

others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Mr. Engel, and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition. Congratulations to Matthew and his family.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE VIRGINIA MAE DAYS

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 20, 2001*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Judge Virginia Mae Days, who is retiring after more than 20 years on the bench of the Santa Clara County Superior Court. When Governor Edmund Brown Jr. appointed her in 1981, Judge Mae Days was the first Latina on the bench in Santa Clara County.

A lifelong resident of the Bay Area, Virginia Mae Days was born in San Jose in 1934. She served in the US Navy WAVES during the Korean War, earning both the National Defense Service Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. After the war, Judge Days attended the University of California at Berkeley for both her undergraduate and graduate years, earning her law degree there in 1963.

Judge Days' long record of service to Santa Clara County includes 6 years as the mayor of Morgan Hill and terms on Santa Clara County's drug abuse commission, regional criminal justice planning board and human relations commissions. Immediately prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Days was the Director of the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

Throughout her tenure on the Court, Judge Virginia Mae Days has been a strong role model for the community. She summed this philosophy up best in March of 2000 at a dinner honoring the groundbreaking women jurists of Santa Clara County: "The more the bench reflects the community, the fairer the process."

I want to thank Judge Mae Days for her many years of service to our community and wish her nothing but the best in this next phase of her life.

IN HONOR OF HERBERT AND MARION SANDLER

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Herbert and Marion Sandler for their long-standing entrepreneurial and philanthropic commitment to the San Francisco community. Today, Thursday, July 19 in my district, Herbert and Marion Sandler will be inducted into the Bay Area Business Hall of Fame. They are most deserving of this honor and I am proud to acknowledge their contributions on this occasion.

Herbert and Marion Sandler co-founded Golden West Financial Corporation in Oak-

land, California in 1963. As Chief Executive Officers and Chairmen of the Board, they have had phenomenal success in building Golden West Financial into a Fortune 500 company. With 420 offices and \$57 billion in assets, it is the third largest savings and loan in the country today.

Marion Sandler has been recognized by Fortune Magazine as one of the most powerful women in business today. By being one of the first women to break through the Fortune 500 glass ceiling, her accomplishments are an inspiration to businesswomen everywhere. Golden West Financial Corporation has the significant distinction of being one of the very few major companies with more women on its Board of Directors than men.

Herbert Sandler serves on numerous advisory boards sharing his expertise with others. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. He also serves as a member of the board of directors of the Success for All Foundation and of the Center For Real Estate and Urban Economics of the University of California at Berkeley.

The Sandlers are committed to philanthropy and community activism. Through the Sandler Family Supporting Foundation, they support nonprofit and community organizations in the Bay Area and nationwide. Among the numerous recipients of their generosity are the Sandler Program for Asthma Research, the Human Rights Center at the University of California at Berkeley, and the National Women's Law Center. They also fund many research grants in the fields of medicine and social work. In addition, Herbert and Marion have donated generously to worthy causes such as Human Rights Watch.

It is with personal and civic pride that I celebrate with my dear friends on this festive occasion. The Sandler's dedication to the people of the Bay Area has had a significant, lasting effect on Californians. Their service to our country and our community is indeed a cause for celebration.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, during recorded vote 248, on final passage of H.R. 2500, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002, a technical error resulted in my vote not being recorded.

I had intended to vote "yes" on this measure.

TRIBUTE TO THE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANIZATION

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 20, 2001*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the men and women of the Bal-

listic Missile Defense Organization for the successful ballistic missile defense test that took place late Saturday night over the Pacific Ocean. The first success since 1999, the ballistic missile interceptor that shot down a dummy warhead used a "hit to kill" technology and was able to destroy its target hundreds of miles away from launch point. This test demonstrates our commitment to defending against the threat of Intercontinental Ballistic Missile launches and once again shows that this "bullet to bullet" method of target destruction is technologically feasible. Further, it justifies our need to continue with vigorous testing as we aggressively move forward with maturing our ballistic missile defense capabilities. We must continue to develop, test and fund missile defense technologies to create a defensive system to protect this nation and our allies against missile threats worldwide. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBY O'CONNOR

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 20, 2001*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Debby O'Connor of Diamond Bar, California.

Mrs. O'Connor served as Mayor of the City of Diamond Bar for the year 2000. In that position she demonstrated civic leadership, responsibility and deep personal commitment to her community. She previously served as Mayor Pro Tem, and served a two-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mrs. O'Connor is Co-Chair of the City Community/Civic Task force. She is the City of Diamond Bar's voting delegate on the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority and on the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership of Commerce and Cities. She is one of the City Council's liaisons to the volunteer planning committee behind the City's successful anniversary celebrations and, is also very involved with the Diamond Bar Community Foundation. In addition to her Council duties, she has demonstrated her long time support and concern for the community by being actively involved in the Friends of the Diamond Bar Library, Diamond Bar Improvement Association, Lorbeer Middle School PTSA, Diamond Ranch High School Boosters and Diamond Point Elementary School Safety Site and Technology committees. She is a youth soccer referee and board member for the Region 311, American Youth Soccer Organization. Mrs. O'Connor has been a dedicated fundraiser for the Diamond Bar/Walnut YMCA since 1996, and has also served on the board for the Diamond Bar Community Nursery School and Diamond Point Swim and Racquet Club.

Mrs. O'Connor's leadership in strong economic development programs and her impressive record of civic and volunteer community involvement have earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with her. I would like to congratulate Debby O'Connor on these accomplishments and thank her for her outstanding service to her community.