

SALUTE TO BEVERLY ANN KING
2000 MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL MINORITY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to salute my constituent and my friend, Beverly Ann King, who is being singled out for her enormous contributions to minority entrepreneurs with the National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Award, which will be presented to her in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, September 27, 2000. Each year, the President of the United States designates one week as Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week to honor outstanding members of the business sector. I am proud to note that in addition to being a recipient of the national Award, Beverly also received the Region IX MEDWeek Award at a luncheon in her honor on Thursday, August 31, 2000, and on Wednesday, October 18, 2000, will be honored with the local Los Angeles MED Week Award, at a luncheon in her honor at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

President and Chief Executive Officer of BAK Management, Beverly King is recognized nationally for her expertise in the conceptualization and implementation of programs benefitting minority, women, and disadvantaged business (MBE/WBE/DBE) owners. She has been a much sought after advocate for minority entrepreneurs for nearly two decades, as she has worked to ensure participation and parity for MBE/WBE/DBE enterprises in government and business contracting opportunities. As an expert in the field of MBE/WBE/DBE programs, she is a frequent lecturer and conducts seminars and training programs into the concepts and skills necessary for a successful minority business program.

Ms. King founded Beverly A. King (BAK) Management Consulting in July 1986. Her numerous clients have included the City of Los Angeles, Bunker Hill Tower, the Southern California Gas Company (now SEMPRA Energy), and Turner Construction. She continues to represent Turner Construction, serving as the company's Community Affairs Director and MBE/WBE/EEO Administrator.

Prior to establishing BAK Management Consulting, Beverly served six years as Equal Opportunity Manager for the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) in Los Angeles. Her duties included overseeing all civil rights/EEO activities associated with the construction of Los Angeles' Century Freeway project, and serving as the FHA's representative on the Century Freeway Affirmative Action Committee.

During the early years of her career, Beverly worked in our nation's capital for Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas and Congresswoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke of Los Angeles. She attended Prairie View A&M College in Texas, Howard University in Washington, DC, and earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles.

The recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the President's Award presented by the Black Business Association of Los Angeles, in August 1992 she was named by

Speaker Thomas Foley to a four year term as a member of the United States Glass Ceiling Commission.

She is on the Corporate Advisory Board and a member of the Black Business Association; the Asian Business Association; the National Association of Minority Contractors of Southern California; and Women Construction Executives of Los Angeles. In addition, she has served on the Advisory Board of the UCLA Graduate School of Business. Furthermore, she is chair of the Legislative Task Force of Black Women's Forum and serves on the Board of Black Women of Achievement.

Mr. Speaker, Beverly A. King is indeed a woman of achievement. The fruits of her labors bear witness through the growth of the many successful MBE/WBE/DBE's engaged today in businesses throughout the Los Angeles community. It is a pleasure to publicly commend her, and to extend heartfelt congratulations to her on the high honors she is so deservedly receiving at this time. On behalf of the residents of the 32nd Congressional District of Los Angeles, I thank her and wish her continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE RICHARD
D. ROMERO

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with regret and deep sadness that I announce the passing of Inland Empire businessman, philanthropist, and community leader Richard Romero, at the age of 64.

Richard demonstrated vision and entrepreneurial spirit in the Inland Empire for over 30 years, opening his first dealership, Pomona Valley Datsun, in 1970. Today his business interests include 8 automobile franchises, a wholesale auto auction and a real estate company.

Throughout the years, Richard had a large presence in the Inland Empire, both as a businessman and community leader. He believed that what makes this country great is our individual commitments to philanthropies.

Richard and his wife of 38 years, Val, sponsored and supported many service organizations and programs for children including: an annual Christmas Choral Competition which awards monetary grants to 5 area high schools, a Christmas Program which provides gifts for over 300 foster children, Assistance League of Pomona Valley, Kiwanis, Ontario Chamber of Commerce and National Charity League.

Richard was born in rural Socorro, New Mexico, September 4, 1935, son of Clara and James Romero. He began working at age 9 washing cars and working in a service station. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and for 6 years served our country in the Army Reserve Tank Corps. He then worked as assistant auditor for the state of New Mexico.

He moved to Los Angeles to work as an auditor for 20th Century Fox, at which time he also began his career in the retail auto business when he bought a small gas station from which he began refurbishing and selling used cars.

Richard was Chairman of the Board of Empire Nissan, Romero Motors Corporation, Jeep/Chrysler/Plymouth of Ontario, Toyota of Glendale and J. McCullough Corporation. He had served as a board member of the California Motor Car Dealers Association and the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Acquirecorp's Norwalk Auto Auction, Oremor Management & Investment Company and Oremor Development L.L.C.

Richard received several awards within the industry, including Chrysler Corporation's "Five Star Award for Excellence" and Nissan's President Inner Circle Award. In 1987, he was honored as the only Californian to receive the Import Car Dealer of Distinction Award. He was also the winner of the Time Magazine's Quality Dealer Award and named Mr. Hispanic Business Man of the Year, 1985.

In addition to being listed in "Who's Who in California", he was also named 1987 Humanitarian of the Year by the Alliance of Latino Business Association. He served with the Deukmejian administration as a California Transportation Commissioner. He also served on the Board of Governors of Opportunity Funding Corporation, a nonprofit, Washington, D.C. based organization, which helps minority members start and/or expand small businesses. Additionally, he worked closely with King Juan Carlos of Spain when he served on the Board of Governors for Expo '92 in Seville.

Richard was the founder and former chairman of the board of directors of Empire Bank and also served for over 20 years on the Board of Trustees for the University of La Verne, which chose him for their 1998 President's Award. Additionally, he served on the Board of Governors for the Rose Institute of Claremont McKenna College. The Romeros had the honor of meeting and hosting several dignitaries and celebrities in their home including Chief of Staff Howard Baker under President Ronald Reagan, Former Governor Pete Wilson, Lord Roger Keyes, Sir Julien and Lady Ridsdale, and heavy weight champion George Foreman. He had also met and conferred with Presidents Reagan, Bush, Ford and Carter.

Richard is survived by his wife Val; son R.J.; two daughters Valerie and Christina; and four grandchildren with one on the way.

Richard will be missed by family and friends alike. He touched us all with his kind deeds and leadership in our community.

U.S. SHOULD SHOW SOLIDARITY
WITH IRANIAN RESISTANCE

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Mohammad Khatami, the president of Iran, is scheduled to speak at the United Nations' Millennium Summit in New York today. More than 10,000 Iranian-Americans protested yesterday in front of the United Nations saying that Khatami does not represent the Iranian people, and should not be speaking at this summit.

Unfortunately I was not able to join U.S. Senator ROBERT TORRICELLI, and my colleagues in the House, CAROLYN MALONEY, GARY ACKERMAN, and GREGORY MEEKS at this impressive rally. But, Mr. Speaker, I want to

voice my strong support for the 10,000 Iranian-Americans who were in front of the UN yesterday rallying for freedom and democracy in Iran. The crowd was chanting yesterday that the true representative of the Iranian people is the National Council of Resistance of Iran, and its president-elect, Maryam Rajavi. I couldn't agree more.

The United States should not be supporting Khatami. He is not the reformer the press has made him out to be. The fact is, under Khatami, Iran's human rights record has gotten worse. Under Khatami, Iran continues to be an aggressive supporter of international terrorism. The fact is, the Khatami presidency has brought more misery and despair to the Iranian people.

I would like to send this message to all the world leaders attending, the summit: support the Resistance's call for democracy in Iran and ban tyrants like Khatami from the UN.

TRIBUTE TO MARY MIYASHITA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mary Miyashita, who will be recognized as the Special Honoree for Lifetime Achievement at a reception held by Asian Week on August 13, 2000. This event will honor the Asian and Pacific Islander American Delegates to the Democratic National Convention 2000.

Mary and I have been friends for 25 years and I am delighted to join her many admirers in honoring her lifetime of selfless and energetic service to the Asian-American community and to the Democratic party. I know of no one who has been more generous with her time, energy, money and even her home, than Mary has been in the pursuit of justice and equal opportunity for every individual.

Mary has served on a plethora of civic organizations. She has been a board member of the ACLU, the League of Women Voters, Women for Peace, the PTA and the Whittier Area Fair Housing Committee. She was a founding member of the Advisory Board of Meals on Wheels and of the Woman and Children's Crisis Shelter.

The Democratic Party has no more stalwart member than Mary Miyashita. Since Adlai Stevenson's 1948 gubernatorial campaign, no major election has passed without Mary's active participation. She is a true believer in representative democracy, working tirelessly on behalf of numerous local, state and federal candidates and helping tip the electoral scales on more than one occasion.

Mary has been either a delegate or an alternate to every Democratic National Convention since 1972. She served on the Los Angeles County Democratic Party's Central Committee for 20 years. Among the many awards showered upon her by grateful party organizations are Key Woman of the Democratic Woman's Forum, Democratic Woman of the Year in 1975 and "Superstar of '78." Mary is definitely a Superstar every year as far as I'm concerned.

In 1976, Mary helped found the first Asian Pacific Caucus, which has grown into a prestigious and highly effective advocacy organiza-

tion. Her service to the Asian-American community is virtually without peer. She has been my confidant and advisor on issues of importance to her for decades.

In short, Mary is one of my favorite people and I am delighted to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her—for her outstanding achievements, for her dedicated work, and for her charm and her delightful personality. I am very proud to have Mary as my friend.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present to cast my votes on rollcall votes 443–450. Had I been present, I would have voted aye on rollcall No. 443, aye on rollcall No. 444, aye on rollcall No. 445, aye on rollcall No. 446, aye on rollcall No. 447, aye on rollcall No. 448, nay on rollcall No. 449, and aye on rollcall No. 450.

IN HONOR OF MARION'S CONTINENTAL RESTAURANT

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the opening of Marion's Continental Restaurant. Since 1950, Marion's has been a culinary delight for all New Yorkers. The savory continental cuisine served at Marion's is some of the city's finest. I am thrilled that Marion Nagy came to this country to live the American dream and, in doing so, has endeared Marion's to the hearts of New Yorkers. Restaurants come and go in New York City, but Marion's has endured for half a century. This is a true testament to the superb quality and hospitality available at Marion's.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Marion's Continental Restaurant and I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring and celebrating the anniversary of their 50 years serving the people of New York City.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY GILL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who spent his life advocating for agriculture and farming, and for the future of many of the people in the Salinas Valley of California. Johnny Gill passed away last month at his Lockwood, California home at the age of 47. The cause of his death was amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Mr. Gill operated the John Gill Ranch in Monterey County, California, and was a pillar of agricultural life in that area. 25 years ago he started the King City Young Farmers organiza-

tion and served actively as its first president to see its success. He was also active in many other local agricultural and community based organizations, including the 4-H, Little League, and the Sober Graduation program. Mr. Gill was also a Premier Sponsor and active member of the King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. And, in a tribute befitting a figure such as Mr. Gill, last February, more than 900 people came together to honor him as King City's "Citizen of the Year" for 1999. This event, besides celebrating the accomplishments of Mr. Gill, also raised \$375,000 to fight ALS and included a speech of tribute by actor Clint Eastwood, another Monterey County resident.

John Gill was a man of much accomplishment, even tending to all of his farming duties up until the end of his life. He was a role model for so many of our nation's farmers and citizens in general, and he will be sorely missed by his wife Pam Gill; his parents Jack and Augusta Gill of Paso Robles; his sons Francis Gill of King City, Jared Gill of Hollister and Bret Davis of Salinas; and his sisters Melinda Stewart of Paso Robles and Jeannine Mansfield of Burke, Washington.

IN HONOR OF JULIAN "RICH" RICHARDSON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay homage and tribute to a great community leader and mentor. Julian "Rich" Richardson, an honorable member of the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area community, and a great distributor of knowledge to the human family, passed away Monday, August 21, 2000.

It was an honor and privilege to have known this incredible man, whom I called my friend. One of eight children, Rich put himself through school at the Tuskegee Institute, founded by Booker T. Washington, working nights and weekends at a print shop. He studied under the famous scientist George Washington Carver, and earned a degree in Lithography.

While at Tuskegee Institute he married his beautiful and brilliant wife, Raye, and they settled in San Francisco in the 1940's, a time when Black people were still denied access to many hotels, restaurants, and jobs that paid a livable wage. During the Korean conflict he served his country in the Army as a map printer, and in 1960 launched Success Printing, a printing and publishing company.

Julian Richardson then opened Success Books, later renamed Marcus Books, after Marcus Garvey, the Jamaican and Harlem-based Black Nationalist who urged Blacks to foster a connection to their African homeland and learn a history commonly ignored in American textbooks.

Marcus Books is not only one of the oldest Black-owned bookstores in the country, it is a venue for new and vintage novels, a place for the community to meet with the numerous Black intellectuals, poets, and legends who frequent the store on book tours. Rich not only sold books that bettered the lives and intellects of countless members of the community, he cultivated an audience for the books and nurtured authors, even publishing a number of them.