

developing and maintaining an effective Clerk staff. She is responsible for the development of a series of workshops to help train staff around the State, with the first of these meetings scheduled to take place this coming March. Additionally, she participated in a legal taskforce mandated to revise confusing or outdated portions of California Code related to the duties of County and Court Clerks. All of these activities greatly contribute to a higher quality of governance throughout the State of California and represent a service to the people every bit as important as her work in Sonoma County.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Ms. WOOLSEY to congratulate Ms. Eeve Lewis on the occasion of her retirement after 35 years of service to Sonoma County, including a remarkable 28 years of capably guiding her office as, the elected County Clerk. She will leave behind the finest organization in the State and a legion of admirers who valued the insight and care with which she approached her work.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEMOCRATIC  
PACIFIC UNION

**HON. JULIA CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I salute the Democratic Pacific Union which was formally inaugurated in Taipei, Taiwan on May 14, 2005, the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Notable guests at the inaugural ceremony included presidents of Taiwan, Costa Rica and Guatemala as well as vice presidents of Taiwan, Nicaragua and Palau. The goals of the Union are to integrate resources in the pan-Pacific region for joint development and regional cooperation and to promote democracy, peace and prosperity among DPU member democracies.

Since May of 2005, the Union has established a Secretariat, published its first quarterly, planned West Pacific regional meetings, formed a Pacific economic advisory group, and initiated the Pacific Congressional Caucus project. The project seeks to bring congressional and parliamentary members of DPU together to promote exchange and cooperation among lawmakers throughout DPU member countries. The Taiwan Chapter of the Pacific Congressional Caucus was inaugurated on May 20, 2006 and convened by the Speaker of Taiwan's Legislature Yuan.

My commendations also to the Taiwan Chapter of the Pacific Congressional Caucus. The Chapter will sponsor a symposium on congressional reforms December 8–10, 2006, in Taipei, Taiwan. Legislative members of the

DPU, member states and U.S. Members of Congress have been graciously invited to attend this symposium either as participants or observers. I hope that my colleagues will find time to attend this very important event in Taipei and lend our encouragement and support to The Pacific Congressional Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, I also commend the Union for its goals, achievements, and initiations which include a training program on hazard mitigation on typhoon-related disasters held May 8–12, 2006 in Taiwan. The DPU has also established a 2006 fellowship and scholarship program providing funds for students from DPU member states to attend universities in Taiwan. Another significant achievement for this young organization is an invitation to distinguished women from member states to attend meetings in Taiwan to identify and address gender issues and problems women face in the Pacific region. The DPU has also invited political experts to observe elections in Taiwan; and established the Pacific Center for Disaster Reduction in Taipei.

HONORING MICHAEL REX DICK OF  
CALISTOGA, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Michael R. Dick who is retiring as Police Chief of Calistoga. Mr. Dick has been a member of the Calistoga Police Department for 31 years, during which time he has served Calistoga honorably and conscientiously in many roles.

As a graduate of Calistoga High School, Mr. Dick grew up familiar with the area he eventually served. He studied at Napa Valley College, where he worked for his Associate of Science Degree in Law Enforcement. His constant residence in and around Calistoga has made Mike especially well attuned to the needs of his community. Throughout his career he has made an extra effort to encourage young people from Calistoga to follow his path by becoming cadets with the police force.

Mr. Dick became an Officer on the force in 1975. He has earned a reputation as a thorough officer whose tenacity and initiative helped him obtain convictions in tough investigations. Beyond his conventional duties as an officer, he served for many years as the Juvenile Officer and liaison to the schools of Calistoga. His connections to the community served him well in this regard, and he developed numerous local programs targeting drug-use prevention and children's safety. For all of his hard work, Mr. Dick has 3 times been recognized as Police Officer of the Year, and in

1996 he was the City of Calistoga's Citizen of the Year.

Beyond his work as a police officer, Mr. Dick has been a model citizen for the City of Calistoga, serving in numerous local volunteer capacities. He has been the Chairman of the St. Jude's Children's Hospital Bike-a-thon and served several terms as President of the Calistoga Police Officer's Association. Demonstrating once again his commitment to the children of our community, he has for many years been the Cub Scout Master for the Silverado Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the long and active career of Mr. Michael R. Dick, who served his hometown of Calistoga as an officer of the greatest distinction. I join the many members of his community in extending my appreciation for all of his hard work, and I wish him all the best in the future.

SOUTHEAST ARIZONA LAND EX-  
CHANGE AND CONSERVATION  
ACT OF 2006

**HON. RICK RENZI**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2006*

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, in regard to the three site visits that I have made to the mining location and the recreation area, in regard to the over 20 meetings that I have with former president of Resolution Copper, their current president, their lobbyists and employees, and in regard to the over one dozen meetings with the San Carlos Apaches, I re-introduce this refined legislation today.

I recognize that a portion of the land being conveyed to Resolution Copper in the vicinity of the Oak Flat Campground is used by the Apache people for traditional acorn gathering and other cultural purposes. My staff and I have discussed this matter with Resolution Copper on several occasions, and Resolution has assured us that upon conveyance of the land to them, the company will make every effort to allow such traditional uses to continue. As much of the land in question lies immediately adjacent to Arizona Highway 60, Resolution Copper believes that it is unlikely the bulk of the area in question will be significantly disturbed by exploration or mining activities in the foreseeable future.

In addition, Resolution has assured me that they will establish job training and employment opportunities for potential Apache employees. As such, it is with great hope that I introduce this legislation for the future prosperity of the region.