

escalating and Mr. Calleros wanted to serve his country. He was stationed in Strasbourg, Germany, for 2 years from 1966 to 1968, where he awaited the call to the Far East. Though he never was asked to serve in Vietnam, Mr. Calleros suffered the loss of countless friends from East Los Angeles who were killed in the Vietnam War. Upon his return, Mr. Calleros helped bring comfort to these families during their time of grief.

In 1970, which proved to be a milestone year for Mr. Calleros, he met and married his wife, Esther, and began his career at the Southern California Gas Company. In 1972, Amador and Esther moved from Monterey Park to Whittier, and still live in the same house. Amador has been a devoted husband to Esther, a supportive father of two sons, and a loving grandfather of one. Though committed to his work, he has always put family first, and this commitment has helped to create a strong family and nurtured immediate and extended family members.

Having lived in Whittier for over 30 years, Mr. Calleros has volunteered his time at Lambert Little League, Gunn Park (now called Adventure Park), California High School, and St. Gregory the Great Parish. His greatest passion is coaching baseball. Through coaching, Mr. Calleros has provided instruction, mentoring, and guidance to hundreds, if not thousands of youth from Whittier, La Mirada, and other surrounding areas of the 39th Congressional District.

Professionally, Mr. Calleros distinguished himself within the Southern California Gas Company. He began his career as a field technician with his shiny, white Gas Company pick-up truck. Having excelled as a technician, he moved on to become a meter-reader, a field service representative, a measurement analyst, and eventually a measurement technologies expert. The latter two jobs were completed as a member of the management team. It was rare for someone who started out in meter reading to ascend to management, but Mr. Calleros did, paving the way for others to do the same. He continually gave his coworkers inspiration and valuable leadership, which enabled them to succeed.

Mr. Calleros has generously offered support to his family, his baseball players, his neighbors, his colleagues, and his friends. He has dedicated his entire professional career to one organization to which he remained loyal. I am pleased to commend and thank him for his excellent work and look forward to many more years of his service to the community.

CONGRATULATING THE IRAQI PEOPLE ON AN HISTORIC ELECTION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the people of Iraq for going to the polls this weekend to participate in their first free elections in over 50 years. In many cases, Iraqis defied death threats to take another significant step toward rebuilding their country and reconstituting a society built on

democracy. The huge number of people who voted is clear evidence of the historic transformation ongoing in Iraq. Their actions serve as a signal to the United States and to the world that Iraqis are anxious to embrace freedom.

As independent accounts have verified, the turnout for Iraq's elections surpassed all expectations. But let it not be called a surprise, Mr. Speaker, that the people of this country, no longer living under a cloud of fear, are eager to freely elect a leader to lead a free Iraq.

As President Bush has said, it was the Iraqi people who made this election a resounding success. But it also bears mentioning that these elections would not have been possible without the leadership of President Bush. It also bears mentioning that these elections would not have occurred had it not been for the will of enlightened countries that allied with us in our war on terrorism. From the first day of the invasion, through the toppling of a tyrant, to today, these countries stand firm in their commitment to fight terrorism.

I commend the Iraqi people for their strength and willingness to embrace freedom. I know many have died in making this day possible and we mourn those we have lost. Though this election is just one step, it is representative of the Iraqi commitment to a brighter future, a future that I believe, Mr. Speaker, is based on peace and freedom.

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ON THEIR 90TH BIRTHDAY—THE VISION AND VOICE OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest congratulations to the American Medical Women's Association, AMWA, on the occasion of its 90th birthday year celebration.

Throughout this century, AMWA has been indefatigable in its efforts to advance women in medicine and to promote women's health. As the leading multidisciplinary association of women in medicine in our country, AMWA has encouraged and honored excellence in the fields of medicine, healthcare and science through a wide array of scholarships, grants, and awards, as well as diverse educational programs for physicians, medical students and the general public.

AMWA's Local Legends program is a partnership with the National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine and the NIH Office of Women's Health Research. This past year, I was fortunate enough to nominate Dr. Marian E. Melish and Dr. Cynthia Goto, two outstanding physicians from the state of Hawaii. Dr. Melish is a Professor of Pediatrics, Tropical Medicine and Medical Microbiology at the John A Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii. She is also Chief of the Infectious Disease Division of the Department of Pediatrics and Medical Director of Infection

Control at the Kapiolani Medical Center. Dr. Goto is a second generation OB-GYN practitioner. Her father, Dr. George Goto, was the champion of women's reproductive rights in the nation and in Hawaii in the 1960s. Dr. Cynthia Goto continues that tradition through her work to connect Hawaii's public health services with clinical care for women and infants. Her efforts have resulted in an ongoing collaboration between Hawaii's OB-GYNs, the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition and the March of Dimes.

AMWA has distinguished itself through support of numerous charitable programs, particularly focusing on the needs of disproportionately disadvantaged women and their families. For 75 years, AMWA's American Women's Hospitals Service, AWHS, clinics in the U.S. and abroad have provided desperately needed care to the medically underserved. In addition, hundreds of medical students and residents have received remarkable healthcare training in these and other remote clinics worldwide through AMWA's AWHS travel stipends.

AMWA's advocacy on behalf of women's health and research, especially bringing underaddressed concerns to the national agenda, has made AMWA a leading voice for the care of women and their children. Again, I wish to commend and congratulate AMWA for making a positive and enduring contribution to the healthcare of the communities and our country.

GLEN PARK ELEMENTARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Glen Park Elementary, located in the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for its recognition as a 2003-2004 Blue Ribbon School.

I congratulate Glen Park Elementary, under the leadership of Principal Dr. Cassandra Morris-Surles, for this outstanding achievement. Glen Park Elementary is only one, of fifteen, Texas schools, and 250 schools nationwide, honored as a "No Child Left Behind" Blue Ribbon School.

No Child Left Behind is the landmark education reform law designed to change the culture of America's schools by closing the achievement gap, offering more flexibility, giving parents more options and teaching students based on what works. Foremost among the four key principles is an insistence on stronger accountability for results.

As we work to improve our education system, it is important that we have accurate information about the performance of our schools and our ability to teach our students. With that information, we need to praise these schools, teachers and administrations which meet the high standards of "No Child Left Behind."

Glen Park Elementary is a stellar example for Texas school and is a strong example for all American schools. Glen Park has high scholastics marks and continues to be a premier school in our community.