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WILL—Women in Legislative Leadership—to the assistance she provides to lower-income working women and their children, she exemplifies the qualities recognized in the ATHENA Award.

She has authored many legislative proposals to assist women, including bipartisan legislation to establish the "Ounce of Prevention" home visiting initiative to provide early intervention services for at-risk women and children.

Her monthly luncheons for women encourage business networking and friendship. She has served as a mentor for Leadership Wilkes-Barre and as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Domestic Violence Center, the Board of Sponsors for Wilkes University's School of Business, Society and Public Policy and the Wyoming Area Kiwanis Club. As a volunteer, she has worked with the Junior League, Domestic Violence Service Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Volunteers for Literacy. She has also served two terms as President of the League of Women Voters of the Wilkes-Barre Area.

Among her many honors, Representative Mundy has received the Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business, the Legislator of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Mental Health Counselors Association, the Distinguished Service Award from Bloomsburg University, the John Heinz Friend of Nursing Award, and the Pathfinder Award from the Wyoming Valley Women's Network.

In her work as Representative from the 120th District, she serves on the Education, Commerce and Economic Development and Appropriations Committees of the House. A strong advocate for the taxpayers, she is well known in Harrisburg for her thorough questioning of high state officials during the annual hearings on the budget. She also uses her committee assignments to promote the economic health of our region and all of the state, and to advocate for common-sense policies and priorities that will bring the greatest benefit to the greatest number of children. As she is fond of pointing out, for every one dollar invested in early childhood development programs, we can save up to seven dollars over the lifetime of an individual in the areas of education, health care, and crime.

Joined by numerous advocates for children, she has worked tirelessly and in a bipartisan manner to ensure that lower income working families would continue to receive a state subsidy that enables them to keep working and place their children in quality day care. On this issue, she has been second to none.

Representative Mundy resides in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and is the parent of a son, Brian, who lives in Walnut Creek, California, with his wife, April, and son, Mason.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber in honoring Representative Mundy. I send my best wishes for her continued success and my thanks for her hard work on behalf of our shared constituents.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNUAL CHISHOLM TRAIL ROUND-UP

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an honored tradition in the Great State of Texas and in Texas' Twelfth District—the Annual Chisholm Trail Round-Up. This is the twenty-fourth year for the Round-up which will take place on Friday, June 16, 2000. This classic festival gives folks the opportunity to "Saddle Up," "Ride on the Old Chisholm Trail," and celebrate the western heritage of the City of Fort Worth. Folks bring their own horses, authentic western wear, and zeal for the Old West festivities. This year's theme, "Salute to the Fort," will recognize the U.S. Military and its veterans and will feature the biggest red, white, and blue parade in history.

This year promises to be the biggest and best Round-Up ever. From the Big Ball in Cowtown Gala to the traditional Chisholm Trail ride, Fort Worth will be alive with western culture. In addition to great food, there will be great entertainment with Nashville recording artists and the finest Texas music entertainers. The event will also include Old Western Heritage re-enactment groups that celebrate how life used to be in Fort Worth.

The Chisholm Trail Round-Up is the biggest event of the summer in Fort Worth. Everyone joins in to continue the tradition and celebrate our western heritage and culture. The Annual Chisholm Trail Round-Up is a wonderful way to unite the community in the rich heritage which ties us all together. I salute this historic event and all the people who give their time and energy to make this event successful.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 4094

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the deplorable conditions of so many of our nation's public schools.

One need only listen to the stories of our teachers to know what those facilities are really like.

For example: "Often the children weren't able to have large group meetings because the room had peeling paint and ceiling tiles falling. When tropical storm Floyd hit, my daughter complained that they didn't have enough buckets to put under all the leaks."

Or: "The school in which I teach was just closed down following an emergency evacuation due to a collapsed ceiling and subsequent flooding."

And: "Our middle school was condemned 30 years ago and is still being used. It is in fairly good shape considering that, but we do have one downfall that no corporation would put up with. We have bats!"

If my fellow Members of Congress visited schools in their districts during the Memorial Day recess, as I did, they witnessed facility

conditions firsthand. Chances are many were run down and out of room.

School bonds can help. School bonds are good for our communities, they're good for our schools and, most importantly, they're good for our children.

That is why I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4094, the "America's Better Classroom Act of 2000." This bipartisan legislation, authored by Representatives NANCY JOHNSON and CHARLIE RANGEL, helps communities leverage funds for school bonds.

The 106th Congress has the opportunity to pass meaningful school construction legislation. Endorsing this bill, as Members on both sides of the aisle have done, will enable the House to consider a valuable bill and begin to help our schools prepare to educate a new century of students.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. HOWARD BRAVERMAN

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Howard Braverman of Hollywood, Florida. On June 24, 2000, Howard will be sworn in as the 79th president of the American Optometric Association (AOA) during the AOA's annual Congress in Las Vegas, Nevada. Howard's extraordinary vision and enthusiasm has made him an exemplary contributor to the healthcare community, and I congratulate him on this well deserved honor.

A graduate of both the University of Miami and the University of Houston College of Optometry, Dr. Braverman has exhibited an intense dedication to the profession of optometry at the local, state, and national levels, throughout his career. He is a past president of the Southern Council of Optometrists and the Florida and Broward County Optometric Associations. Additionally, he has served both as a member and as chair of the Florida State Board of Optometry. Howard's resume in the field of optometry is quite impressive: he has previously been named Broward County's and Florida's Optometrist of the Year in 1985, Florida's Optometrist of the Decade in 1991, and a member of the board of trustees of the AOA.

In addition to his noteworthy professional achievements, the South Florida community has greatly benefited from Howard's leadership due to his active participation in civic affairs. Well known for his devotion to volunteer work within the community, Dr. Braverman is also a past president of the local Rotary Club.

Mr. Speaker, through his unique vision and spirit, Dr. Howard Braverman has distinguished himself as an outstanding leader in the South Florida community. I wish to convey a heartfelt congratulations to Howard and his family on the occasion of his becoming the new president of the American Optometric Association, as well as many thanks for working to enrich the lives of those around him.