

Women. She was honored for her volunteer work by both the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors and the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, Zoe Ann Orr Marcus was an important part of many different aspects of life in Santa Cruz County and beyond, and will be sorely missed by her stepdaughter Mary Marcus of Capitola; stepson John Marcus of Watsonville; and cousin Betty Ann Chandler of San Jose. Her familiar presence will also be missed by the many people who have been touched by her energy and passion for life.

HONORING DR. JAMES T. WILLERSON BEING NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 16, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Dr. James T. Willerson for being named Interim President of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, one of the two world class medical schools in my district.

An internationally distinguished cardiologist and medical educator, Dr. Willerson has served since 1989 as the Edward Randall III Professor and Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. Dr. Willerson's dedication to research in cardiology has made him highly respected by his peers, students, and community.

A native of Texas, Willerson grew up in San Antonio, where both of his parents were physicians. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in 1961. He received his Medical Degree from Baylor College of Medicine in 1965. Dr. Willerson completed his internship and residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Willerson is known throughout the Texas Medical Center community as a fine physician, scientist, teacher, and administrator. Before joining the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, Dr. Willerson was a Professor of Medicine and Director of the Cardiology Division at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas and Director and Principal Investigator of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Specialized Center of Research under a major grant from the NIH.

He has received numerous national and international awards, including the "James B. Herrick Award" from the American Heart Association in 1993 and named the American College of Cardiology's Distinguished Scientist for 2000. He was also elected a Fellow in the Royal Society of Medicine of the United Kingdom and made Honorary Member of the Society of Cardiology in Peru in 1994, and in Spain in 1996. Also, Dr. Willerson is a past President of the Paul Dudley White Cardiology Society at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Throughout his career, Dr. Willerson has distinguished himself as a caring doctor and gifted teacher who demands the best. I congratulate Dr. James T. Willerson on being

named Interim President of the University of Texas Health Science Center.

TRIBUTE TO LA RESURRECCION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. JOSE E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 16, 2000

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy and pride that I pay tribute to La Resurreccion United Methodist Church which, this past Sunday, moved to a new home in the Melrose Community of the Bronx at the historic Methodist building, which was built in 1878 by German Methodists.

La Resurreccion has initiated effective ministries to address the needs of the community, such as creating one of the only church-sponsored Harm Reduction/Needle Exchange programs. This program targets single room occupancy hotels in New York City, serving over twenty five hundred participants and employing fifteen to twenty people. La Resurreccion has created an Immigration Clinic with the assistance of lawyers who provide their services free of charge to assist undocumented immigrants with legal advice. La Resurreccion has also opened an after-school tutoring program called Creando Horizontes, designed and directed by educational professionals to target and enhance the reading and math skills children from the first to the eighth grades.

Mr. Speaker, in collaboration with various community agencies, public officials and community leaders, La Resurreccion works to address the needs of our community. Among their prophetic ministries are: Educating and Empowering the Community, Advocating for Gay and Lesbian Rights, Advocating for the release of the Puerto Rican Political Prisoners, Advocating for Peace in Vieques, and Denouncing both Police Brutality and Anti-Immigration Laws. Presently, they are working with various agencies to create entrepreneurial opportunities for our young people.

It is a privilege for me to represent the 16th district of New York, where the new home of La Resurreccion United Methodist Church is located. I am delighted by the church's success. I have witnessed first-hand the exemplary work they are doing for our community and I am deeply impressed. I applaud the commitment and the efforts of La Resurreccion United Methodist Church's staff, under the leadership of Reverend Eddie Lopez, Jr., in the assistance they provide to our community, as well as in facilitating educational opportunities for our youth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing La Resurreccion United Methodist Church and its staff and in wishing them continued success in their new building.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2000

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2389. Stabilizing county

payments has been my top legislative priority for the past several years. Enactment of this legislation has been a long time coming. Almost exactly a year ago, I argued for the passage of H.R. 2389 on the floor of the House. Today, I am asking my colleagues in Congress to again support H.R. 2389. This bill is a significant improvement over what the House approved last November and is a product of long and difficult negotiations with the Senate and Administration.

Counties in my district are suffering from declining federal timber payments. As a result, county governments are being forced to cut critical county services; work camps, juvenile justice programs, rural deputies and other essential county funded programs. The reduction in Forest Service receipts has also impacted rural road and school funding.

Throughout most of the 20th Century, Western Oregon served as the timber basket for the United States. Oregon's fourth congressional district, for many years, had the highest public timber harvest of any congressional district. Its lumber and wood products industry was also the most public timber dependent in the nation. Many rural community economies revolved totally around forestry, lumber, and wood products.

Today, timber output on public lands is at an all-time low. The costs to my district from changing public land management include lost high wage jobs, loss of economic infrastructure, and substantially reduced county budgets. I appreciate, and have worked with Members concerned with public land management. I believe a vote in favor of this legislation is a vote of support for better management of Federal forests because you are taking care of the communities which are most impacted.

Last year many Democrats had concerns with the environmental impacts of H.R. 2389. I want to directly address those concerns. This revised bill has absolutely no incentive for increased logging. The difficult negotiations over this bill resulted in compromise legislation affording counties increased flexibility for expending guaranteed payments. What was once a potentially controversial set-aside for forest management projects is now expanded to fund salmon restoration work, road decommissioning, forest-related educational training, after-school programs, and critical emergency response activities, search and rescue, and forest work camps.

Secondly, the revised legislation has been modified so that any proceeds from a county-funded timber sale are returned to the United States Treasury instead of back to the Forest Service region. While I supported the original House-passed version of H.R. 2389, the revisions address some outstanding concerns expressed by the environmental community and the Administration. Counties in my district have produced a list of non-controversial projects which will fund important activities such as salmon restoration.

Finally, I want to thank the staff on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers who have put such long hours and hard work into this legislation. Penny Dodge, Kathie Eastman, my former staffer Jeff Stier, Amelia Jenkins, Chris Schloesser, Erica Rosenberg, Tom Pyle, Doug Crandall, Bill O'Conner, Troy Tidwell, Lindsay Slater, Dave Tenny, Sarah Bittleman, Mark Rey, Sara Barth, Kira Finkler, Brian Kuehl, and Eric Washburn. In addition, I want to thank staff from the Administration

who worked in ensuring we could craft a bill President Clinton would feel proud of signing. Thanks to Anne Keys, Chris Wood, and Tom Tidwell. In closing, I want to commend my colleagues in the House and Senate—Representatives BOYD, WALDEN, HOOLEY and GOODLATTE and Senators WYDEN and CRAIG—who worked extremely hard. I truly appreciate their efforts.

HONORING 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE PROVIDED BY
TOBY MYERS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 16, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Toby Myers for her twenty years of dedicated service to battered women and their families in the Houston area. I understand that Ms. Myers has worked tirelessly to ensure the women in domestic violence situations get the services and help they need to leave dangerous situations which may threaten both their personal and their children's lives.

The statistics about domestic abuse are alarming. As we all know, women are more likely than men to be victims of domestic abuse. A 1996 Lieberman Advertising research project found that more than one quarter of all American women or 26 percent of

women have been physically abused by a husband or a boyfriend during their lives. An even higher percentage of Americans, some 30 percent, know of someone who has been physically abused during the past year. Regrettably, domestic violence is one of the leading causes of injury among American women. In 1994, 37% of women who sought treatment in emergency rooms were violence-related injuries according to the U.S. Department of Justice report. In 1998, 106 women in Texas were killed by their intimate partner. Clearly we need to do more to combat this domestic abuse.

Toby Myers is a long-time advocate on behalf of these women. Beginning in 1980, she helped to found the Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) in conjunction with the National Council of Jewish Women and Greater Houston Section. As a trained educator, Ms. Myers volunteered her time and talent by providing counseling for those abusive men who sought help through her private practice called the PIVOT Group. Through her volunteer work at the AVDA, Ms. Myers helped to establish the innovative intervention program called the PIVOT Project. This Project creates a psycho-educational counseling group for men who are abusive in their intimate relationships. After the initial success with one group of abusive men, Ms. Myers helped to expand the scope of the PIVOT Project to serve more families. Since 1991, the PIVOT Project has served families in Pasadena, Katy, Rosenberg, Texas City, Baytown, Webster, Northwest Houston,

Conroe and Bay City. In 1995, the PIVOT Project was selected as one of four sites for participation in a national research project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This longitudinal study continued to track those men who participated in the program in 1995.

During her twenty year career, Ms. Myers has worked on both a local and national level to share her expertise on domestic violence. She has served on the Board of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and has chaired the Family Advisory Committee for the Texas Department of Human Services. She was also selected as one of the 150 appointees by Surgeon General C. Everett Koop to help develop a national policy group on Violence and Public Health.

She also shared her knowledge as a teacher and mentor. She is currently serving as an adjunct professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. She has also held faculty positions at both the University of Houston—Clear Lake and Texas Women's University. Her graduate level courses in family violence are renowned for being well attended and sought after by students interested in combating domestic violence.

I want to congratulate Ms. Myers on her twenty years of services and wish her well in her retirement. I know that many women in Houston and the surrounding area will thank her for her personal involvement in their lives to make this world a more livable place.