

Spring Valley have been in conflict over whether to protect their property values or to actively investigate potential risks. There is now no hard evidence of cancer clusters in Spring Valley, but there's no question that the health risks deserved scientific scrutiny years ago. Says Kenneth Schuster, a US Environmental Protection Agency scientist investigating Spring Valley: There is an indication of high incidence of cancer and rare blood diseases. Are they related to the buried munitions? We don't know, but I'm pushing for an epidemiological study.

"There a lot of unfinished business in Spring Valley."

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE AVIVA K.
BOBB

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

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CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional individual and good friend, Judge Aviva K. Bobb, Supervising Judge of the Family Law Department of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Judge Bobb will be honored on September 29, 2001 with the Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Judge Bobb has served in the Los Angeles Superior Court since 1994. She previously served for 14 years in the Los Angeles Municipal Court where she was the presiding, assistant presiding, and supervising judge. Before appointment to the bench, she served as the Executive Director of the San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Association and as the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. She is a graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law.

In 2000, she was named to her current post as Supervising Judge of the Family Law Department, where she has established a national reputation as an outstanding expert in how to address problems resulting from divorce and child custody questions.

In addition to her distinguished career on the bench, Judge Bobb is a member of the Judicial Council of California, where she served on the Court Technology Advisory Committee and the Task Force on Trial Court Employees. Judge Bobb has also generously given her time, energy and resources to numerous committees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and presently is a member of the Family Law Section Executive Committee. She has been the chair of the California Judges Association Court Administration Committee and vice chairperson of the Judicial Council's Presiding Judges Advisory Committee. Her many contributions to our community include service on the Board of Directors of Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Public Counsel, the Western Center on Law and Poverty, and as a trustee of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles.

Judge Bobb has been the recipient of the Boalt Hall Alumni Association Distinguished

Service Award in 1994 and the Judicial Excellence Award of the National Council on Alcoholism of the San Fernando Valley in 1989. The Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center Award is a very special award because it is given only to those who have dedicated themselves to alleviating social problems within the community at the city, county or state level.

It is our distinct pleasure to ask our colleagues to join with us in saluting Judge Bobb for her outstanding achievements, and to congratulate her on receiving this prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN RUNYON

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Jean Runyon, the founder of Runyon Saltzman and Einhorn, Inc., one of the region's largest full-service advertising, public relations, public affairs and social marketing firms. Jean is the recipient of The Salvation Army's "Partners In Community Service" Award. As her friends and family gather to celebrate Jean's wonderful achievement, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting one of Sacramento's most talented citizen leaders.

Jean first arrived in Sacramento in 1955 from her hometown of Berkeley, California where she enjoyed a hobby career as a stage actress. She devoted her time and energy to the Music Circus, planning theater parties. During her first year as the group's public relations chief, Jean helped Music Circus realize its first annual profit. As news spread of her outstanding talent for publicizing events, business owners approached her for advice on their own public relations projects.

In 1956, she founded Runyon and Associates. Focusing on a variety of advertising and public relations campaigns. Jean quickly and rightfully earned a reputation for delivering results. Within a few years, Jean became the first woman to be named "PR Man of the Year" by the Sacramento Public Relations Roundtable.

Today, Runyon Saltzman & Einhorn is one of Sacramento's top advertising agencies and is widely recognized for its creative work. In the early 90s, the agency branched into social marketing campaigns having put their efforts to work on behalf of a variety of environmental and public health issues. These campaigns communicated the importance of preserving clean air, avoiding tobacco, preventing teen pregnancy, stopping elder abuse and obtaining health insurance for children. The investment in this field paid off with proven results, as evidenced by national, regional and local industry recognition.

A number of nonprofit and community organizations have continued to recognize Jean for her tireless support and humanitarianism over the years. She has served on almost every major board in Sacramento, in addition to being the first female member of the Sutter Hospital Board of Trustees and the prestigious Downtown Rotary. Recently, she was honored with the naming of the Jean Runyon Little

Theatre, celebrating that love for the performing arts, which later launched her career as a Sacramento public relations executive.

She has never forgotten the importance of donating time to her community. She has worked with dozens of charities and community nonprofit organizations, from such cultural institutions as the Crocker Art Museum, to groups like Make-A-Wish Foundation that help children, to organizations like The Salvation Army that help everyone. Jean's commitment to serving her community is truly an inspiration and example to her fellow citizens.

Mr. Speaker, as Ms. Jean Runyon's friends and family gather for the award ceremony, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable citizens. Her successes are unparalleled, and it is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to pay tribute to her contributions. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing my dear, dear friend Jean continued success in all her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY LAW
ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to Mary C. Law, a great friend of mine who is retiring in a few weeks after serving my home county for two decades.

Mary began her career as Butler County Treasurer in September of 1981. Her twenty years of service to myself and my neighbors have been marked by too many accomplishments to name here. However, one of her most significant achievements while in office was to provide working mothers in her office with flex time and job-sharing to work around their children and children's schedules.

Aside from her great work as Treasurer, Mary has been an active supporter of many charitable organizations in the city of Hamilton and throughout all of Butler County. She is truly a great leader, both in office and throughout our community.

Mary always has been a great friend to me. She always has been willing to help me when I have needed it. I wish her a healthy and joyful retirement. Her services will be deeply missed, and she will be remembered as a dedicated and respected community leader.

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HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2563) to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and