

TRIBUTE TO AL JOHNSTON

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 1995

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, today I rise to honor and remember a leader and hero, Al Johnston, known to many in San Diego as a legend of the barrio.

Al Johnston was not the type of a man to sit back and let the world go by; he took action to make his community a better place to live.

During the 1930's, he took his property and gave it to the less fortunate by converting an old car into a soup kitchen in Logan Heights. Later, he provided guidance and inspiration for many teens in the community by founding "Los Gallos," a club for restless teens. He led voter registration drives. He was committed to making a difference in the lives of many in the Latino community in San Diego. He is the type of leader we should all try to emulate.

Mr. Johnston was a proud leader of the spirit and soul of the barrio. He was adamant in his opposition to junkyards and pollution pro-

ducing industries in Logan Heights. In the 1970's, he led the campaigns for the conversion of most of a 5.4-acre parcel at the foot of Crosby Street into a bayfront addition to Chicano Park, a cultural landmark.

He was one voice who made a difference. My community has lost a great leader, and faithful fighter in the ongoing struggle to improve the quality of life for ourselves and our children. It is now up to us to continue his work and his dedication to the community.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

A TRIBUTE TO THE GIRL SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

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Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley today as they take part in the first annual nationwide Girl Scouts "Be Your Best Day" by conducting a canned and nonperishable food

drive for the benefit of Foodlink in Rochester, NY.

Voluntarism in America is one of the most important forces in keeping the fabric of our society together. With nearly 3.5 million members, Girl Scouting of the U.S.A. is the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world. The Girl Scouts have carried the spirit of voluntarism through generations of American women.

I would like to thank the 12,000 Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley and 4,000 volunteers, who—along with Girl Scouts all over the country—are joining hands today to help the less fortunate. You are doing this great service for our country.

I would also like to acknowledge a significant anniversary that the Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley are having this year. Congratulations for 75 years meeting the special needs of girls from diverse racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds and enriching voluntarism in America in the process.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the Genesee Valley Girl Scouts and the Girl Scouts of America on "Be Your Best Day." The Girl Scouts' activities are an inspiration to us all.