

TRIBUTE TO DORIAN MOTEN BROWN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 1996

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dorian Moten Brown, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Dorian Moten Brown is a remarkable community activist who works as a trainer in conflict resolution and serves as the director of a Community Mediation Program in East Palo Alto. She has opened an in-house alternative program for children suspended from elementary schools and runs programs of gang mediation in East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, and San Mateo. She is a mentor for parolees from the California Youth Authority, a group home counselor, and an executive producer of youth television for Emerald City magazine. Dorian Moten Brown has received numerous recognitions for her dedicated community service, including the World of Well Being Award from the Santa Clara Girl Scouts, the Positive Image Award from the East Palo Alto Teen Home, the Community Leader Fellowship Award from the California Wellness Foundation, and the Larry Sleizer Memorial Award for professional mediation.

Mr. Speaker, Dorian Moten Brown is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her contributions and commitment to serving our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dorian Moten Brown and congratulate her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO GIOCONDA EGAN

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Gioconda Egan, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Gioconda Egan, herself profoundly deaf, founded the San Mateo County Branch of Deaf Counseling Advocacy Referral Agency in 1978 and served as its executive director until 1982. She is a trained paralegal and has encouraged the courts and community colleges in San Mateo County to offer sign language services. She was instrumental in developing the Disability Services Program for the San Mateo County government and effectively operated the program from 1985 to 1991. She also helped establish a class specifically designed for the hearing impaired at a local college. Gioconda Egan is a founding member and active participant in the San Mateo County Commission on Disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, Gioconda Egan is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her contributions and commitment to serving our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Gioconda Egan and congratulate her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO SHARON BRYCE HOFSTEDT

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sharon Bryce Hofstedt, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Sharon Bryce Hofstedt, a registered nurse for 25 years, is a tireless advocate on behalf of women, children, and families in San Mateo County. She chairs the Community Outreach Committee of the Board of Directors for Stanford University Hospital and has been instrumental in developing programs that encourage people to volunteer with the hospital. As a board member and current president of the board of directors for Women's Recovery Association, she has helped expand its services to include the innovative Perinatal Residential Program. Sharon Bryce Hofstedt is also actively involved with Samaritan House and the County Winter Shelter Task Force. In 1991, Sharon Bryce Hofstedt was honored by the Junior League of Palo Alto as an Outstanding Volunteer Advocate.

Mr. Speaker, Sharon Bryce Hofstedt is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her contributions and commitment to serving our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sharon Bryce Hofstedt and congratulate her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO VIVIAN L. KRAL

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Vivian L. Kral, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Vivian L. Kral was recently named president-elect of California Women Lawyers, the largest Women's Bar Association in the world. Vivian L. Kral is an invaluable women's rights activist and the first woman in San Mateo County to have earned the honor of presiding over the California Women Lawyers. She has also received the California Women Lawyers President's Award for passion and commitment for her work in promoting the advancement of women in the legal profession and society. In addition to her work as a practicing attorney, Vivian L. Kral lectures on legal ethics and family law and teaches oral advocacy at the Hastings College of Oral Advocacy. She is also the vice president of the Planned Parenthood Association of San Mateo County, president of the San Mateo County's National Women's Political Caucus, and a member of the County Bar Association Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, Vivian L. Kral is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her contributions and commitment to serving our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Vivian L. Kral and congratulate her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO MARIA LUCIDI

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Maria Lucidi, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

For the past 40 years, Maria Lucidi has worked to improve our education system as a teacher, a department chair, a coach of forensics and debate, a coordinator of our schools' Gifted and Talented Program, and head of many committees at the school, district, and county levels. With her remarkable vision and leadership skills, Maria Lucidi started San Mateo High School District's literary-art magazine and originated the speaker's bureau. She has excelled as an educator, having received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship in 1992 and the San Mateo County Teacher of the Year Award in 1980. Maria Lucidi is also actively involved in the Red Cross and the Cystic Fibrosis Associations.

Mr. Speaker, Maria Lucidi is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her contributions and commitment to our students and our public education system. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Maria Lucidi and congratulate her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE COOKE

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jacqueline Cooke, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame as a Young Woman of Excellence.

Jacqueline Cooke has been an active participant in student government, athletics, and music from her first day at Burlingame High School. She has developed outstanding leadership skills and maintained a consistent honor roll academic standing. Jacqueline Cooke is one of two seniors representing Burlingame High School in a community coalition dedicated to linking students with senior citizens. She has also played an important role in developing "Freshman Gathering," a program designed to help ninth graders make the transition from middle school to high school. Jacqueline Cooke is currently student body president and was recently voted the Senior Who Contributed the Most. Her volunteer activities range from fundraising for AIDS research to collecting teddy bears for needy children.

Mr. Speaker, Jacqueline Cooke is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her contributions and commitment to serving our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jacqueline Cooke and congratulate her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame as a Young Woman of Excellence.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
FLORENCE RHOADS

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Florence Rhoads, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Florence Rhoads has more than two decades of community service to her credit, including more than 12 years on the San Mateo City Council, with three terms as mayor. As a dedicated local elected official, she served on the public safety committee of the League of California Cities and the Association of Bay Area Government's executive board. With her strong leadership skills, Florence Rhoads chaired the San Mateo County Council of Mayors, the County Criminal Justice Council, and the San Mateo Parks and Recreation Commission. Her community activism also goes beyond her work in local government. She is actively involved with community groups such as the American Association of University Women, the West San Mateo Homeowners' Association, the League of Women Voters, and the San Mateo Arboretum Society.

Mr. Speaker, Florence Rhoads is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her countless contributions and commitment to serving our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Florence Rhoads and congratulate her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO MARY REGAN
SIMONSON

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Regan Simonson, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame as a Young Woman of Excellence.

Since 1992, Mary Regan Simonson has contributed over 900 hours of community service to the Ronald McDonald House for terminally ill children and their parents. Working at the Ronald McDonald House, she recruits, trains, and manages a Teen Volunteer Program serving 200 children. She also has donated hundreds of volunteer hours at the Stanford Children's Hospital. As a senior at Sacred Heart Preparatory School, Mary Regan Simonson maintains a 3.68 grade point average and is the editor of the yearbook, as well as an active member of the student council. She is also a nationally competitive vaulter in gymnastics on horseback and spends time teaching younger children how to vault.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Regan Simonson is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her contributions and commitment to serving our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mary Regan Simonson and congratulate her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame as a Young Woman of Excellence.

TRIBUTE TO PEGGY STERN PROPP

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Peggy Stern Propp, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Seven years ago, Peggy Stern Propp left a successful marketing career to start Community Impact, a remarkable nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing volunteerism. With her vision and passion, she collaborates with other Bay Area nonprofits to create innovative one-day projects for volunteers, and advertises these opportunities through a newsletter. Through Community Impact, volunteers have donated over 62,000 hours of community service to agencies and individuals in need. With her infectious enthusiasm, Peggy Stern Propp is continually finding new ways for individuals and groups to build stronger communities through volunteer service.

Mr. Speaker, Peggy Stern Propp is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her contributions and commitment to serving our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Peggy Stern Propp and congratulate her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.