

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO'S BUSINESS LEADERS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize many of Sacramento's outstanding businesses and business leaders that were honored at the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's 113th annual dinner and business awards ceremony. The men and women that were honored last Friday are dedicated to the success of Sacramento and have worked tirelessly to advance the region's economic vitality. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine Sacramentans.

Dave Lucchetti, president and chief operating officer of Pacific Coast Building Products was named "Sacramentan of the Year." Besides running a highly successful, multi-faceted company, Dave is a true civic leader and this award could not go to a more deserving individual. He has donated his time to a number of worthy causes, including Big Brothers, Big Sisters, the Sacramento Region Community Foundation, and the Wind Youth Center, among many others.

Winnie Comstock-Carlson was named "Businesswoman of the Year" for her exemplary work as president and publisher of "Comstock's Magazine." The business magazine that she publishes was recently given the "Best of the West" award by the Western Publication Association. Tom Gagen, chief executive officer of Sutter Medical Center, was named "Businessman of the Year," as Sutter Medical Center is undergoing a major expansion that will improve medical care for local residents for decades to come. E-VentExe, a human resources firm, led by Craig Stevenson was honored as Small Business of the Year.

Other awards that were given out include "Volunteer of the Year" to David Hosely, president and general manager of KVIE, our local public television station. Allen Warren, chief executive officer of New Faze Development, received the "Al Geiger Award" for his work as a role model for others to follow in investing in disadvantaged neighborhoods. The "Peter McCuen Award of Civic Entrepreneurs" went to Jim Williams of Williams and Paddon Architects. Jim recently served as co-chair of the region-wide economic development initiative Partnership for Prosperity. Burnie Lenau, owner of Lawnman Inc., was named the Metro Chamber's "Ambassador of the Year."

At the annual dinner four local companies were also inducted into the Sacramento Business Hall of Fame. Being inducted were Harbison-Mahony-Higgins Builders, Inc., John F. Otto, Inc., Golden One Credit Union, and the Niello Company. These companies literally build, finance, and drive the Sacramento region.

Also being honored was outgoing Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce board chairman John Lambeth. I have had the privilege of working closely with John on our region's flood protection needs and his leadership was greatly appreciated. An equally talented leader, Michael Jacobson of Intel Corporation, is the incoming board chairman. Mi-

chael has been a wonderful advocate on high-tech and workforce issues and I look forward to working closely with him.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their economic and civic contributions to the Sacramento Region. On behalf of the people of Sacramento and the Fifth Congressional District of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their unwavering commitment to our region.

CONGRATULATING AMANDA HILTON

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

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Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Amanda Hilton of Castle Rock, Colorado. Ms. Hilton teaches English as a foreign language while attending Colby College and is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Hilton and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT ORD

HON. SAM FARR

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Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend a distinguished career of public service. On February 1, LTG Robert Ord will be retiring as the Dean of the School of International Graduate Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School.

After 34 illustrious years in the U.S. Army, culminating as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Pacific, Bob Ord joined the faculty at the Naval Postgraduate School, bringing his wealth of military experience and relationships from the halls of the Pentagon to one of the most significant graduate military education programs in the Nation. The School of International Graduate Studies addresses current and emerging global security challenges by providing U.S. military and international students with a graduate education in foreign policy, international relations and security cooperation.

Having been a former Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia from 1964-66, I have a deep appreciation for the programs in the SIGS department that focus on the need for security

building. Two programs of special interest to me are the Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace and the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies. Both of these programs address a gap I identified while serving in the Peace Corps—the need to have greater cross-cultural awareness in our security building programs; and, the importance of bringing stabilization and reconstruction stakeholders together in the classroom before they work together in an operational environment. Along with the Center for Homeland Security and Defense, the only Department of Homeland Security-sponsored master's degree program, SIGS is at the cutting edge of 21st century security and homeland defense challenges.

The most recent jewel in this crown of programs at the School of International Graduate Studies is the Global Center for Security Cooperation. Continuing as director of the center, Bob Ord brings dynamic leadership and breadth of experience to ensure the successful coordination of DOD international education programs.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to call Bob Ord a friend and I wish him well in the next chapter of his storied life.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL JOSHUA C. BLANEY

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor CPL Joshua C. Blaney. On December 12, 2007, CPL. Joshua C. Blaney of Matthews, North Carolina, passed away. He was a member of the 173rd Airborne in Vicenza, Italy, and was serving his country in Afghanistan when his convoy was hit by an IED.

Corporal Blaney paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country and his life should be remembered. He entered combat in northern Iraq on March 26, 2003, which opened the northern front and led to the ouster of Saddam Hussein from power. He was wounded in Iraq and received the Purple Heart. Corporal Blaney served two tours in Afghanistan and received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a true patriot and is an inspiration to all of us. He fought for our freedom and we owe it to him and his family to keep his memory alive.

HONORING TOM QUINN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Tom Quinn upon being named the 2008 Conservationist of the Year. Mr. Quinn will be recognized at TuCare's Annual Dinner and Auction in Sonoma, CA on January 19, 2008.

Tom Quinn received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in 1977. He then went on to receive a master's degree in forest management from the University of Idaho, and a

Ph.D. in natural resources policy, management and administration from Michigan State University. Mr. Quinn taught forestry at the University of Idaho until 1981, when he joined the United States Forest Service.

Mr. Quinn has served 27 years with the Forest Service. He began his Forest Service career in Oregon at the Malheur National Forest. He has also worked at Boise National Forest in Idaho, Olympic National Forest in Washington, Coronado National Forest in Arizona, Santa Fe National Forest in New Mexico and Stanislaus National Forest in California. Mr. Quinn has served in many different capacities with the Forest Service, including planning, recreation, wilderness, fire and lands staff, acting district ranger, district ranger and primary staff officer.

Currently, Mr. Quinn is the Forest Supervisor for the Stanislaus National Forest headquartered in Sonora, CA. In this position, he has been able to work effectively with the public, various organizations, forest employees, and Government agencies in order to discuss alternatives to off-highway recreation vehicle use adjacent to urban areas. He has also worked to develop a 5-year vegetation management plan to help reduce the risk of fire. This plan will help to increase the volume of timber to local mills. He has been working with stake holders on the issue of grazing, recreation and other national forest programs. Mr. Quinn has a long history of helping the Forest Service improve customer service and program performance by working with all of those that play a role in, and around, the Forest Service. Recently, Mr. Quinn was named Forest Supervisor for the Tahoe National Forest headquartered in Nevada City, CA.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Tom Quinn upon being awarded with "The Conservationist of the Year." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Quinn many years of continued success.

IN MEMORY OF MABEL CLAIRE
MADDREY

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Mabel Claire Maddrey, who passed away on Monday, January 14, 2008, at the tender age of 100. In her passing, North Carolina lost a heroine and a woman who was instrumental in her community, county, and State.

A native of Ahoskie, NC, Mabel was born on April 27, 1907, the daughter of Charlie C. Hoggard and Tulie E. Hoggard. She graduated from Meredith College in 1928 and from Columbia University with a masters degree in History in 1929. In 1931, she married Charles Gordon Maddrey. She remained active at Meredith College her entire life and was named a trustee emerita and was a recipient of Outstanding Alumna Award. She was the first chairperson of Meredith College Heritage Society—Planned Giving—and established the Mabel Claire Maddrey Scholarship Fund. She

was very proud of being instrumental in the planning, design and fund-raising of Jones Chapel, dedicated in 1982. Meredith College honored her by dedicating the Mabel Claire Maddrey Parlor in the Alumnae House.

She was past president of the North Carolina Baptist Women's Missionary Union and in the 1950s was the first woman to be elected nationwide to the Southern Baptist Convention Board. She was a gifted speaker and spoke in numerous Baptist churches throughout North Carolina. She served as a deaconess in both First Baptist Church of Ahoskie and First Baptist Church of Raleigh. In July 1998, she was featured on the front page of the New York Times in front of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, in an article about Baptist churches withdrawing from the Southern Baptist Convention because of its positions on women and their role in the Baptist Church.

She was active in the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs for over 60 years and served as State president and as a past president of the Raleigh Woman's Club. A parlor in the Raleigh Woman's Club building is named in her honor. Politically, she has been chairperson for North Carolina women for a major gubernatorial candidate, chairperson for North Carolina women for a major Presidential candidate and past president of the Democratic Women of Wake County. In the late 1960s, she initiated the highly popular annual Jefferson-Jackson Day breakfast, hosted by Democrats of Wake County, which is held annually. She was a past president and member of the Sir Walter Cabinet for over 50 years. She was a past member of the North Carolina Economic Development Board and a director of the North Carolina Museum of Natural History. Mrs. Maddrey was the recipient of the Governor's Award for Distinguished Service, inductee in Raleigh's YWCA Academy of Women and North Carolina Council for Women Distinguished Women Award. She has been featured as a News & Observer Tar Heel of the Week.

On the occasion of her 90th birthday, Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., proclaimed that day Mabel Claire Maddrey Appreciation Day and the proclamation stated in part, "Mabel Claire Maddrey embodies the spirit of public service and neighbor helping neighbor, inspiring the best in others, and Whereas Mabel Claire Maddrey personifies dignity, grace and perfection in all her endeavors and Whereas Mabel Claire Maddrey continues to serve the people of North Carolina and cares deeply about the community and the State." Mabel was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Gordon Maddrey. She is survived by her children, Charles H. Maddrey and wife, Rose Maddrey, Joseph G. Maddrey and wife, Elizabeth Maddrey; and 4 grandchildren, Charles Gordon Maddrey II, Gregory Hoggard Maddrey, Claire Webb Maddrey and Joseph Huntley Maddrey.

Madam Speaker, Mabel Claire Maddrey had a commitment to excellence in everything she did, and she had a way of bringing out excellence in everyone around her. Mabel was a respected and a successful dedicated public servant, and a great North Carolinian. It is fitting that we honor her and her family today.

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Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Ms. Erickson and wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF REV. DR. ROSS
OLIVIER

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. PICKERING. Madam Speaker, as we start this New Year, I would like to recognize the service of a special and gifted man who has touched the hearts of Mississippi. On July 4, 2004, the congregation of Galloway Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi was blessed with Reverend Ross Olivier as he delivered his first sermon. Sunday, January 13, 2008, his tenure ended and he preached his last message. Ross will travel back home to South Africa to be with his family.

Ross Olivier came to Mississippi in 2004 through a partnership with the Mississippi Conference and the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. He entered Methodist ministry in 1980 and at the end of training received the Flowerday Memorial Award as the outstanding ordinand in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa. He was appointed parish minister to the Heidelberg Circuit and was responsible for 24 racially and culturally diverse congregations. Throughout this time of ministry he touched and healed a broken community during some of the harshest years of the Apartheid era of Southern Africa. In 1994, he traveled throughout six countries, serving the MCSA with a Journey to a New Land, an initiative to refocus the mission of the church in the post-Apartheid years. Later in 1997, he became senior pastor of Northfield Church serving a congregation of 5,000 members. Two years later he was elected to serve the MCSA as General Secretary of 4,500 congregations and 25 million Methodists in Southern Africa.

This challenging, yet gratifying career path gave him a respect for the differences in culture and the tools along with the expertise he