

IN MEMORY OF CONNIE
SKIPWORTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary American, Connie Skipworth, who died on March 17, 2005, at the age of eighty-four.

Connie was a joy to know. Lively, humorous, and filled with the spirit of life, she dedicated much of her time to making everyone feel like part of the family. Connie was born on February 18, 1921 in San Bernardino, California.

By the late 1930s, Connie was married to Skip Skipworth and returned to California, spending those first years working as a riveter for McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach during World War II.

Connie has spent much of her years participating in the life of the community. Connie and her sister, Irene, opened their first restaurant in 1945, The Old Mexico Cafe in Long Beach. Seven years later, Connie opened the Zarape Cafe in Las Vegas, later returning to The Old Mexico Cafe a year later, where she worked as a manager, saving up enough money to build The Azteca in Garden Grove in 1957.

Connie was very devoted to her family, and encouraged them to reach for greatness and to realize their potential. The Azteca was a success, and the business brought in money to the family, and joy to the community. She was a great woman making everyone feel comfortable by flashing a quick smile, and by greeting everyone by their first names.

Mr. Speaker, Connie Skipworth dedicated herself to making our town a wonderful community to live in. Connie is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of this truly remarkable person.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER ANN
PARROTT ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE
OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize a highly valued citizen of my home city of Newark, New Jersey. Mother Ann Parrott celebrates her 80th Birthday on May 6, 2005. She is the mother to six wonderful children and grandmother to fourteen. She has dedicated her life, for almost five decades, to the social and spiritual improvement of her community.

Active in her church, she wears a myriad of hats ranging from Sunday school teacher to choir member. One of her most honorable contributions, however, has been the establishment of the Lighthouse Temple Community Services in Newark, New Jersey.

Founded in 1989 as an addition to the Lighthouse Temple, Community Services modestly began as a soup kitchen where she served

homemade soup and cornbread to the homeless in Newark. It now functions as one of the great providers of comprehensive care to the homeless and less fortunate in the state of New Jersey by offering emergency shelter, food, clothing and job placement to many in the Newark area.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues here in the House of Representatives would join me in honoring Mother Ann Parrott, who becomes 80 years young on May 6, 2005, for her tireless work for the Newark community. She is a paragon of true virtue through her selfless dedication to the betterment of others. I am proud to have her in my Congressional district and wish her never-ending success in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY GREG TAYLOR AND INVESTIGATOR SHANE NORIE FOR THEIR FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Deputy Greg Taylor and Investigator Shane Norie of the Cooke County Sheriffs Office, located in the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for their recognition from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the United States Attorney's Office in Sherman.

Deputy Greg Taylor and Investigator Shane Norie have been involved in numerous drug busts. Year after year they have been responsible for collecting information that would lead to keeping drugs out of our communities and schools. Now, Investigator Norie has been selected to go to the DEA School located in Virginia.

Sheriff Mike Compton of the Cooke County Sheriffs Office says that officers like Taylor and Norie have made an impact on the war against drugs. Compton also praises the whole department's efforts to keep drugs off the streets and continuing to build and foster a strong relationship with the DEA.

I am proud of Cooke County Sheriffs Office and leaders like Deputy Greg Taylor and Investigator Shane Norie who help keep our community safe and clean. Thanks to those who commit their lives and time to protect and serve our community at any time, any where. Through their efforts, we can all lead better lives.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF BILL
MARTIN

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of my district who will be receiving special recognition soon for a lifetime of service to his community.

William C. "Bill" Martin is best known for his leadership as Director of Intercollegiate Ath-

letics for the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. But his work in the Washtenaw County community goes far beyond his work in the field of sports.

Whether creating First Martin Corporation for real estate development, founding the Bank of Ann Arbor, creating a three-on-three basketball tournament to raise money for the public schools or helping rebuild Isle Royale's ranger station on Lake Superior, Bill Martin has been a community leader whose work has benefited thousands of his fellow citizens.

On several occasions, Bill has been asked to step in and help turn around troubled programs, including both the UM Athletic Department and the U.S. Olympic Committee. In both cases, his hard work and leadership helped right the ship and get things moving forward. That metaphor is quite appropriate, since Bill also has had a very successful competitive career in sailing and has contributed time and energy to the sport, both nationally and internationally.

He also has served with distinction on the board of his alma mater, Wittenberg University and also spent many years on the Washtenaw Land Conservancy Board, including ten years as president. He also has been a member of the advisory board for the University of Michigan Center for the Education of Women.

On May 2, 2005 the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County will present Bill with its Humanitarian Award, an honor bestowed every other year to an outstanding citizen of the community. Bill Martin is truly one of those deserving citizens, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this upcoming award and thanking him for his outstanding leadership in Michigan and around the nation.

IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress passed a resolution designating the month of March as Women's History Month and a time to honor, "American women of every race, class and ethnic background [who] have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways."

For 2005, the theme of Women's History Month is "Women Change America." In celebration of this month, I would like to focus on two women from Wisconsin's history and honor their contributions to society.

First, I would like to recognize Cordelia Julia Grace Wales. Wisconsin resident Julia Grace Wales made her mark in Wisconsin as a peace activist, scholar, an English instructor at University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a dedicated Christian. In 1914, in light of WWI, Wales decided to write her famous Wisconsin peace plan, a plan that she believed would end WWI. Wales made a genuine contribution to women's history in Wisconsin and America's tradition of peace movements.

Born in Portage, Wisconsin, Margery Lati-mer was a social movement activist and an