

Honorable Sandra L. Koffman, the Mayor of Pacific Grove, California. Sandy, as she is known throughout town, has been a true leader in Pacific Grove and in the wider Monterey Bay region. As she steps down after four consecutive terms as Mayor, I want to take this time to honor her public service. I think it is particularly important that this House, at the pinnacle of American democracy, honor the fundamentally important role that local elected officials such as Mayor Kaufman play in the governance of our great nation. Local politics is the foundation on which our nation rests. Members of Congress simply stand on the shoulders of the Mayors, City Council members, County Supervisors, School Board Members, and the other local elected office holders who give so generously of their time to make our communities work. Sandy is just such a local official. She is the kind of leader who is the first to arrive, the last to leave, and is always there with persistence and energy to move Pacific Grove forward.

Sandy was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. After college, Sandy made her way to California where she began a career in retailing in the Los Angeles area. Sandy and her husband Dan moved to Pacific Grove in 1990, where she immediately became active in the community, serving as a docent for the Monterey Bay Aquarium, cofounding Pacific Grove Eco-Corps in 1991 and the Pacific Grove Residents Association in 1993, and participating in the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and many other local, national and international organizations. In 1994, the citizens of her adopted city elected Sandy their mayor.

Since her election as mayor, Sandy has contributed in numerous ways to the improvement of Pacific Grove, including protection of the environment, preservation of historic homes, and revitalization of the downtown business district. Sandy has led the City Council effectively through major projects, including a new Youth Center, restoration of historic City Hall and an addition to the Civic Center, approved plans for affordable housing for senior citizens, and a comprehensive sewer maintenance and improvement project.

Sandy has been a highly public, accessible and outgoing Mayor, spending countless hours with all segments of the community to build consensus and bridges of understanding, and has unfailingly conducted meetings with a skillful combination of cordiality and focus. She has participated actively in regional planning and policy-making as Pacific Grove's representative to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority and other organizations, and has worked closely and effectively with the other mayors on a wide range of countywide issues.

On behalf of this House I want to commend Mayor Koffman for her dedicated service and call on her to continue her good work on behalf of the people of Pacific Grove and the United States.

#### TRIBUTE TO ABBA EBAN

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fallen hero in the cause of

peace, Mr. Abba Eban. In nearly a half-century of service as Israel's premier diplomat, Mr. Eban played a critical role in securing the future of his embattled nation and in defending democracy in the Middle East. News of his passing Sunday grieves all those who knew him and knew his historic work.

My wife and I had the honor of first meeting Abba Eban nearly four decades ago. Even at this early stage in his extraordinary career, he had distinguished himself as one of the most passionate, articulate and compelling voices on the world stage. In introducing President Harry S. Truman to Israel's future leaders, Mr. Eban helped forge a partnership between our two countries that has grown only stronger with the passage of time. Throughout Israel's struggle to survive, Abba Eban provided the words that emboldened the Israeli people and persuaded the world. Perhaps his finest moment came in 1967, when he addressed the United Nations in a heroic and spirited defense of Israel's right to exist. Israel's continued survival is the lasting legacy of his immortal words.

Abba Eban's Churchillian orations at the United Nations are the stuff of legend, capturing the spirit of a brave nation and captivating an anxious world. He instilled pride in all who shared his vision of a free and independent homeland for the Jewish people—and he earned the respect of all who did not. If the pen is mightier than the sword, than Abba Eban's eloquence was among the strongest weapons in Israel's arsenal. He personified his nation's fearless quest for peace.

Abba Eban was also a character the likes of whom the world may never again know. His brilliant intellect, cosmopolitan style and biting wit cast him as the consummate diplomat. He was the picture of professionalism. But behind this polished public persona was a human being who, like his countrymen, struggled to live in peace and with dignity.

Reflecting on the life of Abba Eban, we better understand that a nation's greatness is defined not by the strength of its arms or the extent of its wealth, but by the virtues of its people. Abba Eban was indeed a great and virtuous man, a most fitting emissary of a great and virtuous people. Let us commemorate his life by leading our own as he led his.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE TIM ROEMER

### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most highly regarded members of the House of Representatives, the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Select Education, TIM ROEMER, from Indiana's Third District.

As David Broder, the esteemed Washington journalist wrote of TIM, he is "ending a singularly useful House career by retiring."

Throughout his 12 years as a member of the House, TIM has focused on important matters aimed at improving our way of life such as education and the AmeriCorps program. Likewise, he brought his considerable talents to bear as a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Most notably, his tenure here has been marked by his consistent willingness to put aside partisan differences in effort to find reasonable and worthwhile solutions.

I recently had the privilege of working with TIM on a matter that we both considered to be very important, the Adams Memorial, which will honor our second president, John Adams, and his wife, Abigail. As the ranking member of the Resources Committee, which passed the bill out, I'm proud to say that President Bush signed the bill into law last year. Similarly, just the other day, the House passed legislation approving the Secretary of the Interior's decision on placement of the memorial.

Mr. Speaker, TIM is the embodiment of the true civil servant who interrupts his career in order to serve his Nation. And when his service is complete, he simply chooses to return to private life as still a young man with great potential for even more achievement.

While we here will miss TIM and his valuable contributions, we wish him well as he returns to private life, and most importantly, to his wife and their children.

#### RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL GARY WOODWARD

### HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my constituent, Lieutenant Colonel Gary Woodward, U.S. Air Force Reserve, who will be retiring on November 30th of this year.

Col. Woodward began his service as a member of the Ohio Air National Guard, USAF Security Police (Air Police) and was a graduate of the first class of the ANG Academy of Military Sciences (NCO Academy) at the McGhee-Tyson Air Force Base in Knoxville, Tennessee.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1972, and named Commander of the 178th Security Police unit at Springfield, Ohio. In 1974, Lt. Woodward's unit was mobilized to provide humanitarian support to the Xenia tornado disaster. Under his leadership, this unit was awarded the Air Force's Outstanding Unit Award, recognized for its excellent support to the Ministry of Defense in the United Kingdom concerning a number of successful European deployments, and also was recognized for its outstanding inspection ratings.

In 1993, Lt. Col. Woodward was promoted to his present grade and awarded the USAF Commendation Medal. In 1995, he was recognized for his professionalism and outstanding support to the Space and Missile Center, Los Angeles AFB, and three years later the U.S. Secretary of Defense acknowledged Lt. Col. Woodward's leadership as the Project Officer for the National Defense Conference at Wright-Patterson AFB. Identified as mission critical and extremely valuable to the USAF, Lt. Col. Woodward was selected and approved to continue service beyond his retirement date.

During all of this, Lt. Col. Woodward had a successful, 25-year banking career and served on the Fairborn City Council. He and his wife, Diana, still reside in Fairborn, and are the proud parents of two daughters, Elizabeth and Melody.

As a former member of the Ohio Air National Guard, I am proud to come to the floor to recognize Lt. Col. Gary Woodward's service to his nation, his community and his family, and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Hartford Public Library as one of only six recipients of this year's National Award for Museum and Library Service.

The Hartford Public Library's Chief Librarian, Ms. Louise Blalock, and the Board President, Mr. Paul Shipman, recently attend an awards ceremony at the White House during which First Lady Laura Bush presented them with the citation for their innovative efforts to expand the Library's services to the community. The Hartford Public Library received the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) award, in part, for developing community partners and innovative programs to address current educational, social, economic and environmental issues. Major partnerships developed by the Library include the Partnership Library, the Integrated Library Information and Management System and the Creating Readers program.

The National Award for Library Service was established in 2000 and is the only national award of its kind to recognize the public service record of America's libraries. The award is presented in conjunction with the National Award for Museum Services, which was established in 1994.

This year the Hartford Public Library has truly transformed the traditional meaning of a library with the development and installation of its "Community Information Database". The Hartford Public Library has responded directly to the needs of Hartford residents by compiling this database with such helpful information as employment opportunities, social services, and neighborhood council reports.

In addition to its model partnership with the Hartford Public System in which it has helped schools achieve curriculum goals for language development, the Library has forged a stronger relationship with the Hartford community this year by connecting all its residents to a distinguished collection of books, technology, social services, and community expertise.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in offering my most sincere congratulations to the Hartford Public Library for its exemplary service to Hartford and Connecticut's First Congressional District and for setting an example for innovation and excellence for libraries across the country.

#### TRIBUTE TO VALERIE DOMBROWSKI

#### HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the distinguished life and career of a constituent and community leader, Redondo Beach School Board Member Valerie Dombrowski, who passed away on November 11, 2002.

Valerie served the city of Redondo Beach as a dedicated school board member for twenty-five years. She was a tireless advocate for special and fine arts education. Among her accomplishments are the equalization of funding for girls' and boys' sports programs and the procurement of musical instruments for children who could not afford them.

Her dedication served the students in the community while gaining her respect from others who were impressed by her resolve to fight for causes she thought worthy. As a woman who always spoke her mind and asked the tough questions, she was the voice of the teachers, parents, and administrators in the district.

While being a matriarch of the Redondo Beach community, she was also a mother of eleven, grandmother of nineteen, and great-grandmother of one. Widowed in 1980, Valerie raised her children alone and ran the two family businesses. Her strength and leadership is an inspiration to us all.

In keeping with the spirit of Valerie's commitment to special education and fine arts education, her children have established the Valerie K. Dombrowski Scholarship Fund to help children with special needs and arts programs in Redondo Beach.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join Valerie's family and friends in commemorating the loss of an outstanding educator, mother, and community leader. Valerie's tireless efforts and unwavering dedication have touched the community. We will miss her dearly, but her spirit will continue to survive.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. JACK COLWELL

#### HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, an accomplished journalist, and an astute observer of politics, Mr. Jack Colwell of South Bend, Indiana. After nearly 40 years as the political writer for the South Bend Tribune, Mr. Colwell will soon be stepping down from that post. It is my great honor to have this opportunity to wish him well as he embarks on his well-deserved retirement.

In an age when political communication often generates more heat than light and political discourse is dominated by cynicism and spin, Mr. Colwell has set the standard for accuracy, fairness, and integrity in political journalism. The insights and observations found in his weekly column and regular news articles for the Tribune have inspired generations of readers to engage in the political process. As

a longtime reader and frequent subject of Mr. Colwell's pieces, I have marveled at his ability to inform and entertain, report the facts while also providing the broader context of an issue, and share his knowledge with a characteristic modesty, humor, and respect for the political process.

Although Hoosiers now proudly claim him as one of their own, Mr. Colwell originally hails from Ottawa, Illinois. Upon graduation from the University of Illinois College of Journalism, he began his professional journalistic career at the Champaign-Urbana Courier. Later, Mr. Colwell honed his journalistic skills while serving our country in the United States Army as the editor for the Fifth Army newspaper. Upon completion of his service, he joined the South Bend Tribune as a night police reporter. In 1964, Mr. Colwell assumed the position of political reporter for the Tribune—a post he has held ever since.

Over the course of his 38 years covering politics, Mr. Colwell's relentless pursuit of political news led to coverage of every major politician in Indiana, 20 national political conventions, and too many local, state, and national elections to count. His distinguished career in journalism earned him numerous writing awards from the Hoosier State Press Association and the Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors.

In addition to his obligations to the South Bend Tribune, since 1988, Mr. Colwell has provided a forum for conversations between citizens and their elected officials as the host of a local public affairs television program. He also finds time to share the insights of his craft with the next generation of journalists as an adjunct associate professor of journalism at the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to imagine following politics in Northern Indiana without the benefit of Jack Colwell's contributions. I believe that Jack Powers, the former managing editor of the South Bend Tribune, perhaps put it most succinctly when he said at the time of Mr. Colwell's induction into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame in 2000, "Jack Colwell is the greatest single journalist in the history of the community and the newspaper. He made us all look good. He still does." I join my constituents in thanking Jack for his years of service and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO BETTY PERRY

#### HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a friend with a noteworthy career in advocacy and public service. On November 19, 2002, the National Chapter of the Older Women's League will honor Betty Perry with the OWL Chapter Leader Award for her tireless work on behalf of OWL California. As her associates and friends gather to recognize her passionate work in the advocacy arena, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting one of Sacramento's outstanding citizens.

Born and raised in Sacramento, Betty was first exposed to the public arena when she often attended committee hearings and legislative sessions in the state capitol with her father. In 1948, Betty received her M.A. degree