

example for one and all. Her extended arm holding the torch as a guiding light beckons us to follow her into the future. With her un-failing devotion to the preservation of this land, she reminds us that the future's brightness depends solely on those willing to bear the torch.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize others in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's communities.

IN SUPPORT OF QUEEN NOOR'S ADVOCACY OF ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the organizers of today's event for bringing congressional Members together to emphasize the role that United States adherence, and for that matter universal adherence, to the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women could play in ameliorating the situation of women around the world.

Her Majesty, Queen Noor, has graced us with her presence and we so much appreciate her continuing leadership on this issue and on so many other humanitarian efforts.

It is high time that the United States took its rightful place among the nations adhering to this convention. It is not just the example we would set for those not adhering to it, but also the opportunity to play a role, as a state party to the convention, in the process of upholding the convention itself around the world in places where it is on the books but not really being enforced.

We have all heard the expression "women's rights are human rights." Because women have received short shrift around the world, we have long recognized the need for a special measure to address the empowerment of women. The United States should play its proper leadership role. I appreciate all the efforts of those present here today and urge support for their goals.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Somerville High School in Somerville, Massachusetts on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. The phrase, "dedicated to the preparation of youth for the responsibilities of life" is etched on the building's facade and this is truly an accurate description of its mission.

The Somerville Free High School was dedicated on April 28, 1852. When the doors opened on May 3rd, two teachers taught sixty-six students. In 1862, the first graduating class had six members.

The facility we now know as Somerville High School was once two institutions:

Somerville's Twin High Schools. Students from English High School were prepared for scientific, normal and business schools while students from Latin High School were prepared for college. Both the 1900 and 1904 World's Fairs in Paris and St. Louis featured the Twin High Schools in their educational exhibits. In 1902, Somerville spent three days celebrating their high school's 50th anniversary.

In 1911, the Twin High Schools were merged and became Somerville High School. The school was rebuilt and expanded from 1928–1929 to include a gymnasium and a space for 3,000 students.

In 1983, Somerville High School was renovated. A new vocational wing and field house were added to the facility. The Somerville Technical Trade School, established in 1910, merged with Somerville High School at this time. When the New England Association of Schools and Colleges issued its accreditation report in 1990 it praised Somerville High School, calling it: "the best kept secret in Massachusetts."

Somerville High School has a strong sports tradition that continues today. The school has won seven New England Technical Tournament basketball championships since 1944 and a New England basketball title in 1949. Several of its athletes were selected for All-Scholastic Teams, and several became individual State and New England champions in Indoor and Outdoor track. The girls basketball program has also enjoyed tremendous success and last year included the alltime scoring leader.

Somerville High School lives up to its bold crest, which proclaims Honor and Progress. It has been a tremendous asset to its students over the last 150 years. I am a proud graduate of Somerville High School and know that this fine institution will continue to serve Somerville's young people with distinction.

**MATTIEBELLE WOODS: THE FIRST LADY OF MILWAUKEE'S BLACK PRESS CELEBRATES HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Mattiebelle Woods, a local treasure from Milwaukee, who will turn 100 years old on October 31.

For nearly 40 years, Mattiebelle has reported on the major social events and gatherings in Milwaukee's African-American community, building an impressive career and reputation that have earned her the title of "First Lady of Milwaukee's Black Press."

Writing for the Milwaukee Defender, the Milwaukee Star, the Milwaukee Globe and now with the Milwaukee Courier, Mattiebelle's articles continue to take the social pulse of the African-American community in our city. Her work has received dozens of awards and accolades, including recognition of her journalistic contributions from the Milwaukee Press Club.

In addition to a brilliant career in journalism, Mattiebelle has stood as a pillar of strength in our community through her many years of service and dedication to making a difference

in the lives of the people of Milwaukee. She was an original founder of the Wisconsin Black Teen Pageant, an event that has unlocked new opportunities for scores of young black women in Wisconsin. She remains a dedicated political activist, working on campaigns for nearly six decades and helping with voter registration efforts. While doing all of this, Mattiebelle continues to work in her church.

Her many accomplishments and contributions have made Mattiebelle a source of great inspiration for countless leaders in our community. It is a service she is happy to provide. Elected officials, neighborhood activists and civic leaders alike all credit Mattiebelle for empowering them with the confidence to pursue a life of service to the community, and thank her for her words of wisdom that have clarified their own personal and professional paths.

In a recent newspaper article, Mattiebelle described her vitality as she begins her second century: "I get up every day and eat and drink what I want. I can't believe I don't have the aches and pains that everyone else has. I don't take any medication. I don't have a wheelchair or a rocking chair, and I wear heels when I go out. It's ironic."

With such energy and vigor, Milwaukeeans can look forward to many more years of articles and service from our dear Mattiebelle. Mr. Speaker, I urge the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting Mattiebelle Woods, and sending her best wishes as she begins her 101st year.

**EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PATSY T. MINK, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII**

**SPEECH OF**

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and colleague, the Honorable PATSY MINK. I have known PATSY since being elected to Congress nearly a decade ago, and it was with heartfelt sadness that I learned of her passing on September 28, 2002.

PATSY MINK, the first congresswoman of Asian descent, was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1964. Throughout her career, she earned a reputation as a fearless and outspoken advocate for minorities, women, and children. Even at the age of 74, PATSY continued to be a stalwart for social and economic justice in the House of Representatives.

In one of her proudest moments in 1972, PATSY coauthored and passed a landmark law prohibiting sex discrimination in federally-funded education programs, popularly known as Title IX. As a result, the number of girls participating in high school sports has exploded in recent decades, leading to increased opportunities for women.

PATSY MINK's tenacity and dedication to the Civil Rights movement during the 1960s and 1970s shaped the Democratic national agenda, making the interests of women and minorities a centerpiece of the party's platform. During the 1990s, her ability to build coalitions in

a divided Congress has made it possible to move much progressive legislation to the floor.

All of us here in Congress—Republicans and Democrats alike—owe PATSY so much. She was known on both sides of the aisle for her determination, courage and tenacity, and was an inspiration for all of us in public service. We are better legislators and better human beings for having known and worked with this distinguished woman.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Turtle Bay Association (TBA) which is celebrating its 45th anniversary year of service to the community. The Turtle Bay Association is a group of dedicated volunteers actively working to preserve the history and enhance the quality of life of Turtle Bay.

New York City is comprised of an amalgam of neighborhoods, each of which has its own distinct flavor. Turtle Bay, once the site of Turtle Bay Farm, extends from 43rd to 53rd from Lexington Avenue to the East River. The Turtle Bay Association came into existence to respond to an unprecedented building boom that brought towering office buildings and high rise apartments to the community. In 1957, a group of Turtle Bay neighbors got together to protest the widening of East 49th Street to become a high speed thruway. The proposal was defeated. From these modest beginnings, TBA has grown to a highly-respected, tenacious group of almost 2000 New Yorkers dedicated to preserving the beauty of this distinctive neighborhood.

The TBA has compiled a substantial list of accomplishments through years of tireless organized community activism. The TBA has successfully spearheaded major park renovations including the reconstruction of Peter Detmold Park in 1987 and Dag Hammarskjold Plaza in 1999, and responded to the complaints of concerned parents by launching a clean up of MacArthur Playground. TBA has planted a profusion of trees and flowers and reduced visual clutter to beautify Second Avenue. In addition, TBA members periodically repaint mailboxes, traffic signs, and signal boxes vandalized with graffiti.

The TBA keeps the community and its members informed about local events through various media. By publishing the Turtle Bay newsletter, TBA offers members of the community access to interesting local news and to the area's upcoming social, civic, and cultural events. The TBA's prominently displayed bulletin board on Second Avenue is used to post important notices of interest to the community and its extensive website includes information about the neighborhood and TBA activities.

The TBA also maintains an active agenda of annual events, creating a fun and exciting environment for community service. They host the "Love Thy Neighborhood" Valentine Party, a Turtle Bay Street Fair, Night Out Against Crime, Town Hall Meetings, and a holiday toy collection for needy children. Through these

events, TBA promotes a sense of small town community in the heart of New York City.

Among its many other hard-earned achievements, TBA joined forces with the East Side Rezoning Alliance as charter members and successfully accomplished a drive for low-rise rezoning to protect the community's access to air and sunlight. Throughout its history, TBA has acted as a watchdog to report zoning violations that threaten the character and quality of life in the neighborhood.

The Turtle Bay Association's 45 years of positive results have provided an excellent example of the ways in which the commitment of concerned citizens can truly make a difference for an entire community.

In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Turtle Bay Association on the occasion of its 45th Anniversary.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FRANK MASCARA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on October 7, 2002, I was absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall vote Nos. 442 through 444. For the record, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on all these votes.

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TRIBUTE TO GEORGE GODDARD

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent George Goddard who died on August 15, 2002, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Goddard was born in Chicago in 1923. After graduating from Yale with a commission as Lt. (jg) in the U.S. Navy, he served on board the communications ship USS *Panamint*, which, during World War II, took the Japanese surrender of the island of Hokkaido.

After moving to Massachusetts in 1948, Mr. Goddard studied architecture at the Harvard School of Design where he was influenced by Walter Gropius and Mies van der Rohe. He moved to Belvedere in Marin County, CA, with his growing family and started his architectural career with Skidmore, Owens and Merrill. He later practiced independently and as a planning consultant designing teaching hospitals and medical and dental schools.

As a lifelong activist in social, political, and conservation causes, George stayed involved. He served on the Belvedere Planning Committee and played an integral role in acquiring Richardson Bay tidelands to save them from development. He also served as supervising architect during the move by barge of Lyford House, an 1870s dairy residence about to fall under the wrecker's ball, to its current home at the Richardson Bay Audubon Sanctuary.

George Goddard loved hiking, backpacking, sailing, and politics. In the 1990s, he organized a group of fellow navy officers into what became known as the Liars Club. Calling themselves Admirals, they met periodically to

embellish their war experiences. As no one paid any attention to anyone else, they could go on for years retelling the same enhanced stories. He is survived by his wife Sheret, six children, two grandsons, and six stepchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Goddard was a valued member of the Marin community who will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him.

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HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENCY OF DR. HAL RAMER

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Hal Ramer for an outstanding career in higher education administration and for his accomplishments during his more than three decades serving as the president of Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tennessee.

Dr. Ramer has been at the helm of Vol State since the beginning. But that will soon change when Dr. Ramer retires on January 31, 2003. He has watched a small community college grow from a student population of 560 in 1971 to about 7,000 today.

Dr. Ramer was instrumental in helping form the state's community college system. He arrived at the Tennessee Department of Education in 1963 and began a remarkable career reshaping the state's delivery of higher education. He was given the task of starting Volunteer State Community College on July 1, 1970, and had the college up and running in a year. Three decades later, Vol State has expanded its campus to include 31 teaching sites in 12 counties, providing a vital cog in the state's institutions of higher learning.

All Tennesseans have benefitted from Dr. Ramer's commitment and dedication to higher education. Dr. Ramer has poured his very soul into nearly five decades serving as a higher education administrator. Dr. Ramer's leadership will be sorely missed at Vol State. I congratulate him for his efforts and accomplishments in providing Tennesseans with an education second to none and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2002*

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 7th I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 442, 443 and 444. These votes were on H.R. 3340 to allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants 50 or over, H.R. 5531 the Sudan Peace Act and H. Res. 468, the Transatlantic Security and NATO Enhancement Resolution. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on all three rollcalls.