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on all the people of south Asia. We can do this by maintaining the existing sanctions against India, by stopping our aid to India until it stops supporting terrorism that are the cornerstone of real democracies, and by supporting self-determination for the peoples of South Asia in the form of a free and fair plebiscite on their political status. By these measures, we can help bring freedom, security, stability, and prosperity to the continent and bring America new allies and new influence in this dangerous region.

HONORING NANCY MACCONELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. RADONOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Eighty years ago this Saturday, July 14th, Nancy Leigh MacConell, was born in Globe, Arizona, eldest daughter of Elijah and Alta Phillips.

Nancy is also a treasure to one and all. She has brought great joy to all her family including her beloved sisters Joan and Sidney and her late husband Michele MacConell, Jr.

Nancy is the mother of three; Suzanne Du Pree, Michele King and Michael the grand mother of ten and the great grandmother of thirteen. And all firmly believe she has the patience of Job and is the greatest mom there ever was.

I rise today to celebrate and honor Nancy MacConell’s 80th birthday and wish her as much and love and joy in the next 80.

SUPPORTING A COMMEMORATIVE STAMP FOR THE HONORABLE ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support House Concurrent Resolution 182, which recommends a long overdue commemorative stamp for a lawmaker, civil rights advocate and American statesman whose achievements continue to resonate.

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. remains one of the greatest and most effective legislators in the history of the U.S. Congress. When he was first elected to Congress in 1945, he was one of only two African-American members, and became the first of his race to chair the powerful Committee on Education and Labor from 1961 to 1967.

As Chairman, he spearheaded the legislation that authorized the Medicare, Medicaid, Head Start and school lunch programs, increased the minimum wage and established student loan programs. Congressman Powell also pushed through the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, finally codifying his famous “Powell Amendment”; a rider that would deny federal dollars to institutions which practice racial discrimination, which he had introduced repeatedly for years.

Congressman Powell was a pioneer among lawmakers who have accomplished much and among the greatest examples of perseverance and triumph in our democratic system.

I respectfully urge my colleagues to join me and co-sponsor H. Con. Res. 182 to celebrate a lawmaker whose achievements continue to resonate.

IN RECOGNITION OF EDUCATOR LARRY RATTO

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a legendary educator in my congressional district who retired on June 30, 2001 after an illustrious thirty-six year career filled with memorable contributions to the Hayward, California school district.

A native of Alameda, California, Larry began his career in 1965, when he worked as a history/government teacher and counselor at Mt. Eden High School. Four years later, he became an administrator at Tennyson High School where he took the reins and lead with vigor and creativity.

He stood on hot coals more than once for a good five to ten minutes during pep talks to student leaders at their annual weekend retreat.

Many recall the time in 1970 when Larry rode a galloping horse between the Tennyson High School buildings to chase down a truant student—a legendary story that people still talk about three decades later.

In 1971, Larry became vice principal at Hayward High School and five years later he became principal of Sunset High School until it closed in 1990. He returned to the 1,900-student Hayward High School as principal, the last position he held before his retirement.

“You got to have some pizzazz,” Larry said, while wrapping up his final days as a public school administrator. “You are competing with the MTV culture.” Larry describes his career as “fun.” He said, “There were days when it was not fun and hours that I thought, “Why am I doing this?”

Having once considered being a lawyer, Larry enjoyed the excitement of a high school principal’s life, that every day was different. He is proud of Hayward High School and its wide class offerings and plethora of extracurricular student activities.

Parents, teachers, students, administrators and community leaders express great admiration for Larry Ratto’s three decades of outstanding leadership in education as well as his exemplary involvement in community activities.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this colorful, legendary educator, and community leader.