

General Leo Fu-tien Liu. Through capable leaders such as Mr. Leo Fu-tien Liu, Guam is sure to benefit further from cordial relations with the Republic of China.

Guam benefits from the diversity of its residents, and certainly from the Chinese community on our island. Through their expertise, diligence and charity, Taiwanese nationals and residents have helped Guam become what it is today, an island with a vibrant economy and satisfied residents.

I again congratulate the Republic of China on this propitious occasion. Happy Double Ten.

THE CONFRATERNIDAD GUINERA  
VEINTIOCHO DE ENERO HONORED

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 9, 1997*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the members and officials of the Confraternidad Guinera Veintiocho de Enero.

This organization, founded on the 8th of October in 1972 in Union City by Mr. Manuel Rodriguez and other residents from the town of Guines on the beautiful island of Cuba, is celebrating their 25th anniversary. The sons and daughters of Guines living in the United States have made us proud of their service and dedication on behalf of their community in Union City, NJ.

This organization came together at a time when Union City, like many inner cities in the United States, was facing financial hardship because their businesses were moving to the suburbs. The Guineros, as part of the Cuban community in exile, contributed to the city's renaissance, not only in Union City, but also in the neighboring towns of North Bergen, West New York, Guttenberg, and Weehawken. It is gratifying to know that this organization brought together the sons and daughters of a land left behind and also of an entire community.

I am certain my colleagues will rise with me to honor this wonderful celebration of a job well done.

IN HONOR OF STEVE DILLENBECK,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
PORT OF LONG BEACH

**HON. STEPHEN HORN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 9, 1997*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished public servant, Mr. Steve Dillenbeck, executive director of the Port of Long Beach, California. Steve is retiring after 34 years in port administration—more than 6 of which were spent as executive director in Long Beach.

This great port which is located in the 38th Congressional District, has grown significantly under Steve Dillenbeck's management. His extensive seaport experience has helped make the Port of Long Beach a centerpiece of the Pacific rim economy and a keystone of U.S. global trade.

When Steve became executive director in 1991, Long Beach was one of the busiest ports in the country. Today, the Port of Long Beach is No. 1. The city of Long Beach and the surrounding regional economy are better off today because of this economic growth, due in no small part to the dedicated effort of Steve Dillenbeck and his talented staff.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Long Beach City Council and Board of Harbor Commissioners as well as the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and all the other local officials who are honoring Steve Dillenbeck for a job "well done."

HONORING THE LIONS CLUB  
INTERNATIONAL OF PICO  
RIVERA FOR 60 YEARS OF OUT-  
STANDING AND INVALUABLE  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 9, 1997*

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the men and women of the Lions Club International of Pico Rivera on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. I am proud to be an honorary member of the Lions Club International of Pico Rivera and commend my fellow Lions for 60 years of outstanding leadership and dedicated community service. On October 11, 1997, my fellow Lions will join to celebrate this milestone.

The Lions Club International began in June 1917, founded by Chicago Insurance agent Melvin Jones. He presented to a group of small business clubs his proposal of consolidating their clubs into a strong, influential club. Its goal would be to serve the community and humanity. At the first annual convention in October 1917, 23 clubs participated. Today, there are over 40,000 Lions Clubs around the world.

Recognized as the oldest continuous service club in Pico Rivera, the Lions Club of Pico Rivera was chartered on September 24, 1937. It is a part of the International Association of Lions Clubs, known worldwide for its contributions to goodwill, fellowship, and humanitarian service. The primary focus of this fine organization is service to all of mankind, in the local community and throughout the world. For 60 years, the Pico Rivera Lions Club has shared in this vision and commitment.

The men and women of the Lions Club of Pico Rivera have played major roles in the advancement of the city of Pico Rivera, working diligently to establish a positive spirit of cooperation among the citizens of our community. They provide assistance for persons who are visually impaired and who lack the resources needed for specialized eye surgery. The Lions Club of Pico Rivera works with merchants, local government, and other service clubs to build a strong community.

The Lions Club of Pico Rivera is under the leadership of my dear friend, Lion Hilda Lopez, president, an outstanding community activist who follows in the tradition of her late husband, Lion Laree, in assuming the helm of this valued community organization. She is assisted by Vincent Chavez, vice president; Jess Benavidez, co-vice president; Mary Kambourian, secretary; John Diaz, treasurer; Mario Diaz, tail twister; Jack Thomas, lion

tamer, Dr. Fred Winnen, director; Carlos Garcia, director; Lupe Quintana, director; and Phillip Barnecut, central region chairman.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the men and women of the Lions Club of Pico Rivera on the occasion of its 60th anniversary and in the recognition of its outstanding and selfless service to our community.

IN HONOR OF VARDA AND ARNOLD  
WENDROFF FOR OUTSTANDING  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BAYONNE  
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ON  
ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 9, 1997*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding family, Varda and Arnold Wendroff, who together through their tireless efforts and altruism have devoted 20 years to the workings of the Jewish Community Center in Bayonne. This year the Center will be honoring the Wendroffs at the 45th Annual Sustaining Dinner Dance on October 9, 1997 at the Jewish Community Center in Bayonne, NJ.

The Jewish Community Center has been a gathering place for the entire Bayonne community for the last 45 years. The excellent nonsectarian programs are sought after by community members of all ages—2 to 102—for nursery classes, youth basketball, concerts, lectures, a nutritious lunch program for the elderly, services for children with special needs, summer camp, children's summer theater workshop, and an adult peer learning program.

Varda Wendroff is the immediate past president of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center where she demonstrated skill, generosity, and good humor throughout her successful term. She has chaired the membership, nursery school, and Holocaust remembrance committees. Varda currently serves as president of the Bayonne Jewish Community Council. In her professional life, Varda teaches German, French and ESL at Bayonne High School. She was recognized with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and named in "Who's Who Among American Teachers."

Arnold Wendroff is vice president of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center and chairperson of the Personnel Committee. Arnold had served as chairperson of the Drama Committee and has received the Nathan Secunda Award for dedication and devotion. Professionally, Arnold is a second vice president of Chase Manhattan Bank, where he has worked for 33 years. He was the recipient of the prestigious Excalibur Award given to outstanding Chase employees.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding work of the Bayonne Jewish Community Center and the Wendroffs, who are being honored at its Annual Sustaining Dinner. This exceptional family has shown the diligent and unselfish work which exemplifies the qualities of caring citizens working to better their community. It is an honor to have such outstanding community leaders residing in my district.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YWCA  
WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 9, 1997*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 18, the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson will honor the winners of their Annual Women of Influence Awards. I ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating these special women of achievement.

Among the honorees is Ms. Antoinette (Tony) O'Flaherty, a dear friend of mine and a person whom I greatly admire for her strong spirit, her generosity, and her tremendous contributions to our community. Ms. O'Flaherty, who holds a degree in economics from Mount Holyoke College, has been a tireless crusader in behalf of the poor and homeless of our community. After a distinguished career in the labor movement and county government where she held a number of positions including public information officer and coordinator for the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Ms. O'Flaherty devoted her considerable talent and energy to community service. She served as chairperson of the Homeless Task Force established by the Newark Emergency Services for Families. Under her creative leadership, the task force brought together a group of homeless women from hotels and shelters to exchange information and ideas. It also provided a forum for exchanges among service providers, State, county and government representatives. Ms. O'Flaherty has championed the cause of those who are still struggling to succeed in our society, giving a voice to their concerns, hopes and aspirations for the future. Her many volunteer commitments include service on the New Jersey Child Care Advisory; the Newark Preschool Council, Inc.; chairperson of the Newark Emergency Services for Families Homeless Task Force; chair of the Essex County Advisory Board of the Salvation Army; board member of the Isaiah House; board member of the United Labor Agency; member of the League of Women Voters; and chair of the Essex Advisory Board of the Catholic Community Services.

One of her many accomplishments while working with the county was that Ms. O'Flaherty was able to create employment opportunities for qualified minorities who had previously encountered difficulties in breaking barriers. She understood that employment was the key to the economic success of the community. After I was elected to Congress, I was honored that she agreed to serve on my child care task force, sharing her vast knowledge and expertise for the betterment of the 10<sup>6</sup>G5th congressional district.

Ms. O'Flaherty remains a vibrant force in our community. Just yesterday, she was personally greeted by President Clinton when he arrived at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, where he discussed an issue close to her heart—child care.

The other Women of Influence honorees who have also distinguished themselves through outstanding professional achievements and dedicated community service are: Susan Jenkins, business, executive at Merck and a member of the YWCA Board; Bernice

Davis, education, past superintendent, Orange Board of Education; Cheryl Hudson, entrepreneur, proprietor/publisher, Just Us Books; Dr. M. Calhoun Thomas, medicine, pediatrician with 21 years of service to the Orange community; Dr. Byrte Johnson, religion, a life of dedication to the ministry of music and youth; Michele Williams, religion, youth Sunday school teacher, and minister of music; Angela Hayes, youth president of Senior Teens of Jack and Jill of America; Harriett Johnson, nursing, assistant executive director, Board of Nursing, Orange.

Mr. Speaker, our community is proud of these women of accomplishment, and I know my colleagues join me in extending congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

HONORING CHARO FOR 30 YEARS  
OF OUTSTANDING AND INVALUABLE  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 9, 1997*

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize CHARO Community Development Corporation on the occasion of its 30 Anniversary. For 30 years, CHARO has provided exemplary service to the greater East Los Angeles community.

Incorporated as a non-profit in 1967, Richard Amador, then Chief of Field Operations, Office of the President and Federal Coordinator, President's Committee on Manpower, took a leave of office from the President Johnson administration to start CHARO. CHARO is an innovative and progressive community organization that seeks to develop self sustaining economic development initiatives that create jobs and wealth for the community.

Its first program was initiated to bridge Federal, State, and local government agencies with community based organizations. CHARO developed the Manpower Information and Technical Assistance Services Program (MITAS) to more effectively provide human resource development services to communities. Since its inception it has continued to expand and develop the services it offers to address the needs of the community.

In 1969, CHARO created HEART (Hospital Employment and Related Training Project). HEART was the first program to design and develop new job classifications and on the job training in non-certified positions in health services. This was the first program of its kind to link community residents with training in the health care profession.

In 1970, CHARO was the first non-government entity to develop an On the Job Training (OJT) Program in the private sector with support services called Instant Job. Previously OJT was only available through a trade union. This program expanded the opportunities for the community to learn a trade through apprenticeship.

In 1971, with the assistance from the Carnegie Foundation and the PEDR Corporation, CHARO developed the Institute for Leadership Development, a certificate Management Development Program. Through the certificate program, Hispanic business professionals were empowered with the tools to succeed in business and become community leaders.

CHARO developed the first Vocational Training with English as a second language program to serve non-English and limited English proficient clients. VocESL was established in 1972, opening the doors for Latinos, stymied by a language barrier, to gainful employment.

CHARO Industries, established in 1972, addresses the lack of vocational opportunities for the developmentally disabled population. CHARO met this need by establishing the first bilingual/bicultural sheltered workshop for developmentally disabled adults. CHARO contracted assembly, packaging, and fulfillment services with private and public entities.

In 1973, CHARO created the first non-government employment and training center, CHARO Career Center. For over 20 years, the Center has facilitated in the placement of over 10,000 individuals. CHARO has been a leader in fixed price contract services, often placing long term unemployed and those formerly on welfare assistance or recently released from correctional facilities in to full time employment.

To serve families visiting relatives or friends in the hospital, CHARO established in 1976 an emergency drop-in child care center at the U.S.C.—Los Angeles County Medical Center. And in 1978, CHARO created the Child Development Center to address the child care needs of the Los Nietos-Whittier School District. Now serving over 150 pre-school children, the program operates as a child development center, providing educational enhancement exercises and food service program to local low income families. Seeing a rise in latch-key children, the Los Nietos-Whittier School District again called upon CHARO to meet the needs of working families. Using its own funds, in 1983, CHARO established two before and after school care facilities. Both programs provide homework assistance and tutoring programs for the after school youth program.

Addressing the need for affordable housing, in 1989, CHARO developed one of the first complexes in East Los Angeles, Morengo Apartments, comprised of 24 one, two, three, and four bedroom units for low and moderate income families. In 1991, AMCAL, a subsidiary of CHARO, developed Arroyo Villas, a 22 unit complex of one, two, and three bedroom units for very low, low, and moderate income families in Highland Park.

In 1990, the CHARO Industrial Park was established on 2.7 acres in East Los Angeles for economic development. Recognizing that CHARO could provide competitive quality services, employing local residents, CHARO became the first non-profit to contract with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, providing environmental services and installation of energy and water saving devices in home located in the City of Los Angeles. In 1993, CHARO created the Mid City Property Management to provide design and remodeling services to CHARO subsidiaries and divisions, and property management.

Since 1993, CHARO has trained over 400 Angelenos through the Entrepreneur Training Center. Utilizing the Cornell University/Wharton School of business, CHARO established the first bilingual/bicultural entrepreneur training program, resulting in over 110 new jobs and over 102 new businesses. The Los Angeles Career Center was established in 1994 as one of the first One Stop Employment and