

Mr. Van Hoy has represented the interests of 50,000 skilled construction workers from across the state of Texas before labor, political and business leaders on a local, state and national level. He has worked to secure jobs, equal opportunity, fair wages and benefits, and on-the-job safety and health protection for members. Gale has been active in the labor movement throughout his entire adult life, serving as a member of the AFL-CIO, on the Oversight Committee of the Capitol Preservation Project, and serving on the National Advisory Committee that had oversight on the conduct of an OSHA-funded study of contract workers' safety in the U.S. petrochemical industry.

The former mayor of Houston, Kathryn Whitmire, even declared October 22, 1983 as Gale E. Van Hoy Day—what an honor!

Today I want to recognize Gale Van Hoy's great service to the people of Texas, and to this Nation, and to thank him, on behalf of the Ninth Congressional District for his 40 years of dedication.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN T. GARNJOST

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of John T. Garnjost who became the 53rd American to receive the Olympic Order from the International Olympic Committee. On September 6, 2000 Mr. Garnjost traveled to Taipei Taiwan where he received the award for his contributions to the development of rowing in Chinese Taipei.

The Olympic Order is "the supreme individual honor accorded" by the IOC. It was created in 1974 and is awarded to any person who has illustrated the Olympic Ideal through his action, has achieved remarkable merit in the sporting world, or has rendered outstanding services to the Olympic cause, either through his own personal achievement or his contribution to the development of sport.

Mr. Garnjost was introduced to rowing during his college days at Columbia University where he decided to explore the sport as an official. Mr. Garnjost has been a rowing official in the United States since 1960, and was licensed as an international official in 1970. He officiated at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta in 1996 and has worked at the World Championships. Domestically, he has worked at the Olympic Trials and the U.S. Nationals.

As the president of Bristol Meyers (Taiwan) from 1983 to 1989, he lived in the country and began introducing rowing in Taipei. 1983 marked the first rowing demonstration at the annual Dragon Boat Festival in Taiwan. As an advisor to the Chinese Taipei Amateur Rowing Association, Mr. Garnjost served as a delegate to the 1983 International Rowing Federation (FISA) Congress in Duisburg, Germany, where Chinese Taipei's application for membership was approved.

Real progress was made in 1985 when FISA President Thomi Keller inspected the Tung Shan River as a possible rowing site. Today, there is an internationally proven rowing course, two FISA umpires and rowers throughout the country.

Since the early days of rowing in Taipei, Mr. Garnjost has worked the Asian Rowing Cham-

pionships in 1997. He also helped establish the annual I-Lan International Collegiate Invitational Regatta for crews from nine countries, helped bring the sport to two of Taiwan's major universities and was also instrumental in helping get significant funding for equipment.

Thirteen years ago few in Taiwan knew of rowing as a sport. Today most of the nation can say they know the sport thanks to John Garnjost. He has been referred to as the "Father of Rowing" in Taiwan. His recent award and dedication to the sport and the people of Taiwan is a true testament to this title.

HONORING DOROTHY LIND

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ms. Dorothy Lind for her 12 years of dedicated service to the people of Napa County, California and the surrounding region. Ms. Lind retired on November 24, 2000 from an exceptional career as Chief Executive Officer of the Napa Valley Exposition.

Dorothy Lind was raised in Seattle, Washington and moved to California in the early 1970's. She began her professional career conducting early intervention for severely disabled infants. In the late 70's she was selected to direct health education programs for the Bay Area March of Dimes, overseeing medical and research grants. In 1983 Ms. Lind made another career change by accepting a position as Manager of the Tulare County Fair. Her success in this position was remarkable; she doubled the Fair's budget in just four years and was selected as Tulare County's "Woman of the Year" in 1988.

Her achievements in Tulare gave Ms. Lind the opportunity to lead the Napa Valley Exposition. As CEO her duties involved not only organizing events for a major public facility but also building links with government, community, and business groups. One highlight of her exceptional leadership in this capacity was the creation of the "Bingo Emporium", a partnership that raises over \$1 million annually for many Napa County non-profit organizations and school programs.

While the Expo is host to several major public events throughout the year, the highlight of the Expo's calendar is the five-day Napa Town and Country Fair in August. A defining characteristic of her stewardship of this event was a commitment to reflect the changing face of the Oxbow Neighborhood, recognizing that fairs (in her words), "can either become a major positive force in their neighborhood for good things or become the blight that causes the neighborhood to decline." During her tenure the Expo was named as the pilot fair for the California Fair System's Re-Invention Program which was designed to re-focus community connections and entrepreneurial business interactions for fairgrounds statewide.

Dorothy Lind's contributions to the city of Napa are equally impressive. She has served as President of the Napa Rotary Club (the first woman to fill that position) and is a member of the Napa River Coalition, the Downtown Merchants Association, the Napa County Land Trust, and the Napa Valley Leadership Council. Through these organizations she has facili-

tated partnerships that have been invaluable in fostering commercial prosperity in the City of Napa.

In addition to her considerable public successes, Ms. Lind is also a proud mother of two sons: Rob, a promising local wine maker and Scott, a rising Bay-area dot.com star. Ms. Lind will also soon be a grandmother.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Ms. Dorothy Lind first as her State Senator and now as her Congressman. Clearly, her life has been one of great public service, dedication and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this woman for her distinguished service to the people of Napa County, California.

COMMENDING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF JEWISH EDUCATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education, which will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Sunday, December 10, 2000, at an affair in Manhattan, New York.

The National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education was founded in 1940 by the late Lubavicher Rebbe Joseph I. Schneerson. It was continued under Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson. Both Grand Rebbes lived through pogroms, two world wars, the rise of communism, the holocaust and tremendous personal challenges. But their idealism, learning, and faith shone through it all and inspired millions.

The Rebbes fled war-torn Poland to establish the Lubavitcher movement in the United States. Not only were they the spiritual leaders of the Lubavicher Chasidim, but they were also revered and respected as great scholars and teachers by Jews and non-Jews around the world. Indeed, their work still lights the learning and daily mitzvos of Jews everywhere. Through the many manifestations of their energy and vision, and most of all their profound commitment to the importance of Jewish thought, belief and ethics, the Rebbes made an incalculable contribution to the spiritual lives of all people.

In 1940, during the darkest days for Jews, Rebbe Joseph Schneerson dedicated himself to revitalizing Judaism, and in particular to inspiring American Jewry, by nurturing the Jewish soul and fostering "Yiddishkeit". The Rebbe reasoned that only through learning and education would Jewish faith and Jewish life flourish. The Rebbe's idealism, learning, and his faith shone through it all and he inspired millions to love their Jewish culture, history and traditions.

The Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education (NCFJE), is today the strongest in its history. Under the administrative leadership of Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht, the NCFJE is known as the "organization with a heart", with dedicated people willing to work tirelessly to help all Jews, regardless of their affiliation, with much needed education and social programs to help in both their spiritual and physical needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating NCFJE on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary, and wish it continued success and many great mitzvah's in the future.

HONORING LOS ALAMOS
NATIONAL BANK

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, last month Los Alamos National Bank was presented the prominent Baldrige Award. This superior bank deserves congressional recognition as well.

I share an extreme sense of pride in knowing that one of New Mexico's own, and a business in my Third Congressional District, has received this highly coveted and prestigious recognition. What makes this award so special is that it represents excellence in every aspect. Quality improvement is an evolutionary process, and those businesses and organizations that commit themselves to this endeavor are investing not only in themselves, but in those they serve. Los Alamos National Bank by virtue of your involvement in quality New Mexico, deserve to be applauded for seeking out the knowledge and training to raise the bar for your customers, your clients, my constituents and our community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD this article for the New Mexican recognizing the Los Alamos National Bank. I would also urge all my colleagues to congratulate the fine employees of this establishment.

LOS ALAMOS BANK WINS PRESTIGIOUS
NATIONAL AWARD

(By Bob Quick)

A very unbanklike cheer resounded in Los Alamos National Bank this week when employees learned the bank was one of four winners nationwide of the prestigious 2000 Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award.

The bank, which has 167 employees and assets of \$660 million, won in the small-business category. LANB has offices in Los Alamos, White Rock and Santa Fe.

It was the first time a bank has won the award, according to a statement from the U.S. Commerce Department. The department and the White House officially released information about the award Tuesday.

"I heard there was a loud cheer throughout the building" when news of the award reached employees, said Steve Wells, president of LANB. "We were extremely happy for our people and for our community and for New Mexico. We know we have high standards to live up to now. We have to make sure we're worthy of our crown."

"The Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award recognizes organizations that play a major role in energizing our nation's economy, competitiveness and quality of life," President Bill Clinton said in a statement from the White House. "If we are going to keep our economy growing and our country moving forward, we need as a nation to follow the example of Baldrige winners."

Congress established the Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award, named after a former secretary of commerce, in 1987 to enhance the competitiveness of U.S. businesses by promoting quality awareness, according to the statement.

Since 1988, only 41 organizations have received the award. The National Institute of Standards manages the program.

The award is given to businesses that have shown achievements and improvements in the areas of leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, information and analysis, human-resource focus, process-management and business results, the Commerce Department statement said.

"We would have felt great if we had lost the Baldrige award," Wells said. "It's like making it to the Super Bowl in our opinion."

The bank won the award for a number of quality and business-performance achievements, according to the statement from the White House.

One of them was domination of its market area. The bank since 1998 filed 80 percent of all mortgage loans in Los Alamos County and 9 percent of such loans in Santa Fe County. The bank opened its Santa Fe branch in mid-1999 and already has \$115 million in assets, Wells said.

And in a survey, 80 percent of the bank's customers said they were "very satisfied" with the service they received, the statement said.

During the Cerro Grande fire that ravaged Los Alamos earlier this year, destroying hundreds of homes, the bank moved its entire operation overnight to its Santa Fe branch.

As a result, services was not interrupted.

Following the fire, the bank offered zero-percent interest to anyone in the community affected by the fire.

It also eliminated overdraft charges and late fees, the statement said.

Wells said the bank was particularly proud of its efficiency ratio, which is a proportion the bank uses to measure employee productivity.

A lower number is better. LANB's efficiency ratio is 49 percent, while the best of its competitors have ratios above 60 percent, the statement said.

"One of the ways we will survive as an independent community bank is our ability to compete with the supranational and supranational banks," Wells said. "We've got to be able to compete with the Wal-Marts of the world."

The bank's efficiency ratio, he continued, "is a tremendous accomplishment by our people, our systems and our technology. There's no productivity without hard work."

Other achievements of the bank included high employee satisfaction and low employee turnover, thanks in part to a stock-ownership plan and an employee profit-sharing plan.

LANB in 1999 received Quality New Mexico's highest award, the Zia Award. In 1997 and 1998, the bank received the organization's Roadrunner Award.

Quality New Mexico "is the one that encouraged us to stretch ourselves to see how we would come out against the best in the country," Wells said.

The three other Baldrige Award winners were Dana Corp.-Spicer Driveshaft Division in Toledo, Ohio (manufacturing); Karlee Co. Inc., Garland, Texas (manufacturing); and Operations Management International Greenwood Village, Colo. (service).

HONORING ROBERT W. GROSS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my sincere congratulations to Robert W. Gross, Ph.D., E.W.E., on his retirement from the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Val-

ley Water District. For sixteen years, Bob Gross has provided distinguished service to the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the residents of Santa Clara County. His hard-work and commitment to the job helped to produce numerous successes for the District and the County. I am honored to have been able to work with him over the years. He will, indeed, be missed.

Bob began his public service as an advisor to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco Division. Working in the flood control division for ten years, Bob tackled a myriad of flood control issues that face the Bay-Delta region, garnering a reputation for thoroughness and energetic diligence. In addition to his service in the Corps of Engineers, Bob also served a community advisor to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, helping to establish the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge which consists of more than 25,000 acres of protected waters and wildlife habitat. Bob also served as an advisor to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on the important Central Valley Project.

Building on these experiences Bob brought his knowledge and skills to Santa Clara, where he ran for, and won, five elections to the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Board of Directors. Representing District 3—a district that encompasses one fifth of the entire population of Santa Clara County and Silicon Valley—Bob worked hard to meet the water supply and flood protection needs of the County's residents. As a member of the Board of Directors, Bob was responsible for helping shape the direction that the District has taken with respect to water policy over the past sixteen years. He was directly involved in many notable and important actions and issues, including the following: MTBE contamination, groundwater recharge, wastewater recycling, and CALFED. Bob served as the District's representative to the South Bay Recycling Project where he worked closely with the City of San Jose and the Bureau of Reclamation, and he also served as the District's representative to the City of San Jose on nonpoint wetland mitigation issues.

During his tenure, Bob provided valuable service by reviewing and analyzing state water laws and regulations. As the District representative to the WaterReuse Association of California, Bob served as the Board's liaison and represented the interests of the District. Bob also represented the WaterReuse Association in a number of capacities, including most notably as the State Chairperson for the Potable Committee and a member of the Education Subcommittee. As a member of the Potable Subcommittee, he participated in the preparation of a news media presentation on the safe use of potable water and helped write a public information recycling brochure as a member of the Education Subcommittee. In addition, through his work with the Education Subcommittee, Bob worked closely with the California Department of Fish and Game to create an aquatic and environmental education program for disadvantaged youth. He also represented the WaterReuse Association at numerous conferences and seminars and served as a co-chair for a technical symposium on planned surface water augmentation using advanced treated recycled water and health standards. In 1995, in light of this work and for his outstanding service to the WaterReuse Association, he was awarded a certificate of recognition for personal contributions.