

In half of all Vitiligo cases, onset occurs between the ages of 10 and 30. There are, however, reported cases of Vitiligo present at birth.

Over 30% of affected individuals may report a positive family history. Both genetic and environmental factors contribute to Vitiligo. Many patients attribute the onset of their Vitiligo to physical trauma, illness or emotional distress, such as the death of a family member.

Treatment of this disease is essential. Vitiligo profoundly impacts the social and psychological well-being of its victims, especially children. Although, this disease is painless, the disfigurement of Vitiligo—accentuated among persons with dark or tan skin—can be devastating. Raising the public's awareness of this disease and its known treatment will bring relief to those who suffer from Vitiligo.

April has been declared Vitiligo Awareness Month by Governor Jeb Bush of Florida. The American Vitiligo Research Foundation, located in my district in Clearwater, Florida, is holding a seminar in April to bring attention to this disease. This is an opportunity for researchers and doctors to discuss and share information about Vitiligo. The seminar will also afford children with the disease the opportunity to understand that they are not alone.

I would like to thank Stella Pavlides of Clearwater, Florida, who brought this disease to my attention, and I commend her dedication to educating the public about Vitiligo. Although this disease does not physically harm a person, it can destroy one's spirit. Increased public awareness is the only way to help reduce the discrimination experienced by patients living with this disease.

CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF
LEWISTON/AUBURN

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call my colleague's attention to a dinner being held next week in the Lewiston/Auburn communities of Maine. The event, "Celebrating the Women of L/A," will honor women who have touched the lives of others in their communities.

For decades, the women of Lewiston and Auburn—like those throughout Maine, the nation and the world—have raised children, served as caregivers, worked inside and outside the home, and volunteered their time and talents. They have maintained a strong and quiet foundation for our families that has nourished us all. The celebration will recognize all that women bring to families and our community.

Those submitting nominations were asked to briefly describe what it was about the nominee that made her such a special and important part of the community. Here are a few examples:

She has a remarkable zest for life and a strong compassion for people who are less fortunate than herself. She is a woman with seemingly endless energy, who knows no bounds when called upon to help.

Growing up all of my friends called her "Mom." Never one to pass judgment on our

friends, she trusted that we would make the right choices. She always taught us to look beyond the surface. Those who know her know that they don't come much better than this. She is everything that I would ever want to be.

She is a wise person beyond her years. Her generosity is beyond words. She has a very kind heart and expects nothing in return. Her joy is seeing others happy.

In the professional arena, she has broadened her skills and experience by accepting new challenges and has dared to take on new responsibilities as she uncovered each potential opportunity.

She has deep morals and a deep spiritual connection to this universe. The world and my life would be a different place without her in it.

She is a very independent young woman who tries everyday to be true to herself. She understands that a healthy spirit allows her to be the best she can be for herself and everyone else that she loves.

She exemplifies everything that is fantastic in contemporary womanhood; she is strong, self-directed, intelligent, warm, involved, and committed to her community and its people.

When all else fails, she will at least make you laugh.

These are but a few examples of the testimonials received on behalf of the honorees. They speak to the importance and influence that these women have had on their families, colleagues, and communities.

I am proud to have the opportunity to pay tribute to the following Women of L/A here in the House of Representatives. The Honorees are Marie-Paule Badeau, Wendy Jean Beaucage, Kathryn Beaulé, Kim Blake, Sue Bowie, Rachael Caron, Joy Carter, Sonja Christiansen, Betty DeCoster, Kayt Demerchant, Lorraine Gosselin, Sandra Hinds, Melissa Holt, Pat Landean, Cathy Levesque, Marty McIntyre, Debbie McLean, Kathleen Noel King, Beverly Ouellette, Cecelia Palange/Sister Mary Vincent, Therese Parent, Joline Richard, Alta Rogers, Doris Roy, Therese Samson-Blais, Dale Sherburne, Lise Smith, Marguerite Stapleton, Jess Whitaker, and Janelle Wing.

These 30 women are all extremely deserving of this recognition, and I congratulate them as they are recognized for their efforts in the home, in the workplace and in the community. I know that they are also representative of many other women throughout the communities and as we honor them, we also look around at the many other women who have made positive differences in L/A. I offer my thanks and best wishes to all the women of L/A for making Lewiston and Auburn such a strong and vibrant community.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR VICTIMS OF DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES IN EL SALVADOR

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, the massive earthquakes that have hit El Salvador, first on January 13 with a magnitude of 7.6 on the Richter Scale, and then on February 13 with a magnitude of 6.6, have brought untold hardships to a nation that has been working diligently to overcome previous natural disasters.

Hundreds of lives have been lost, thousands injured and a million more have been displaced, leaving them without food, water or shelter.

As Americans, it is our duty to pull together to help our friends and allies during times of extreme crisis. I urge our government to expedite relief efforts, especially where entities such as the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the United States Agency for International Development are concerned.

This disaster also affected me on a deeply personal level—I spent two years in the Peace Corps and the people I met and worked with during my time in El Salvador's rural villages welcomed me into their homes and into their hearts. My deepest sympathies go out to the people of El Salvador for the losses they have had to endure.

I have spoken with President Francisco Flores of El Salvador and he has informed me that a massive relief effort is underway to provide shelter, food and water. Many families are still taking refuge in public areas and soccer stadiums. He also expressed fears that disease may run rampant due to open sewage pipes and contaminated water. I assured President Flores that I would do what I could, to bring attention to this crisis. I also told him about the efforts going on in my home district of San Jose to help coordinate relief efforts.

Although the situation needs much attention, the most important thing to remember is that there is hope. I have seen, with my own eyes, the ability of El Salvadorans to persevere—and with the efforts of the good people in the United States, we must and will help the people of El Salvador pull through this trying time. Again, I strongly urge that we expedite our efforts to bring relief to the people of El Salvador.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. ADAM SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, March is Women's History Month and I would like to take this opportunity to honor Stacey Murphy, an elected City Council-member of the City of Burbank, California, as 2001 Woman of the Year for California's 27th Congressional District.

Ms. Murphy, who served a term as Mayor from 1999–2000 and Vice Mayor from 1998–1999, has an exemplary record of service to

her community and has consistently strived to improve the quality of life in her city. First elected to the Burbank City Council in 1997, Ms. Murphy has contributed to the success of numerous municipal initiatives, including maintaining the city's electric utility, ensuring dependable power at reasonable rates for Burbank's consumers; completing Burbank's first lighted field dedicated to the sport of soccer; completing the community theater complex operated by the renowned Colony Theater; implementing the "Got Wheels" youth transportation program; approving the construction of a new Buena Vista library; and seeking to protect Burbank's residents from the adverse impacts caused by the Burbank Airport. As a representative of the citizens of Burbank, Ms. Murphy has been a force for finding common ground on the issues and challenges confronting the city.

Prior to her election to the City Council, Ms. Murphy served as a member of the Magnolia Park Citizens Advisory Committee, the City of Burbank Park and Recreation Board, her local School Site Council, the Roosevelt Elementary PTA and the Gate Advisory Committee. She has also brought leadership to the regional level, serving as a board member of the San Fernando Valley Transit Zone and as a representative to the Southern California Association of Governments.

Born on May 12, 1958 in Los Angeles, California, Ms. Murphy graduated from Hollywood High School in 1976 and attended California State University, Northridge. A Burbank resident for the past 17 years, Ms. Murphy is the proud mother of Sean, age 16, Robert, age 14, and Connor, age 8.

As Burbank Mayor Bill Wiggins has said, "Stacey Murphy does a great job of bringing opposing sides together and coming up with creative solutions that ensure everyone has been treated fairly." I am proud to name Stacey Murphy as 2001 Woman of the Year for California's 27th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO VICTOR "VIC" V.
VEYSEY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I join today with my colleagues, Congressmen JERRY LEWIS, DUNCAN HUNTER and DAVID DREIER, to pay tribute to a most wonderful person, former Member of Congress, friend and great American—Victor "Vic" V. Veysey—who passed away at 85 last month.

Calvin Coolidge, America's 13th President, once said, "No person was ever honored for what he received; honor has been the reward for what he gave." and Vic Veysey gave much during his years of public service and teaching.

A member of the House of Representatives from 1971 to 1975, Vic Veysey made a great impact in a short amount of time upon the Imperial Valley, California and the nation. In fact, I attribute an internship in his Washington, D.C. office for piquing my own interest in politics. It was 1973, during Vic Veysey's second term and the Senate Watergate hearings. It was an incredible time in American politics. More impressive, though, was how Vic ran his

congressional office: he took time to understand his constituents, and their problems, and to do his homework, learning the issues and knowing how the issues would affect his constituents.

He is probably best known for his lifelong commitment to education, youth and democracy. Veysey graduated from Caltech in 1936 with a Bachelor of Arts in Civil Engineering and from the University of Harvard Business School in 1938 with a MBA in Industrial Management. The next natural course was to teach, which Vic did for 11 years at Caltech and Stanford. At Caltech, he worked on different rocket projects during World War II and aspects of the atomic bomb, Project Camel.

Vic Veysey then returned to his roots and began his political career—running and winning a seat on the Brawley School Board, where he was instrumental and a founding trustee in establishing the Imperial Valley College. In 1962, Vic was elected to the California State Assembly, where he served four terms (1962–1971). My colleague, Mr. LEWIS of California had the honor to work with Vic Veysey during his assembly days, before they were both elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

After leaving Congress, Vic Veysey served as assistant secretary of the Army during the Ford Administration. His love of education remained, however, and he returned to California to assume the directorship of Caltech's Industrial Relations Center, becoming a director emeritus for the Industrial Relations Department upon his retirement.

Vic is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet, three sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, looking back at Vic's life, we see a life dedicated to public service and education. An American whose gifts to the Imperial Valley and California led to the betterment of those who had the privilege to come in contact or work with Vic. Honoring his memory is the least that we can do today for all that he gave over his 85 years of life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on March 20th, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes numbered 51 and 52. Rollcall vote 51 was on passage of H. Res. 67, recognizing the impact tuberculosis has on minority populations and the need to combat it on a worldwide basis. Rollcall vote 52 was on passage of H. Con. Res. 41, expressing sympathy for the victims of the El Salvadoran earthquakes. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on both H. Res. 67 and H. Con. Res. 41.

ANNIVERSARY OF LUIS DAVID
AND NENITA RODRIGUEZ

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Luis

David and Nenita Rodriguez's emerald wedding anniversary on March 9th.

They were married in 1946 at Our Lady of Mercedes Church in Havana, Cuba and have worked together to raise a family, accomplish careers, and now enjoy all the rewards of their labors together.

They have been blessed with one son, Luis David II, and two grandchildren, Luis David III and Luisa Margarita, who fill their lives with joy.

Mr. Rodriguez attributes the success of his marriage to his wife, who has always supported him in decisions impacting their lives, encouraged him to reach goals he aimed for, and is steadfast in her devotion to her family. Because a successful marriage is a joint effort, both Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez have contributed as much to reach this joyous celebration.

I want to join their family and friends in congratulating them on their emerald wedding anniversary and sincere wishes for many more anniversaries.

HONORING THE BIRTH OF PEYTON
MARGARET GORDON

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend and colleague the Honorable BART GORDON on the birth this morning of his first child, Peyton Margaret Gordon.

BART and his lovely wife, Leslie, are truly blessed with the birth of this beautiful little girl, who came into this world at a healthy 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and 18 inches. As a father myself, I know what this day means to BART.

I wish him and Leslie the best and hope the rest of their days are as full of love and joy as this day has been.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. MELISSA HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, Susan B. Anthony once said that she prayed every moment of her life. Not on her knees, but in her work. She said that she prayed to bring women to an equal standing with men. It is this sense of equality and justice that we celebrate during Women's History Month every March. As important as it is to recognize the courage and vision of women's past accomplishments, it is even more important to take our cue from those pioneers and act to alleviate some of the injustices that still take place. One such injustice is the continuing problem of domestic violence.

Studies have shown that each year, more than 2 million women are assaulted by their partner—while the real number may be twice that. I do support efforts to counsel and change abusers. Many abusers have been able to change their attitudes and behavior towards their partners and keep their families together. Unfortunately, many have not, and the