

A TRIBUTE TO DORIS LAU

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Doris Lau of Monterey Park, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly, it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Lau as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Doris Lau's remarkable journey began when her parents left China and settled in Chile. Born in Iquique, the capital of the country's northernmost region, Doris worked in the fields alongside her family as a small child. Through hard work, dedication, and sacrifice the family built a neighborhood bakery and grocery store business; however, they eventually fled to the United States due to political unrest. In Los Angeles they began once again to rebuild their lives. Doris's supplemental income from working in garment district factories helped to purchase their first home in Monterey Park.

Doris progressed from sewing four buttons per penny to attending Los Angeles City College. She then went on to major in Business Administration and Law at Cal State Los Angeles and advanced from clerical to paralegal positions at various law firms.

Inspired by her personal history, Doris has become an integral member of the Monterey Park volunteer community since moving there in 1985. She supports intercultural exchange in her role as a Trustee of the city's Bruggemeyer Library, the Secretary for the city's Commission for Art & Culture, and as the chair of the local Artisan Fairs. Her other leadership positions include serving as a Board Member, Southern Regional Representative, and Membership Chair of the California Association of Library Trustees & Commissioners (CALTAC) and as the VP, Legislative Coordinator, and Membership Chair of the National Treasury Employee Union (NTEU) for her local, Chapter 103.

Doris's fluency in both Chinese and Spanish embodies the cultural diversity of Southern California and of our Nation's proud history. Her outreach is similarly inclusive: she is a Board Member of the Committee for Special Emphasis Programs, which includes national heritage awareness months, and she volunteers for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).

In the past, Doris has led several organizations in which she remains an active member, including serving as President and Lieutenant Governor of Los Angeles Monterey Park Optimist, President of the Monterey Park Homeowners and Renters Association, Treasurer and Secretary of the Eastside Democratic Club, and President and Treasurer of Santa in York Hill, an annual community holiday event for low-income families.

Ever since she arrived on U.S. soil, Doris has devoted her time and energy beyond her own needs; she works for the benefit of the surrounding community as a whole. Her selfless service is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With grati-

tude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Doris Lau.

EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE GLOBAL SITUATION OF WOMEN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the editorial, "Women's Month, A Time to Reflect" which appeared in this week's edition of the New York Carib News.

The editorial, in recognition of March being international women's month, discusses the current situation of women in the United States, Canada, Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The standing of women in the global community has drastically improved, but is sadly far from the lofty goals outlined by the United Nations Millennium Goals. Today, women have achieved new highs, as women now outnumber men in those who pursue tertiary education. Similarly, women continue to outlive their male counterparts and a record number of women are pursuing leadership roles in politics. Yet, the struggle is far from over as women still remain largely underrepresented in politics and leadership roles in religious institutions. Women still comprise the largest community affected by domestic violence, human trafficking and poverty.

As a result of the continued disparity in equality among men and women, I urge Americans to remain informed on the situation by reading the editorial "Women's Month, A Time to Reflect" in CaribNews. In the 21st century, it is simply unacceptable for women to not be afforded the same opportunities as their male counterparts.

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HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

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Whereas, Napoleon Cross was a leader and mentor for the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Cross has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Napoleon

Cross for leading the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007-2008 Basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE M. PELLEY

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Catherine M. Pelley of Glendale, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Mrs. Pelley as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

As a past nurse and Captain in the U.S. Army, Cathy is a veteran who served her country during the Vietnam War as a psychiatric nurse working with the brave men and women returning home from combat. She is currently the President and CEO of Glendale Memorial Hospital and the Chair of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Board. Cathy also serves on the Board of Directors for Glendale's Armenian Bone Marrow Bank, Salvation Army, and regional Brothers of Saint John of God Healthcare and Retirement Centers.

Under her leadership, Glendale Memorial Hospital's infrastructure has expanded to include additional imaging equipment, several new community clinics, and modern communications systems. These easily-accessible, digital patient records will prevent medication errors and reduce transcription times, as well as maintain up-to-date information for future reference.

With vision that reaches beyond hospital walls, Cathy believes wholeheartedly in the future of the Glendale community. Her efforts to overcome South Glendale's economic challenges were partnered with remarkable honesty, dignity, understanding, and determination. By highlighting common ground between conflicting groups, she gave victims a more effective voice in their healthcare and rallied community support behind the revitalization of a blighted area. Ever since, business has returned with new retail, dining, theatre, and housing options. Cathy has also improved the area by expanding the "Brand Boulevard of Cars" and by implementing solutions to severe traffic congestion.

Though she faced an aging medical facility, dwindling local business, and a community in conflict, Cathy never backed down from the obstacles before her. She chose instead to provide leadership where it was needed, to invest in the health—both corporeal and economic—of the City of Glendale. In return, the area has transformed itself over four short years to become a beacon of civic progress. It exists as an example of how one person's optimistic vision can infuse a diverse community with the hope and the means to achieve excellence as one.

With steadfast dedication, Cathy's selfless service to the Glendale community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Catherine M. Pelley.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CESAR ESTRADA CHAVEZ

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Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I join with the hundreds of thousands of Mexican residents of my congressional district and across our Nation in recognizing the everlasting accomplishments and contributions of Cesar E. Chavez, a social crusader who lived a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication for the betterment of others.

Cesar Estrada Chavez, World War II veteran and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, as the late New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy once noted, was "one of the heroic figures of our time." A true American hero, Cesar was a civil rights, Latino, farmworker, and labor leader; a religious and spiritual figure; a community servant and social entrepreneur; a crusader for nonviolent social change; an environmentalist and consumer advocate.

A second-generation Mexican-American, Cesar was born on March 31, 1927, near his family's farm in Yuma, Arizona. At age 10, his family became migrant farmworkers after losing their farm in the Great Depression. Throughout his youth and into his adulthood, Cesar migrated across the Southwest laboring in the fields and vineyards, where he was exposed to the hardships and injustices of farmworker life.

After achieving only an eighth-grade education, Cesar left school to work in the fields full time to support his family. Although his formal education ended then, he possessed an insatiable intellectual curiosity, and was self-taught in many fields and well read throughout his life.

From 1946 to 1948, Cesar served in the U.S. Navy and fought in the Western Pacific during the tail end of World War II. Upon his return from the war, he embarked on new beginnings that would set the tone of his life. He married Ms. Helen Fabela and shortly after in 1952 began working as a community organizer with the Community Service Organization, CSO, a prominent Latino civil rights group.

CSO afforded him the opportunity to learn how to organize groups for a common cause. Cesar coordinated voter registration drives and conducted campaigns against racial and economic discrimination, primarily in urban areas. In the late 1950s, he ascended to the position of national director.

Cesar's dream, however, was to create an organization to protect and serve farmworkers, whose poverty and disenfranchisement he had shared. In 1962, Cesar resigned from the

CSO and founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America.

For more than three decades, Cesar led the first successful farmworkers union in American history, achieving dignity, respect, fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and humane living conditions, as well as countless other rights and protections for hundreds of thousands of farmworkers.

Against previously insurmountable odds, he led successful strikes and boycotts that resulted in the first industry-wide labor contracts in the history of American agriculture. His union's efforts brought about the passage of the groundbreaking 1975 California Agricultural Labor Relations Act to protect farmworkers. Today, it remains the only law in the Nation that protects the farmworkers' right to unionize.

The significance and impact of Cesar's life transcends any one cause or struggle. He was a unique and humble leader, in addition to being a great humanitarian and communicator who influenced and inspired millions of Americans to seek social justice and civil rights for the poor and disenfranchised in our society. Cesar forged a diverse and extraordinary national coalition of students, middle class consumers, trade unionists, religious groups, and minorities.

Sadly, Cesar Chavez passed away in his sleep on April 23, 1993. He was laid to rest in a rose garden at the foot of a hill he often climbed to watch the sun rise. More than 50,000 people attended his funeral services in the small town of Delano, California.

Cesar Chavez—a common man with an uncommon vision for humankind—stood for equality, justice, and dignity for all Americans. His motto, "si se puede," yes we can, embodies the uncommon and invaluable legacy he left for the world's benefit. His ecumenical principles remain relevant and inspiring today for all Americans.

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jaylene L. Moseley of Pasadena, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Moseley as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Jaylene has focused her professional and philanthropic energies in northwest Pasadena and Altadena for over 30 years. She founded and leads the J.L. Moseley Company, a firm that develops and manages sustainable commercial real estate projects in northwest Pasadena and Altadena. She also serves as president of Flintridge Operating Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides direct services to build the strength, effectiveness, and long-term viability of community-based organizations in northwest Pasadena and Altadena.

Her company's commitment is to develop community while developing real estate. This is accomplished by developing sustainable commercial projects that are sensitive to the neighborhoods in which they are situated; involving neighbors—including youth—in every phase of development; leasing commercial space to tenants who agree to participate in community revitalization by hiring or by providing services to local residents; meticulously maintaining the properties; ensuring that each of the 14 buildings the company manages contributes to neighborhood efforts annually; and participating in community dialogue and actions to strengthen neighborhoods. Reflecting the company's commitment to sustainability, J.L. Moseley Company developed the first Gold LEED-Certified building in Pasadena in 2006, and Jaylene donated her services and managed the development of Mothers' Club's Gold LEED-Certified building in 2007.

Jaylene is deeply committed to the education of the community's youth. She worked with community leaders to launch the after-school program "Mustangs on the Move," which tutors high school students, works with youth on special projects, and hires students to work for her company. With the goal of inspiring students to expand their future horizons, she contributed \$250,000 in profit from one of the company's developments to "Mustangs on the Move" to provide opportunities for PUSD students to participate in summer programs on college campuses. In addition, Jaylene personally contributes hundreds of hours each year to local nonprofit organizations, neighborhood groups, and community-based businesses.

J.L. Moseley Company has received 14 awards for its real estate developments, and