

Committee staff in 2001. Seldom does one person have the combination of talent, good judgment, knowledge, devotion to duty, common sense, and, as we say in Missouri, "good get along," but Erin is blessed with all of these qualities. And while I am not happy about losing her to the Pentagon and no longer working with her on a daily basis, I know that our country will not just be in good hands, but better hands, with Erin as Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Erin has an impressive academic and professional background. She holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Before becoming a Congressional staffer, Erin was highly recommended to me as a result of her outstanding work as the Research Staff Director for the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century, also known as the Hart-Rudman Commission.

Erin joined the House Armed Services Committee staff in 2001, serving as a Professional Staff Member covering a range of defense policy issues. In 2005, she became the committee's Minority Staff Director. And at the start of the 110th Congress in 2007, Erin assumed the post of Majority Staff Director, serving all of the members of our committee and overseeing the committee's 70-person staff. She has run the House Armed Services Committee as well as anyone in my 33 years in Congress.

In the nine years that I have had the privilege to know and work closely with Erin, she has consistently demonstrated her leadership ability, mastery of national security issues, and dedication to our men and women in uniform. Erin's work ethic is unparalleled, but more importantly, she has a rare gift for getting along with people. Despite the demands of working on Capitol Hill, Erin is unflappable and approaches every challenge with a level head, whether working with Members of Congress, Congressional staff, or Administration officials.

I am delighted that the Obama Administration recognized that Erin Conaton would be an excellent nominee for the next Under Secretary of the Air Force. I can't brag on her enough, and I am pleased that the other body confirmed her nomination last week. I know Erin will make us proud as she continues her career in public service with the Department of the Air Force, and I wish her all the best as she takes on this new challenge.

#### HONORING DOUGLAS MALONEY

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Marin County counsel Douglas Maloney who passed away on February 17, 2010 at his home in San Rafael, California. Serving on the legal frontlines of county government for more than three decades, Marin has greatly benefited from his unwavering dedication and skilled advocacy of the public's best interest.

Born in San Francisco in 1933, Mr. Maloney, a 50-year member of the California Bar

Association, received his bachelor's degree from the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, California, and his law degree from the University of San Francisco. A world traveler, voracious reader, exceptional public speaker, and a prolific writer, Doug Maloney loved life!

It was Doug Maloney who led the county's legal defense of the "Marin-only" provision in Ross philanthropist Beryl Buck's multi-million-dollar bequest. Maloney took on the San Francisco Foundation's challenge to spend the millions on needs beyond the county borders. With an outstanding legal team, he presented strong arguments upholding the Buck bequest and proving that, despite Marin's affluence, there were plenty of needs right in the county that could use financial assistance. The 1986 court-approved settlement transferred the Buck Trust to newly formed Marin Community Foundation to focus funds on research into aging, advocacy against alcohol abuse and research into educational issues. Had that battle been lost, Marin would be a far different place.

The legal engineer of land-use restrictions that saved West Marin from suburban sprawl, Maloney successfully defended the county's 1972 zoning restrictions designed to preserve and protect West Marin farmland and the ranching lifestyle. Challenged in 1989, Maloney won a federal court decision upholding the zoning restrictions and turning back a lawsuit by a Chicago landowner wanting to carve up his 561-acre Nicasio ranch. While we may take our open space and ranch lands for granted, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the vision, political courage and legal skill of Douglas Maloney.

A man of great personal integrity and not one to back away from a rousing legal argument, Doug was good humored and a passionate follower of film and stage. He enjoyed rewriting fashionable Broadway shows and stage musicals, putting on a Marin spin and political satire to benefit local causes, complete with titles like, "As the Candidate Turns," "Damn Yuppies" and "Caucus Line." A popular op-ed columnist for the Alarin Independent Journal, readers enjoyed his musings and appreciated his skill at weaving literature, history, politics, opinion and the proverbial Marin angle into his biweekly essays.

Doug Maloney was a devoted husband and father. In addition to his sister, Marion Berger of Redding, California, Mr. Maloney is survived by his wife of twenty-two years, Ellen Caulfield of San Rafael, Marin County, six children, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Douglas Maloney will be missed by so many who shared in his work and vision. A man of letters and the law, he practiced what he preached. It is fitting to recognize his extraordinary efforts on behalf of Marin County and its residents. I join the many people who will miss Doug Maloney's inspiration, friendship, bright spirit, and clever quotes delivered with perfect timing and meaning.

#### HONORING SOL PRICE: A TRUE FRIEND OF LABOR

### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, few in the business world have had as great of an impact on building the middle class as San Diego's own Sol Price.

When Price passed away in December, San Diego's middle class lost possibly its greatest advocate in the business world. Price's Fed-Mart stores, and later Price Club, were known for skimping on the luxuries of modern chain retailers. The bulk stores occupied warehouses in out-of-the-way locations, avoided unnecessary displays, and limited advertising to essentially word-of-mouth only. Besides low prices, the one thing his stores did invest in was its employees. The Price business model realized that the happiness of customers, employees, and stockholders are not mutually exclusive. At Sol Price companies, all three could be, and were, successful.

"We think the stockholder comes last," Price told Wall Street analysts in 1985. "But if you do the other three jobs well, (the stockholder) will be taken care of." This method of business resulted in all Price Club employees, union and non-union, receiving "close to the highest prevailing wages in the community."

Sol Price's legacy lives on today, as the average wage of Costco employees is \$19 per hour, with 90 percent receiving health care. A far cry from the disturbing trend of retail stores becoming low-wage outposts.

In San Diego County, workers at several Costco stores are proud members of Teamsters Local 542.

For these reasons, Sol Price will always be remembered as a friend of labor.

#### CONGRATULATING THE VOLK FIELD COMBAT READINESS TRAINING CENTER FOR RECEIVING A 2009 AIR FORCE ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center for receiving a 2009 United States Air Force Organizational Excellence Award. The National Air Force award recognizes the Western Wisconsin based Airmen to be among the top Air Force units in the nation.

The Volk Field Unit Airmen have consistently demonstrated a high level of excellence and efficiency in their service to the Wisconsin Air National Guard. Volk Field is one of four Combat Readiness Training Centers in the nation and the only selected for this top Air Force Award in 2009.

The citizen-Airmen at Volk Field provide an invaluable service to our nation in supporting the National Guard, the Reserve, and inter-agency training and operational needs. This

award sets the Volk Field unit apart from similar units and congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

I commend the strong leadership of Volk Field's Combat Readiness Training Center Commander Colonel Gary Ebben and the great work of both the civilian staff and the men and women in his unit. I am proud to represent such dedicated and hardworking Wisconsin citizens committed to public service.

The Volk Field unit exemplifies the great work ethic that characterizes the citizens of Western Wisconsin. I anticipate continued achievements from the Wisconsin Air National Guard units.

IN RECOGNITION OF CLARA WHITE'S 60 YEARS OF VOLUNTEERISM AND SERVICE TO THE GREATER PONTIAC COMMUNITY

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Clara White, a native of Michigan and Pontiac resident, for her lifelong dedication to volunteerism and community service. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Mrs. White for her many accomplishments and to thank her for her dedication to strengthening our shared communities.

At 86 years old, Mrs. White has spent over six decades giving back to the people and institutions of Pontiac through her countless hours of volunteer work. Her volunteer efforts are even more impressive considering that for 20 years of this time she also worked as a social worker for Oakland County Children's Village and raised a family with her husband, William, to whom she was married for 52 years.

A major facet of Mrs. White's 60 years of volunteer service centers around her work with the National Urban League's local organization in Pontiac. The Urban League is a national civil rights organizations dedicated to improving the lives of urban area residents. Her involvement with the Pontiac Urban League even included two terms as Chairman of its Board of Directors. In 1996, for her outstanding dedication and service, she was awarded the honor of "Living Legend" from the National Urban League. After 50 years of volunteerism with the National Urban League Mrs. White was awarded with the Diamond Urban League Pin, an honor very few Urban League members ever receive.

In addition to her work with the Urban League, Mrs. White shared her vitality of spirit and passion for community service with many other community organizations which have had a profound positive impact on the Pontiac community. Mrs. White's served on the Executive Board of Pontiac Youth Assistance, aiding the organization is its efforts to support Pontiac youth and prevent truancy. Mrs. White's work as a Vice President of the Pontiac Area PTA Council and President of PTAs for several Pontiac schools furthered her work with

local schools to strengthen and empower all sectors of the Pontiac community. Additionally, Mrs. White's volunteer efforts with the United Way and March of Dimes supported causes serving those in need in our area and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Mrs. Clara White's dedication to the Pontiac community through public service and volunteerism. Mrs. White's recognition from organizations in Pontiac, Oakland County, and Michigan make evident that her positive impact has been felt far and wide. I wish her many many more years of health, happiness, and productive service to our shared communities.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LARRY WARGOWSKY

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Larry Wargowsky, who has retired from his position as Refuge Manager for the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge after thirty three years of service with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, fourteen which were spent managing the Necedah Refuge.

He was born and raised across from the Refuge in Juneau County, and enjoyed a career that took him many places, but was fortunate to retire at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. Larry Wargowsky started his career of public service after college where he worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at Horicon, Black River Falls and Mead Wildlife Area. He then joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service working at various National Wildlife Refuges in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. His work has benefited not merely one refuge, or even just one state, but Larry Wargowsky has been a public servant whose career has benefited an entire nation.

Throughout his tenure at the refuge, Larry has seen the resurgence of many wildlife critters from the first bald eagle reproduction in 25 years in 1996 to an increase in populations of the timber wolf and was instrumental in the reintroduction of the Whooping crane to this area. For this he received the Recovery Champion Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2002. The Whooping crane project at the Necedah Refuge has been a boon to Necedah and Juneau County and has made the area a major ecotourism destination. The Whooping cranes brought international attention to the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge. To accommodate visitors, Larry led an effort to build a new visitor center. Additionally, the Friends of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge was created under his leadership and this today represents a robust and active group. He is as much a friend to our country as he is to our environment.

I am proud to stand before this chamber and applaud the dedication of Larry Wargowsky to a life of public service and conservation. As an avid sportsman, I am personally grateful to Larry for all of his hard work in preserving our wildlife refuges, but this rec-

ognition goes beyond the gratitude of one individual. We as Americans should be grateful to a man who has dedicated his life to public service, and we as inhabitants of this planet should be grateful to that same man who has dedicated his life to defending our wildlife refuges.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF HENRIETTA SPROAT AND THE WOMEN AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS OF WORLD WAR II

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and achievements of Henrietta Sproat from Oroville, California. During World War II, Mrs. Sproat flew as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs). These aviators were the first female flyers to be trained on U.S. Military aircraft. During the time when the need of the country was greatest, these brave women flew fighter, bomber, transport and training aircraft in the defense of American freedom.

I was a proud cosponsor of the legislation that recognized these women's service, and I rise today to recognize Henrietta Sproat and congratulate her on receiving the Congressional Gold Medal.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK AND THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, in the 49 years since the Peace Corps was established, nearly 200,000 volunteers have contributed their time, energy, and skills to create opportunity, empower people, and encourage progress in the developing world.

By facilitating an international dialogue between the people of the United States and others across the globe, Peace Corps volunteers have helped to increase cultural awareness, tolerance, and respect at home and abroad. The compassion and commitment of these volunteers have left significant and enduring impacts on individuals and communities throughout the world.

I am honored to represent many Peace Corps alumni, and I would like to recognize ten current volunteers: Claire Albrecht in Zambia; Maridee Bonadea in Mali; Mitra Heffron in Paraguay; Hololapakaen Hoopai in Kyrgyzstan; Kacie Miura in China; Steven Miyakawa in Togo; Nicole Nakama in Botswana; Kathryn Ogin in Ukraine; Mai Shintani in China; and Theodore Varns in Guatemala. The selfless service and dedication of these individuals make them exemplary ambassadors of the Aloha spirit.

Mahalo (thank you) to all Peace Corps volunteers, past and present, for your work in