and tenacity. Nearly every piece of major health care legislation that passed the General Assembly and went on to become law had Marcy’s mark on it. Colleagues owe a great deal of thanks to Rep. Morrison for helping us get the health care services we need and for helping us stay healthier and happier longer.

So today, Mr. Speaker, I honor Rep. Marcy Morrison and congratulate her for being the recipient of this prestigious award. I hope that her efforts thus far are only the tip of the iceberg.

HONORING STANLEY LATHEN, SR.

HON. GEORGE MILLER
of California
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Stanley Lathen, Sr., on the occasion of his being honored for his lifelong commitment to labor by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 373R.

Presidential Emeritus Stanley Lathen, Sr., was born on April 30, 1908, in the territory of Arkansas. His family moved to Lake County soon after his birth and then relocated to Marin County, where he was raised and educated. Stanley served an apprenticeship under the program of the Plasterers and Cement Masons Union in Marin County as a teenager. While working as a mason, he moved to Vallejo in the early 1930’s. Always active in labor affairs, Stanley assisted in the reorganization of the Solano County Building Trade Council. Stanley served as Chairman of the Building Codes Committee for the revision of city building codes and the establishment of building codes in Solano County. He also served as the first Chairman of a county Apprentice Training Program (prior to the formation of the National Apprenticeship Program).

In October 1941, Stanley accepted an executive position with the Retail Store Employees Union No. 373, and was later elected Executive Manager and Treasurer of Local 373, a position he held for 27 years.

Stanley was instrumental in establishing the Local’s first health insurance plan and acted as the plan’s administrator for many years before the formation of its Trust Funds. He later served with distinction as Trustee and Chairman of the Local’s Health Insurance/Pension and Drug Trust Funds.

President Lathen served a term as President of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, as a representative of District 12 (Solano, Napa, Marin and Sonoma Counties) for 13 years.

Stanley was also very involved in local civic affairs serving on the Solano County Grand Jury, Chairman of the March of Dimes, member of the first Board of Directors of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District, as well as serving on the boards of the YMCA, Red Cross, Salvation Army and United Crusade.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

California Governor Earl Warren selected President Lathen to serve as the chairman of the Solano County committee to explore the possibilities of a statewide health plan. Due to strong opposition from the Solano County Medical Society and other such organizations across the state, the state health plan never got off the ground.

On January 1, 1968, at the age of 60, Stanley Lathen ended his distinguished career as Executive Manager (President) of Local 373. When he assumed office in 1941 there were 105 members; today the union has over 1,800 members.

Stanley and his wife of 45 years, Bernice, are enjoying the retired life, sharing good times with their five children and six grandchildren.

On May 16, 1997, San Francisco State University entered President Emeritus Stanley Lathen’s history as a Vallejo Labor and Civic Leader permanently into the records at the Labor Archives and Research Center. On January 13, 1998, President Linda Russell, the officers and members of Local 373, honored President Lathen by naming the Local Union’s Hall’s board room the Stanley Lathen Board Room. Later that year, Local 373R named its annual scholarship golf tournament in his honor, the Stanley Lathen Scholarship Golf Tournament.

We salute President Emeritus Stanley Lathen, Sr. for all the good that he has done for working men and women, union members and the citizens of Vallejo, Solano County, the state and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF ERICH SEEHAFER

HON. STENY H. HOYER
of Maryland
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to Erich Seehafer for his 23 years of service to the United States House of Representatives.

Hired by the Doorkeeper’s Office in April 1978, Erich began as a Congressional liaison to the House Publications Distribution Service. In addition to orienting new Members and their Staffs to available services, he was responsible for allotment and distribution of various books and publications to all House Members. Job Consolidation in 1986 added responsibilities associated with the newly implemented computer based inventory system.

In 1991, he was selected to be part of the new Mail List Processing Office. This role was an ideal opportunity for a detailed-oriented person like Erich to serve the House Members by processing and expediting their mailing requests. Erich has processed over 6,000 mailing lists totaling over 350 million addresses without error.

Born at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC on July 23, 1951, Erich is the son of Erich Seehafer, Sr. and Charlotte Hennessy Seehafer. He has three sisters, a wife of 16 years, one stepson and two grandsons. He and his wife have resided in Waldorf, Maryland since 1985.

A motorcycle accident in 1970 resulted in a spinal cord injury that left Erich a paraplegic. Erich’s determination and cheerful outlook have endeared him to many in the Hill community. His sense of humor has always been a welcome asset to all who have worked with him. A musician of thirty-five years, Erich has played music in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia. He is looking forward to traveling around playing music again with the extra time he will endure during his retirement. We wish him well and a long happy retirement.

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