

IN REMEMBRANCE OF NANCY  
FORD

**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2001*

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Nancy Ford, a Tampa businesswoman whose legacy in promoting women's rights, supporting the arts and bringing our Tampa Bay community together will not soon be forgotten by the countless friends, family and admirers she has left behind.

Nancy's contributions to Tampa Bay women are immeasurable. After breaking through the glass ceiling herself, Nancy helped pave the way for other women. She helped start the Tower Club, Tampa's first private business group to admit women, and she founded the Athena Society and the Florida Women's Network-professional women's networking and leadership organizations.

Nancy's accomplishments do not end there. As Chairwoman of the Florida Gulf Symphony's board of directors, member of the Arts Council of Hillsborough County and head of the committee that negotiated a merger of the Tampa Philharmonic and the St. Petersburg Symphony, Nancy Ford played a pivotal role in shaping the development of Tampa's art society.

Nancy's devotion to her causes has left an indelible mark on Tampa Bay. Through her countless volunteer hours for local charities, her work with University of South Florida's Medical Center and her role as co-founder of the Children's Cancer Center, Nancy made a difference in our community. Nancy Ford's vision and wisdom inspire us not just to do great things but also to develop lasting institutions that will carry on her ideas and work for generations to come.

On behalf of the people of Tampa Bay, I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathies to Nancy's family.

TRIBUTE TO FERNANDO FERRER

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2001*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great leader and political figure. Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer has dedicated his life to serving the community and has been recognized nationally for revitalizing the Bronx.

I have known Mr. Ferrer, or Freddy as I know him, for 30 years and have been continuously impressed by his vigor and political expertise. Freddy was elected to his first term as borough president in 1987 with an overwhelming 87 percent of the public vote. To illustrate Freddy's outstanding leadership and how much Bronxites trust him, ten years and three terms later, he was reelected yet again with 87 percent of the public vote.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with Freddy Ferrer throughout the years to continue and intensify the restoration of the

Bronx. From the moment he took office, Freddy began implementing a new, higher set of standards by which to run the borough. These changes, such as his strict code of ethics for his staff, have made it easier to make necessary changes throughout the Bronx.

Among Freddy's long list of accomplishments, he led the Bronx to winning the prestigious National Civic League's All-American City Award in 1997 and the Crown Community Award presented by American City and County magazine in 1999. The New York State Department of Health statistics show that between 1995 and 1999, 4,110 fewer individuals were unemployed. During that period, the number of AIDS cases in the Bronx dropped by nearly 50%, and homicides decreased by roughly 23 percent. Since 1990, the Bronx has received 2.5 billion dollars worth of new construction. From new businesses to new housing developments, Bronx residents have been able to witness their community grow before their very eyes. Freddy orchestrated the nation's most comprehensive housing revival when nearly 64,000 new and rehabilitated residences became available in the Bronx. This surge of structural progress and the resurgence of local businesses have been pivotal in rejuvenating the spirit of the Bronx. Along with the legendary Yankee Stadium, which Freddy and myself strove to keep in the Bronx, our borough president has become an undeniable part of Bronx history.

Mr. Speaker, Freddy's roots are in the Bronx and he has not strayed from the borough. He was born there, attended primary and secondary school there, and attended the New York University at its Bronx campus. He and his distinguished wife, Aramina, raised their daughter, Carlina, in the Bronx as well. This fall, Freddy ran for New York City mayor, and in doing so, brought a new vision for all of our communities. Freddy's entire campaign, especially when he eloquently expressed his visions for the city in debates and speeches, made us all very proud.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Fernando Ferrer for over 20 years of remarkable and innovative service to the people of the Bronx.

H.R. 3280, TO LOWER THE TIME OF CONTINUOUS ACTIVE DUTY REQUIRED TO RECEIVE LEVEL I BASIC ALLOWANCE OF HOUSING

**HON. PATSY T. MINK**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2001*

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, over 57,000 members of the Reserves and National Guard have been called to active duty. Each week the military calls up more soldiers to help in our struggle against terrorism. They leave their civilian jobs and families to help defend our country.

From the day they begin their active duty, members of the National Guard and Reserves must deal with the difficult challenge of paying their bills and extra living expenses while serving their country.

To help ease this burden, soldiers placed on active duty are entitled to a Basic Allowance

of Housing, which pays for their housing costs. Soldiers receive it when they do not live on a military base. The exact amount depends on grade, dependency status, and geographic location.

If members of the National Guard and Reserves serve less than 140 days, they receive Level II Basic Allowance of Housing. If they serve more than 140 days, they receive Level I Basic Allowance of Housing.

Level II Basic Allowance of Housing is similar to the Level I Basic Allowance of Housing, but it does not include adjustments for expensive housing markets, such as Honolulu or New York City.

This policy hurts soldiers placed on short tours of duty in expensive housing markets. For example, an O-1 officer in Honolulu will receive \$410.70 per month under Level II. Under Level I, that same soldier would receive \$953.00.

The current law costs soldiers hundreds of dollars every month. Soldiers should not have to wait 140 days before receiving the Level I Basic Allowance of Housing.

On November 13, 2001, I introduced H.R. 3280 to correct this. It will reduce the number of active duty days required for the Level I Basic Allowance of Housing from 140 to 60 days.

We ask members of the National Guard and Reserves to serve without hesitation to defend our nation. We must ensure that all soldiers in the military are paid enough money to cover their housing costs.

I urge my colleagues to join with me and support H.R. 3280.

TRIBUTE TO CATHY MAGUIRE

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2001*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to Cathy Maguire as she completes her tenure as Chairman of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA).

Fifty-two years ago, when VICA was founded, the San Fernando Valley was a predominantly rural and agricultural area north of Los Angeles; today, the Valley is a vital part of our nation's second-largest metropolitan area—thanks in part to the leadership of VICA.

Since Cathy Maguire was elected Chairman of VICA in 1999, the Valley business community has benefitted from having a tenacious, committed and vocal advocate with representation at all levels of government from L.A. City Hall to Capitol Hill.