taylor, Jason Tucker, Evan Updegrave, Bryan Walker, John Ward, Rebecca Workman, and Teacher: Phillip Dobbins.

**TRIBUTE TO CAROL E. SCHATZ**

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2000*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my close friend, Carol E. Schatz, who will be recognized tonight at this year's Deborah Awards Women of Achievement Dinner. The Anti-Defamation League has chosen this night to honor Carol for her exceptional professional achievements and her outstanding dedication to community and civic activities.

I have known Carol for many years, from her days in state government in Sacramento. She has always impressed me with her dynamism, intelligence and integrity. When she was named by the Los Angeles magazine as one of the ten most powerful business leaders in Los Angeles, I was not surprised. Her passion for her work is second only to her devotion to her husband Fred and her son Jacob.

Carol crashed through the "glass ceiling" when she served as the first woman President and CEO of the Central City Association of Los Angeles. She led that organization to new heights and made it a powerhouse among business advocacy organizations in Los Angeles. Under her leadership, CCA helped transform Downtown Los Angeles by resurrecting the Civic Center Authority, planning for a revitalization of the Figueroa Corridor and advo-

cating for the Staples Center. In addition to her extensive responsibilities at CCA, Carol has tackled many civic roles and public responsibilities. She served as Mayor Riordan's appointee to the Convention and Exhibition Center Authority and as his appointee to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Carol, who holds a B.A. from the University of California Berkeley and a J.D. from Loyola University School of Law, is exceptionally bright and extraordinarily accomplished. However, she stands out not just because of her intelligence, but because she has chosen to focus her energy and vision on improving all of our lives in the greater Los Angeles community.

It is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join with me in saluting Carol Schatz for her outstanding achievements, and to congratulate her for receiving this prestigious recognition from the Anti-Defamation League.

**RECOGNIZING THE RIVERSIDE  
VETERANS CENTER**

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 25, 2000*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend a group of individuals who have dedicated their lives to the Inland Empire's veterans in need. There is no more appropriate time than Memorial Day to recognize the men and women who serve at the Riverside Veterans Center in Riverside, California.

The Riverside Vets Center was established in 1981 and has served over 6500 veterans and their families. At the Riverside Vets Center, veterans receive needed counseling, are involved in outreach programs with local schools and community-oriented volunteer programs, work with homeless veterans and participate in social activities. Recently, a writing group established at the Center by Leonard Reims and several other veterans, created and published a moving and inspiring collection of poems entitled "Windows to our Souls."

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the fine staff whose dedication, passion and commitment ensure that the necessary services are available to these veterans. The current and former members of the staff who have made a major impact on these veterans include: head counselor Thomas "Buddy" Hawkins, Max Greenwald, Eleanor Parham, Marion Wilson and Rosendo Reyes.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to give special recognition to Bill Densmore with the Riverside County Vets Service Office, VFW Post 9223 and the Vietnam Vets of America Chapter 47 for their active involvement and support of the Riverside Vets Center.

On behalf of the veterans in California's 43rd District, thank you!