

those who have honored us. Today I thank the firefighters for their efforts in the Los Padres. We salute you.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING FATHER MICHAEL SCANLAN

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 1999*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following proclamation to my colleagues:

Whereas, Father Scanlan graduated from Harvard Law School in 1956 and served as Staff Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force; and,

Whereas, Father Scanlan served as acting dean of the College of Steubenville and as a lecturer in theology from 1964-1966 and later became President of the College of Steubenville, now Franciscan University of Steubenville, in 1974; and,

Whereas, Father Scanlan was honored in 1997 with the Sacrae Theologiae Magister, an academic degree beyond the doctorate, and the highest award given by the Franciscan Order; and,

Whereas, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Father Scanlan on his lifetime of service to his community as well as the College. I am proud to call him a constituent.

A TRIBUTE TO HELEN STANTON

**HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 1999*

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Helen Stanton, who is retiring this month from her position as executive director of The Creative Center, a performing arts program for developmentally disabled adults in Visalia, CA.

Ms. Stanton began her service at The Creative Center 14 years ago, serving as program manager. In 1993, she was named executive director of the Center. There, she has supervised a staff of 12 instructors who help developmentally disabled adults in the Visalia area to achieve personal growth through expression in visual arts, music, dance and theatrical performance.

Ms. Stanton has made special efforts to develop the Center's instruction in life skills. In these classes, Center instructors address such topics as independence, social graces, dealing with money, and self-advocacy.

Under Ms. Stanton's leadership, the Center has undergone significant growth, expanding from 42 students attending part-time in 1985 to a present enrollment of 84 full-time students.

Ms. Stanton has also overseen the opening of the Center's Jon Ginsburg Gallery. The gallery exhibits artwork produced by the Center's students and community members.

Ms. Stanton's commitment to the performing and visual arts is also evident by her presidency of Arts Visalia, a nonprofit group devoted to developing an art gallery in downtown Visalia.

Creative Center colleagues have been inspired by Ms. Stanton's devotion to the Center

and its students. She has treated the Center's students with dignity and respect and provided them with countless creative opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Helen Stanton for her devoted service to The Creative Center. She has distinguished herself as a caring visionary and tireless leader. As she completes her service, we wish her a most happy retirement.

SALUTE TO JOHN M. LANGSTON BAR ASSOCIATION AFRICAN AMERICAN ANNUAL HALL OF FAME HONOREES

**HON. JULIAN C. DIXON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 1999*

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to four prominent and distinguished members of the legal community in Los Angeles: Attorney Mary Burrell Fulton; United States District Court Chief Judge Terry J. Hatter; Attorney Elbert T. Hudson; and Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Sherrill Luke. On October 16, 1999, these four exceptional individuals will be inducted into the John M. Langston Bar Association Ninth Annual Hall of Fame. I cannot think of four people more deserving of this distinct honor and am pleased to have this opportunity to publicly recognize their extraordinary contributions to the legal profession.

Attorney Mary Burrell Fulton received her undergraduate degree in government from Los Angeles State College where she was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. In 1961 she became the first Black woman to graduate from the UCLA law school. She was admitted to the California State Bar on January 9, 1962, and began her career as an associate in the offices of legendary Los Angeles attorney Crispus A. Wright. In 1965 she joined the law firm of Lloyd, Bradley, Burrell & Nelson, whose client list included renowned entertainer Dr. William (Bill) Cosby. She established a solo practice in 1981 and in 1991 teamed with retired Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Henry P. Nelson to found the firm of Nelson & Fulton. Mary has served as a mentor to many young, aspiring attorneys and has contributed much to the Los Angeles community through her participation in numerous career day programs.

Judge Terry Hatter was appointed to the United States District Court for the Central District of California in 1979. On March 1, 1998, he was named Chief Judge, presiding over the court which covers the largest federal district in the nation, serving some 17 million people. Judge Hatter received his undergraduate degree in government from Wesleyan University in Connecticut and his law degree from the University of Chicago. His exemplary legal career spans more than thirty years, and includes service as an attorney, public defender, Assistant United States Attorney, Executive Assistant to Mayor Tom Bradley, and Professor of Law at the University of Southern California Law Center and Loyola University School of Law. Judge Hatter has presided over some of the most controversial and difficult cases to come before the Central District. Widely respected by attorneys and judges alike, he has served the court with

great distinction for twenty years. He is a Trustee of Wesleyan University, and member of the Visiting Committee for the University of Chicago Law School.

Broadway Federal Bank Chairman Elbert T. Hudson has had a distinguished career of service to our community and nation, beginning with his service during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps as one of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen. He received his undergraduate degree from UCLA and his law degree from Loyola University School of Law. Prior to joining Broadway Federal, founded by his father, Dr. H. Claude Hudson, Elbert practiced law for 20 years. In 1972 he became the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Broadway Federal Savings and Loan Association. Although he stepped down as CEO in 1992 and resumed the practice of law, he remains chairman of the bank's Board of Directors. He is a member of the Board of Police Commissioners; the Board of Directors of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company; and President and Board Member of the NAACP "New Careers" JEPTA Training Center. He is a past president of the Los Angeles Branch of the NAACP, as well as the American League of Financial Institutions. He has served on numerous other boards, including the Board of Directors of Drew University Medical School.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Sherrill D. Luke was named to the Superior Court bench after spending nearly a decade hearing cases before the Los Angeles Municipal Court. He received his undergraduate degree from UCLA; his master of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley; and his doctor of jurisprudence from Golden Gate University. His impressive career includes service as an attorney; Cabinet Secretary to former California Governor Pat Brown; Adjunct Professor of Law at Loyola University Law School; and President of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission. He is a member of several professional and civic organizations, including the California Judges Association, Langston Bar Association, and the California Association of Black Lawyers. He remains deeply involved with his alma mater, UCLA, where he is a member and the past president of the UCLA Alumni Association; member and cochair of the Advisory Board of the UCLA Performing Arts Program, and the Stephens House of Scholarships Association.

Mr. Speaker, these four individuals have made enormous contributions to the system of jurisprudence, and it is especially fitting that they are being recognized by their peers for their exemplary service. As they are inducted into the John M. Langston Bar Association's Hall of Fame, I am pleased to salute Mary, Terry, Elbert, and Sherrill for the contributions they have made which continue to enrich the judiciary and the Los Angeles community. Well done, my friends!

TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE CHANDLER

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 1999*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pleasure to pay tribute to a

remarkable woman who has dedicated the better part of her life to an admirable career in public service. For over a half century, Florence Chandler has worked tirelessly for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. During that time she continuously reinforced the notion that government and politics can be a noble endeavor. On the occasion of her retirement, I want to express my own personal congratulations and thanks on a job well done.

Like many patriotic American women during World War II, best characterized by the defiant Rosie the Riveter, Florence Chandler's slogan has always been "We Can Do It!" From the Town Hall to the White House, Florence brought her trademark energy and enthusiasm to every challenge. She was a strong, resilient, and sometimes singular voice for the people of Southbridge. For nearly a decade, I watched her place the town's best interests before her own. She would lobby local, state and national officials for what she believed in. And she always earned respect and admiration along the way.

A new police station, daycare center and water treatment facility are part of the legacy she will leave behind. A stabilized tax rate and major school renovations have also been achieved during her tenure. But her finest hour was bringing the Department of Defense training facility to Southbridge. It is her signature accomplishment. Quite simply, without the charismatic leadership of Florence Chandler that exciting project and those new jobs would not be in this community.

A town manager, an attorney, a friend, a sibling and a grandmother, Florence has been a success in life on many different levels. She is the rare individual who succeeded at bringing the town of Southbridge to the attention of the President of the United States. For those who say it can't be done, I would recommend spending a day with Saugus native Florence Chandler. Like Rosie the Riveter, she has shown that anything is possible.

IN HONOR OF SISTER HARRIET HAMILTON, RECIPIENT OF THE UNITED WAY'S CONGRESSWOMAN MARY T. NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD

### **HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 1999*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Harriet Hamilton for winning the United Way's Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award.

Initiated by the United Way of Hudson County in 1990, this award recognizes individuals who exhibit a deep commitment to community service as exemplified by Congresswoman Mary T. Norton during her 13 terms in the House of Representatives (1925–1950). A leader who championed thinking outside of the box, Congresswoman Norton advocated government action in areas, such as day care, fair employment practices, health care for veterans, and the inclusion of women in high levels of government service.

Sister Harriet, a member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and one of this year's award recipients, began her career serving Hudson County under the auspices of Catholic Com-

munity Services, providing counseling and support services to pregnant teens and their families. For the last 12 years, Sister Harriet has dedicated full-time service to the needs of multi-handicapped blind children at St. Joseph's School for the Blind.

In addition, Sister Harriet is the executive director of the York Street Project in Jersey City, New Jersey. A nonprofit social service organization, the York Street Project provides transitional housing, education, child care, and counseling to the homeless and economically-disadvantaged women and children of Hudson County. From the Project's planning years in the early 1980's Sister Harriet's commitment, leadership, and faith have helped bring about positive change in the lives of hundreds of area residents.

Sister Harriet was also proactive in the establishment of Kenmare High School, an alternative school offering a second chance for young women forced to drop out of high school, and founded The Nurturing Place, an Early Childhood Development Center for homeless and at-risk children.

Born and raised in Newark, New Jersey, Sister Harriet is a well deserving recipient of the United Way's Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award. For the past 36 years, she has dedicated her life to compassionate service for others. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sister Harriet for all of her outstanding service to the community and for carrying on the work of Congresswoman Mary T. Norton.

### **FRIEDMAN BAG COMPANY CELEBRATES OVER 70 YEARS OF OPERATION**

### **HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 1999*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Friedman Bag Company for over 70 years of continuous operation in my congressional district and to highlight its leadership as a responsible corporate citizen.

In 1927, four Russian immigrant brothers started a small bag manufacturing company in the heart of Los Angeles. Sam, Saul, Harry and Morris Friedman fled Imperial Russia with their family in search of freedom, settling temporarily in Mexico until they were granted permission to enter the United States. Over the years, Friedman Bag Company grew almost as quickly as the city around it.

In many ways, the founding and growth of Friedman Bag Company personifies our nation's immigrant experience. The company was born from an immigrant family's dream to provide their children with a better life. The Friedmans succeeded, eventually becoming one of the largest suppliers of textile and polyethylene bags in the West. Their bags were primarily used for agriculture products such as Idaho potatoes, walnuts and other crops such as carrots and lettuce from the Central Valley of California.

But like many manufacturing companies in the United States, fierce competition from lower cost producers, in countries like China, eventually threatened the survival of Friedman Bag Company. To endure, the company needed to change and adapt to the new economy,

and the successful effort was lead by two sons of the founding members.

Friedman Bag Company desperately needed to invest money in new equipment. Company workers were still sewing burlap and mesh bags by hand. Morale and sales were suffering. Having never taken on debt financing in its history, the company embarked on a somewhat radical and risky venture to make sure it could remain competitive. Working with a financial institution that recognized its special history as a family business, and overcoming internal and external challenges, Friedman Bag Company secured the resources to continue its operations in the 33rd Congressional District.

Friedman Bag Company also worked with the Mayor and City Council to consolidate operations, ultimately bringing more jobs to Los Angeles.

Today, Friedman Bag Company employs more than 250 people, with operations in Idaho, Washington and Oregon. The company's morale has soared as its future prospects have brightened. Friedman Bag Company is now firmly positioned so a third generation of the Friedman family can continue the dream started by their family's ancestors.

I am proud of Friedman Bag Company's long tenure in southeast Los Angeles. Their efforts to modernize and adapt to an ever-changing economy in order to stay competitive are to be commended. Many men and women in my congressional district have worked at Friedman Bag Company, supporting their families and contributing to our community. I congratulate Friedman Bag Company for over 70 years of success which has epitomized the contributions to America made by our immigrant community, and I wish them many more years of successful operation to come.

### **COMMEMORATING ARMENIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY**

### **HON. BILL MCCOLLUM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 1999*

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, we commemorate modern Armenia's eighth independence day—counted since the collapse of the U.S.S.R. This independence is a long overdue recognition by the world community of a proud and ancient people. Since independence, Armenia continued to face numerous challenges—from the economic and political blockade orchestrated by Azerbaijan and Turkey, to the war with Azerbaijan, to the lingering socioeconomic legacy of the horrendous earthquake of 1988. Nevertheless, Armenia has overcome these existential threats, establishing itself as a functioning democracy, and can now feel sufficiently secure to look forward to charting and determining its own progress into the next millennium.

As a young modern nation for an ancient people, Armenia should rely on its rich heritage for inspiration and guidance. Since the dawn of history, Armenians have held to their land despite repeated occupations, oppression and slaughter. They have retained their distinct heritage, language, culture and Church. All this time, Armenians have not only yearned for independence or self-determination but have repeatedly paid a heavy price in numerous attempts to realize these aspirations.