EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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Ms. ESHTO, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alice Peña Bulos, an extraordinary citizen of San Mateo County who is being honored by the San Mateo Central Labor Council at its 22nd Annual COPE Benefit Dinner on July 27, 2001.

Alice Bulos has played an integral role in our nation’s political arena and our community’s heritage for decades. She has worked tirelessly to encourage the participation of minorities in the political process and the empowerment of Filipina and other Asian-American women in their personal and professional lives. As a long-time political activist and as an advisor to President Clinton on the Federal Council on Aging, Alice Bulos has given voice to the concerns of millions of disenfranchised and needy Americans.

Alice Bulos is known as the “Godmother of Filipino American Politics.” Together with her late husband, Dony Bulos, she founded the Filipino American Grassroots Movement, a voter registration drive designed to involve Filipinos in the political process. She continues to serve as Chair of the Filipino American Caucus and has been outspoken on the rights and benefits due Filipino veterans who served during World War II. As President of the Fi-Am Democratic Club in San Mateo County, the Regional Chair of the National Filipino American Women’s Network, and as a Board member of the National Asian Pacific Democratic Council.

Community work is synonymous with Alice Bulos. Very few have done as much. She’s a Board Member of the San Mateo County Chapters of the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association and the American Red Cross. She also serves on the Board of the Community Initiative on Multiculturalism and the Northern California Disaster Preparedness Network.

Alice Bulos has been an effective advocate on behalf of a number of other under-represented groups. She has led the effort to secure rights for workers at San Francisco International Airport by helping them join and organize labor unions. Alice has also worked to organize a coalition for Asian Pacific women to provide them with forums for education and business, and she has also established a support group for widows, focusing on self-esteem, self-respect, and independence.

In 1993, President Clinton appointed Alice Bulos to the Federal Council on Aging where she advised and assisted the President on matters relating to older Americans. Recognizing her exemplary work, the President again called upon Alice Bulos to serve in another advisory role—this time as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

Alice is the widow of Donnie B. Bulos, a distinguished lawyer, and fellow political activist. She is the proud mother of Elizabeth, married to Carlos Ramirez, and has three magnificent grandchildren, Charity, Charles, and Clarke.

Mr. Speaker, Alice Peña Bulos is an extraordinary individual, a respected political and community leader, and a dearly valued friend. We are a better country, a better country, and a better people because of her. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this distinguished woman for all she has done and continues to do to make the American dream come true for others and to help keep the promise of democracy to everyone.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Ms. Kimberly A. Shellman of the D.C. Children’s Advocacy Center, who has been on the frontlines of child abuse prevention and treatment for over five years. Her success can be measured through each child that has gone through her program and has benefited from Safe Shores’ services. She has been a tremendous asset for the district and we are sorry to see her go. We do, however, wish her the best as she begins her new job working with the Fulton County District Attorney’s office to build a model CAC program there in Atlanta, Georgia. The children of Atlanta are very fortunate to have Kim on their side. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I wish Kim the best and sincerely thank her for going above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of children.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and outstanding law enforcement officer. I am proud to pay tribute to great Arkansan and outstanding law enforcement officer.