

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

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-

nization 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.

Rich, with his family by his side, introduced a world of literature and an appreciation of books to thousands of people who would not have had such an opportunity without his landmark bookstores. At Marcus Bookstores, I personally spent many hours among my heroes; the intellectuals, artists, musicians, poets, and authors that spoke through the enormous collection of works contained within the shelves. Many times I came across authors with whom I was unfamiliar, and this remarkable community institution allowed me to expand my intellect and world view by discovering their work.

Rich was a giant among men, a champion for Black people and a true leader in every sense of the word. His great insight and wisdom allowed him to be a mentor, educator, and even a surrogate to young men in the community who did not know their fathers and looked to him for advice, support, and criticism that was given with compassion. On a personal level, Rich always encouraged me no matter what I was doing—as a student, an aide to Congressman Ron Dellums, and throughout my career of public service—Rich uplifted my spirits and told me to carry on.

I know I speak for the thousands of individuals whose lives have been bettered in saying that Julian "Rich" Richardson will be greatly missed, and that his contribution to the Black community and the entire world is immeasurable.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX RELIEF ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2000

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in support of the Social Security Tax Relief Act (H.R. 4865). By repealing the 1993 tax increase on Social Security benefits, Congress will take a good first step toward eliminating one of the most unfair taxes imposed on seniors: the tax on Social Security benefits.

Eliminating the 1993 tax on Social Security benefits has long been one of my goals in Congress. In fact, I introduced legislation to repeal this tax increase in 1997, and I am pleased to see Congress acting on this issue. I would remind my colleagues that the justification for increasing this tax in 1993 was to reduce the budget deficit. Now, President Clinton, who first proposed the tax increase, and most members of Congress say the deficit is gone. So, by the President's own reasoning, there is no need to keep this tax hike in place.

Because Social Security benefits are financed with tax dollars, taxing these benefits is yet another incidence of "double taxation." Furthermore, "taxing" benefits paid by the government is merely an accounting trick, a "shell game" which allows members of Congress to reduce benefits by subterfuge. This allows Congress to continue using the Social Security trust fund as a means of financing other government programs and mask the true size of the federal deficit.

Mr. Speaker, the Social Security Tax Relief Act, combined with our action earlier this year to repeal the earnings limitation, goes a long way toward reducing the burden imposed by the Federal Government on senior citizens.

However, I hope my colleagues will not stop at repealing the 1993 tax increase, but will work to repeal all taxes on Social Security benefits. I am cosponsoring legislation to achieve this goal, H.R. 761.

Congress should also act on my Social Security Preservation Act (H.R. 219), which ensures that all money in the Social Security Trust Fund is spent solely on Social Security. When the government takes money for the Social Security Trust Fund, it promises the American people that the money will be there for them when they retire. Congress has a moral obligation to keep that promise.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to help free senior citizens from oppressive taxation by supporting the Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act (H.R. 4865). I also urge my colleagues to join me in working to repeal all taxes on Social Security benefits and ensuring that moneys from the Social Security trust fund are used solely for Social Security and not wasted on frivolous government programs.

CLARIFYING THE HOMEBOUND DEFINITION

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 27 I along with 21 bipartisan Members introduced the Homebound Clarification Act of 2000, H.R. 5067 the companion bill to the Senate bill sponsored by Senator James Jeffords (R-VT) and Senator Jack Reed (D-RI).

This bill solves a problem in the current Medicare Home Health benefit that has created serious problems for Alzheimer's patients and our most frail, elderly and vulnerable Medicare beneficiaries.

Under current law, in order for Medicare beneficiaries to receive coverage for home health services they must be "confined to home". Current policy interpretations by the Health Care Financing Administration and followed by fiscal intermediaries are causing substantial harm to Medicare beneficiaries by effectively forcing home health users to be unnecessarily restricted to their own homes.

These restrictions impose harsh and irrational restrictions on patients and their caregivers. For instance, Alzheimer's patients are denied access to adult day services, which complement home health benefits, relieve caregiver burdens and delay nursing home placement, at no cost to the Medicare program. In another instance, home health services to a quadriplegic beneficiary who is lifted into a wheelchair and uses specially adapted transportation and is therefore not considered to be homebound.

The introduction of the Homebound Clarification Act follows the introduction of similar legislation Representative Chris Smith and I introduced in March of 2000, H.R. 4028. This bill was a more narrowly crafted version of the Homebound Clarification Act bill and targets patients with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia disorders only.

The Homebound Clarification Act is endorsed by over 40 health and advocacy groups.

This bipartisan legislation will help to improve the lives of millions of our most frail and

vulnerable Americans. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to pass this important measure.

A SALUTE TO HENRY F. MOZELL ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor today to salute Henry F. Mozell for his years of invaluable service in Oakland's fight to alleviate hunger and homelessness. His retirement marks the end of an extensive and distinguished career as a champion for the less fortunate.

Born in Dover, North Carolina, Mr. Mozell began serving the Oakland community upon the completion of his service in the U.S. Navy. His studies at the University of California in Urban Studies advanced his interests in community welfare.

Since his initial community projects, Mr. Mozell has been an active supporter of programs developed to combat hunger and homelessness in Oakland. His commitment to providing innovative programs such as the Mayor's Hunger and Relief Program has earned him national recognition.

Among the many awards Mr. Mozell has received during his career are the Mayor's World Food Day Award, the East Oakland Hope Award for the establishment of a hot meal site, and a Project Volunteer Award for bringing farm foods to Oakland. Most recently, he has been awarded with the Global Peace Award from Oaktown.

His active role in the political arena includes his service as the President of the East Oakland Democratic Club, the Vice President of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee and his service on the State of California's Affirmative Action Committee. These positions are a testament to his continued involvement and concern for our community.

I proudly join friends, colleagues and family in honoring Henry Mozell's work, achievement and forthcoming retirement from a rewarding career.

IN HONOR OF JANE CAMPBELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jane Campbell, a Cuyahoga County Commissioner who is being honored at the Jewish National Fund's Tree of Life Dinner of September 13, 2000.

Jane Campbell is one of three Cuyahoga County Commissioners, representing 1.5 million constituents in the Greater Cleveland area. She manages human services, economics, and infrastructure development and redevelopment for the most populous county in Ohio. Jane Campbell serves as the President of the Board of Commissioners and also chairs the Violence Against Women Act Committee and the Children Who Witness Violence Committee. She is also a Board Member of