

memory will live on in all the lives she touched. Ann, yours is a light that cannot be extinguished. I send you my love.

IN MEMORY OF LESLIE
STRATHMANN, VILLAGE MAN-
AGER OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Leslie Strathmann, village manager of Friendship Heights. For 9 years Mrs. Strathmann served in exemplary fashion at this post. On April 13, her coworkers honored her at the 10th anniversary celebration of the Friendship Heights community center, naming a conference room in her honor and dedicating the ceremony to her. Leslie Strathmann passed away later that day, her lifetime of dedicated public service cut short by cancer at 54. She will be dearly missed.

Leslie Strathmann's extensive career in public service brought much to the Friendship Heights community. She served as vice president of the Friendship Heights Rotary where she helped organize annual Rotary fundraisers and community service projects to benefit village residents. While serving on the Montgomery County Committee on Committees she reviewed all county committees and helped streamline committee rules and structure. She coordinated Bethesda Action Group meetings between county transportation officials and citizens to resolve traffic and transportation issues.

It is hard to imagine Friendship Heights without Leslie Strathmann. The programs that she helped to create have made Friendship Heights' community center a true meeting place for the community, with classes in various disciplines, care groups for the young, and organizational meetings of all sorts. As village manager, she took it upon herself to do all that she could to better the Friendship Heights community.

In all of her work, Leslie Strathmann helped to resolve the everyday concerns of the people of Friendship Heights. Her skills and her dedication made her a valuable member of the Friendship Heights community. Leslie Strathmann leaves behind a vacancy that will be hard to fill, not only as village manager, but in the hearts of the people that knew her. She will be missed, but she will live on in love. I know that my colleagues will join me in honoring and remembering Mrs. Leslie Strathmann, and in giving condolences to her husband of 33 years, Dr. William D. Strathmann, her two sons, Joseph and William, her daughter-in-law, Kathleen, her father, Joseph R. Micali, and her sister, Judy M. Daly.

THE FUTURE IS OURS TO CREATE

HON. RICK WHITE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to welcome the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society [WOCN] to Seattle, in my

home State of Washington, June 15 to 19, for their 28th annual conference. The theme of the conference, "The Future Is Ours To Create," will focus on future opportunities and challenges relating to the changing and expanding role of ET—enterostomal therapists—nurses and other nurses specializing in wound, ostomy, and continence care.

Founded in 1968, the WOCN is the only national organization for nurses who specialize in the prevention of pressure ulcers and the management and rehabilitation of persons with ostomies, wounds, and incontinence. WOCN, an association of ET nurses, is a professional nursing society which supports its members by promoting educational, clinical, and research opportunities, to advance the practice and guide the delivery of expert health care to individuals with wounds, ostomies, and incontinence.

In this age of changing health care services and skyrocketing costs, the WOCN nurse plays an integral role in providing cost-effective care for their patients. This year's Seattle conference will provide a unique opportunity for WOCN participants to learn about the most current issues and trends related to their practice. I am honored that WOCN has chosen Seattle to host its conference and wish them every success.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM C. DUNNE

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I come to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to honor one of my constituents, William C. Dunne, for his long and distinguished career with the U.S. Secret Service.

This month Bill Dunne retired from the Secret Service and tonight his colleagues from the law enforcement community, as well as his family and friends, will all come together to honor him at a retirement dinner.

One from a family of 10, Bill was born and raised on Chicago's Southwest Side. After receiving a degree in law enforcement administration from the University of Oklahoma, Bill began his career as a special agent with the U.S. Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Within 2 years Bill was presented with the opportunity he sought since childhood—to become a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service.

For over 20 years, Bill served with distinction as a special agent with the Secret Service. Bill worked in the Secret Service's Syracuse and Chicago field offices, as well as the Washington, DC, headquarters where he served on the protection detail for President Ronald Reagan. In Washington, Bill's protection experience, talents, and skills caused his elevation to head the protection detail for former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and Chief of Staff Donald Regan.

During his distinguished career, Bill Dunne traveled abroad frequently ensuring the safety of U.S. Presidents, Vice Presidents, and other Government officials in foreign lands. Bill's protection duties over the years also included Presidential candidates, foreign diplomats, and Pope John Paul II during his visit to Chicago in 1979.

His last assignment was in the capacity as a supervisor in the Chicago field office. In addition to his protection responsibilities, Bill led many successful criminal investigations in counterfeit and fraud cases involving U.S. currency and financial instruments.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me today in saluting Bill Dunne, his wife Pat, and their four children, Bill, Patrick, Shannon, and Colleen, and to wish them the best in the future.

HONORING THE SALEM-BLACKMAN
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Salem-Blackman Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in fire-fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their homes catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO THE VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS, MILES A.
SUAREZ POST 711

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special group of Americans from the Eighth Congressional District of New Jersey.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 711 has for 75 years offered a steadfast portrait of loyalty, sacrifice, and self-resolve.

Our loyalties mark the kinds of persons we have chosen to become. Real loyalty endures inconvenience, withstands hardship, and does not flinch under assault. The individuals who make up the Miles A. Suarez VFW Post consistently allow this genuine loyalty to pervade the whole of their lives.

The members of VFW Post 711 remind us that the loyal, patriotic citizen expects no great reward for coming to his country's aid. On the contrary, a devoted patriot seeks only that his country flourishes.

When it comes to honoring their country, their faith, and their comrades, the veterans of post 711 have demonstrated both the wisdom to know the right thing to do, and the will to do it. Truly, they have lived up to the obligations of loyalty, patriotism, and service.

To be a loyal citizen means to achieve a high standard of caring seriously about the well-being of one's Nation. I am proud to honor and praise VFW, Post 711 for exceeding this standard. Congratulations for your 75 year history of community pride and American patriotism.

AGRICULTURAL WATER DELIVERY ACT

HON. MICHAEL D. CRAPO

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to help remedy a problem that is particularly burdensome to the water delivery companies in the West. Like many seasonal businesses, complying with the Fair Labor Standards Act has become a huge burden to both water delivery companies and their employees.

Irrigation has never nor will it ever be a 40 hour a week job. During peak agricultural months, water must be managed and delivered continually. Later in the year, the work load is light, consisting mainly of maintenance duties. Time off and winter compensation have been the methods of compensating for overtime during these peak agricultural months. Instead of being allowed to offer their employees winter compensation or time off, water delivery companies must now lay off water delivery personnel after the peak agricultural months.

Under current law, contained at 29 U.S.C., sec 213(b)(12), an exemption from the maximum hour requirement exists for employees hired to work in conjunction with water delivery companies that deliver water "exclusively" for agricultural use. This exemption was designed specifically to address the unique problems faced by water delivery companies when complying with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Under the current interpretation of the law, water delivery organizations must deliver their water "exclusively" for agricultural purposes to qualify. For many water delivery organizations who deliver a small portion of their water for nonagricultural purposes, this interpretation has been disastrous. They are unable to benefit from the exemption even though it was designed with water delivery companies in mind.

I am introducing legislation that would expressly set the requirement of water to be ultimately delivered for agriculture purposes at 75 percent. This adjustment more accurately reflects the realities of agricultural water delivery. It would also benefit agricultural employees by making it possible for employers to provide them with year-round compensation rather than seasonal wages.

IN HONOR OF CARMEN MALDONADO: WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carmen Maldonado, a woman of distinguished character and grace. The Puerto Rican Society of Elizabeth, Inc. will honor her with its Woman of the Year Award on April 28 in Linden, NJ.

Mrs. Maldonado arrived in New York from her native Puerto Rico in 1950. While living in New York, she met and married Sal Maldonado and later moved to Elizabeth with their children Edgar, Joseph, Carmen, and Edna Isabel. Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Maldonado began working with the Elizabeth Board of Education. For a quarter of a century, she has dedicated herself to improving our educational system. As a liaison between the community and the school district, Mrs. Maldonado interacts with the students, parents, and teachers to create a better environment for our school children.

Mrs. Maldonado genuinely cares about her community. She dedicates her energy to various community services that aid the citizens of Elizabeth. For example, Mrs. Maldonado devotes her time to improving city services for the elderly as a board member of Community Services for Senior Citizens. Her charitable commitment to the community does not stop there. She is also involved in improving the educational needs of the adult community, an active member of P.R.O.C.E.E.D., Inc. and president of the local Y.M.C.A. With her busy schedule as a full time mother and career woman, Mrs. Maldonado still finds time to help her community.

In addition, Mrs. Maldonado is a member of other organizations, including the Puerto Rican Society of Elizabeth, Inc. and Saint Patrick's School and Church. Over the course of her distinguished career, Mrs. Maldonado has won many awards. She has been honored by the Hispanic Association of Saint Patrick's and has received the Elizabeth Port Pride Day Good Neighbor Award.

Mrs. Maldonado's commitment to the people of Elizabeth exemplifies the true meaning of compassion, dedication, and service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Carmen Maldonado, an outstanding individual.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOSTER CITY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on the 25th anniversary of the founding of Foster City, CA to pay tribute to the city and its citizens for building an exemplary community.

Foster City was originally founded and developed by T. Jack Foster. In 1960 he acquired the 4 square miles known as Brewers Island in order to begin building a vision that today we honor as a dream fulfilled. The original concept was to develop a balanced com-

munity able to function physically, economically, and socially to meet the needs and desires of its residents.

A massive construction operation was necessary to convert the land into a new city of the future. Eighteen million cubic yards of fill were necessary to provide gradient for the storm water runoff and cover for the utility lines as well as support for the buildings. Two hundred and thirty acres of lagoons had to be created to collect the storm water and hold it for pumping into the Bay. Drinking water was later brought to Foster City through the City of San Mateo from the San Francisco water system.

Foster City faced a number of adversities both political and physical. The engineering challenge of creating Foster City from the marshlands of Brewer's Island required enormous financial backing, but this did not deter its developers. For 5 years the Foster City Community Association fought an intense legal battle with the district board to obtain incorporation of the city. Despite the daunting task, the citizens of Foster City overcame the mire of bureaucracy to deliver on a promise that T. Jack Foster had originally envisioned. On April 27, 1971 Foster City was incorporated thus establishing a council/city manager form of local government with a five member city council. By 1971 there were more than 10,000 residents of this emerging community, and they voted to incorporate as a city. Since that time, public facilities, commercial developments, and new homes have continued to be built.

Foster City is a community of people dedicated to the purpose of education and maintaining the quality of life of the community. In keeping with these commitments, 1996 marks the opening of a new library, a remodeled recreation center, and an updated Brewer Island Elementary School. Foster City remains a planned community today—dedicated to the fundamental values that ultimately enrich America as a whole.

Today, Foster City is widely regarded in the San Francisco Bay Area as one of the pre-eminent communities in which to live. Prosperity has come with stability. It is the proud home of over 30,000 people. It is especially meaningful for me to be able to rise today on behalf of each of those citizens to pay tribute to the city they call home.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the celebration of Foster City's Silver Anniversary, and I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating the community of Foster City for its admirable accomplishments and outstanding determination.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK GARCIA

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 1996

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who resides in my district, Francisco "Frank" J. Garcia. Frank was recently recognized by the Points of Light Foundation for his exceptional community service, 1 of just 20 recipients of the prestigious 1996 President's Service Award.

Frank is a local restaurant owner in Anaheim, CA. His restaurant, La Casa Garcia, is