

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING IRENE FERREIRA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Irene Ferreira, the current State President of the Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California. The Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California is comprised of fourteen nonprofit Portuguese-American civic clubs whose principles are Americanization, Civic Affairs and Scholarship.

Irene was born in Merced and raised in Fresno, California. As a child, Irene was fortunate enough to learn the Portuguese language and the Portuguese culture.

Irene was an active member of the Fresno County Cabrillo Civic Club No. 10 for several years. In 1989 and 1990 she served as the Fresno County Cabrillo Civic Club No. 10 President. She has also served as the District Governor of District No. 6 for the organization. At the local level, she has served as Chairperson for many various functions. She also served as the State Civic Affairs Chairperson for seven years.

Irene has been married to her husband, Frank, for 36 years. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Irene Ferreira for her leadership roles in the Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Irene Ferreira many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE FRANK H. RIDDICK OF MADISON COUNTY, AL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has served Madison County for many years, Probate Judge Frank Riddick. I would like to recognize the outstanding contributions of Judge Riddick to our community and to the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

Judge Riddick has made the Huntsville-Madison County Courthouse a better place with his service to the families and the mentally ill across the county. He has preserved important legal records for our county. His commitment to justice and efficiency is unparalleled.

For his hard work, vision and dedication to the people of Madison County, I feel this is an apt honor. Over his long career both in the courthouse and in the Alabama legislature, he has become a role model for his work ethic. Now as he retires, I wish to thank Judge

Riddick for his extraordinary service to his community and this nation.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, I pay tribute to Judge Riddick and thank him for a job well done. I join his family, friends and colleagues in congratulating him on his retirement. I wish him a well-deserved rest.

IN HONOR OF WATSON RICE LLP
ON THE OCCASION OF THE
FIRM'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 30th anniversary of Watson Rice LLP, an accounting and consulting firm in the heart of my district that exemplifies the benefits of affirmative action. Today, Watson Rice is one of the nation's largest and oldest firms owned and managed by diverse partners, with 125 professionals operating in four states and the District of Columbia.

Few would have predicted that back in 1971, in downtown Cleveland, two fledgling accountants operating in one room, at a shared desk sitting face to face, with a single adding machine and one telephone line, would develop a firm that now earns annual billings approaching \$9 million.

Tom Watson and Bob Rice, however, share this American success story. Garnering their first fees from a dry cleaning establishment, a grocery store, and a funeral home, they now operate a formidable enterprise well known today as Watson Rice LLP.

The African-American founders of Watson Rice LLP found opportunity in the pro-active policies of President Carter's administration that welcomed the services of qualified firms staffed with multicultural professionals. Mr. Watson and Mr. Rice first and foremost reached out to the regional offices of established accounting firms to learn from experienced senior professionals. Mr. Rice recalls that period for the exceptionally generous mentors at Big 8 firms like Deloitte Haskins.

Watson Rice's first sizable contract, from the U.S. Department of Labor, enabled the firm to move to their own offices in downtown Cleveland and to start adding staff. Business from the U.S. Department of Commerce and from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency followed, and then from several other Washington agencies.

In 1976, Tom Watson met Ron Thompkins, a Florida-based professional partner in a firm which developed a considerable practice specializing in health care services. This firm later was merged into Watson Rice to mutually strengthen operations in government, nonprofit and joint venture practices. The Miami branch since has doubled its number of staff professionals.

The late 1970s also were a time when Tom Watson first met Bennie Hadnott, a specialist in quality control and training for government audits. That meeting led to another merger, with Hadnott fully blending into Watson Rice—ultimately to become its Managing Partner based in New York. The firm's government practice grew rapidly, generating \$1 million in fees during the first two years of the new affiliation. Contracts with the Departments of Labor and Energy provided substantial revenue, especially from reviews of oil company pricing practices during the Mideast embargo of petroleum.

The growing New York practice generated an impressive and diverse client roster, including the New York City Health & Hospital Services, Coca-Cola Bottling Company, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, the NYC Department of Aging, and eight McDonald's franchises. Hadnott also served on the Mayor's Financial Committee during the Dinkins Administration of New York City.

In 1982, Watson Rice contracted with the Resolution Trust Corporation to help close Carteret Savings, one of New Jersey's largest banks. The firm opened offices in Rutherford, NJ, at first for the 60 members of its staff assigned to the program, and later to represent prestigious regional operations, such as the Newark Public Schools, the Urban League, and statewide long term care facilities. Bennie Hadnott, while still active in the firm, recently passed its leadership to a new and dynamic managing partner, Raymond P. Jones. The emphasis at the firm continues to be training and excellence, with Watson Rice at the cutting edge of establishing a paperless accounting practice, a leader in its industry. Mr. Speaker, I salute Watson Rice LLP and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing this firm's 30th anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
ENTITLED, "REPEALING TAXES
ON FAMILY VALUES ACT OF
2001"

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by Representatives PHIL CRANE, PORTER GOSS, LEE TERRY, and Majority Leader DICK ARMEY in the introduction of legislation that will repeal certain hidden taxes imposed on our American families and values.

In the past two reports to Congress, our country's National Taxpayer Advocate has urged us to eliminate hidden taxes in the Internal Revenue Code. The National Taxpayer Advocate, unlike any top official at the IRS or

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