

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

from U.C. Berkeley where she also earned her B.A. a few years earlier. In pursuit of a career in teaching and counseling, Betty returned home to Sacramento, where she began an almost 4 decade long career at Kit Carson Jr. High and McClatchy High School.

In 1984, shortly after her husband Calvin Perry passed away, Betty joined the Sacramento Capitol Chapter of OWL. What started out as a limited volunteer activity soon manifested into a full time volunteer position. Whether the task called for making phone calls or serving as chapter Secretary, Betty demonstrated her trademark commitment to excellence in all her duties. Betty would go on to serve every chapter office with distinction, including President, in 1993 and 1994. After a one-year stint as Co-President OWL California, Betty was ultimately elected to serve as statewide President in 1995.

As President, Betty remained a strong voice for older women by representing OWL on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisor's Task Force on Long Term Care. In 1997, she became OWL-CA's Education and Research Coordinator and following, Public Policy Director. Along with her work in public policy, Betty played an instrumental role in the coordination of the OWL-CA Mother's Day program. She aggressively advocates for legislation that benefits women and seniors in California. In 2001, she worked passionately on behalf of OWL to secure the passage of a resolution in the California State Senate that recognized the goals of OWL including, the staunch opposition of privatizing social security.

Despite a hectic schedule, her involvement in community service is not exclusive to OWL. She has been the co-chair of the local Breast Cancer Early Detection Program and works closely with the Congress of California Seniors, Gray Panthers, California Seniors Coalition, AARP, and the Consumer Federation of California, to protect and advance the interests of California citizens on a myriad of issues. She has worked on a variety of social causes promoting issues such as the California Patient Bill of Rights and reducing prescription drug prices for people on Medicare.

Her continuous leadership is a true testament to her devotion to help others. Her career as a social and political activist is commendable and I am pleased to acknowledge one of Sacramento's outstanding citizens. Mr. Speaker, as Betty Perry is honored with the OWL Chapter Leader award, I ask my colleagues to join with me in paying tribute to her numerous accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RAYMOND F.
DASMANN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Raymond F. Dasmann, a founder of international environmentalism and a tireless proponent of increased efforts for sustainability on a planet with limited resources. Mr. Dasmann, a UC Santa Cruz professor emeritus of ecology, passed away on November 5, 2002, and is survived by daughters Marlene, Sandra, and Lauren, five grandchildren; and one great-

grandchild. His wife of 45 years, Elizabeth Sheldon, passed away in 1996.

Raymond was fascinated with our living Earth from an early age. His undergraduate education in biology was interrupted by World War II; he served in Australia and New Guinea. Upon his return he enrolled at UC Berkeley, where he studied zoology under the famed wildlife biologist Starker Leopold.

Mr. Dasmann began working as a conservation biologist in the 1950s, when the field was in its infancy. His early research documented threats to the environment from population growth and pollution. Raymond wrote over a dozen influential books in his lifetime, on subjects ranging from endangered species to the loss of irreplaceable wildlands to environmental decline. Mr. Dasmann's works were must-reads for national researchers concerned about the environment.

Raymond did pioneering work in the 1960s with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, where he helped launch the Man and the Biosphere program. During the 1970s he worked in Switzerland as a senior ecologist for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

Mr. Dasmann was recognized many times for his work. He was honored by the World Wildlife Society and the Smithsonian Institute. The prestigious Order of the Golden Ark, which recognizes internationally distinguished conservationists, honored Raymond in 1978. He became an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1984 and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Society for Conservation Biology in 1988. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and achievements of Raymond Dasmann.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN LAFALCE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to put in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the tremendous accomplishments of JOHN LAFALCE, who has served this body with such great distinction since 1974.

In 1999, JOHN steered the financial Services Act through Congress, which began the process of modernizing the financial services industry.

And this year, his magnificent leadership brought about tough, comprehensive investor protections that will help preserve pensions for years to come.

As this record attests, JOHN LAFALCE made a great deal of law during his outstanding career, without making a great deal of noise.

I wish JOHN and his family the very best, which is what he had given his fellow Americans day in and day out for nearly 30 years.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN J. LAFALCE

John J. LaFalce was first elected to the 94th Congress in 1974 and was re-elected to each succeeding Congress through the 107th, serving his Western New York congressional district for 28 years, from 1975-2002. He served as Chairman of the House Small Business Committee from 1987-1994, and as Ranking Democrat on the House Financial Services Committee from 1998-2002. He declined to seek re-election to the 108th Congress.

PERSONAL

John LaFalce was born in Buffalo, New York, on October 6, 1939. He graduated from Public School 49 (1953), Canisius High School (1957), Canisius College (1961), and Villanova University School of Law in 1964. From 1965 to 1967, Rep. LaFalce served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era, leaving active duty with the rank of Captain.

He returned from military service to practice law in Western New York with the law firm of Jaekle, Fleischman and Mugel, and soon became active in public service. In 1970, he ran successfully for the New York State Senate, and in 1972 was elected to the State Assembly.

He is married to the former Patricia Fisher and they have one son, Martin, now a senior at Georgetown University.

CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE

In 1974, at the age of 35, Rep. LaFalce became only the second Democrat, and the first since 1912, to win election to what was then the 36th Congressional District of New York. During his career in the House of Representatives, he served on both the Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs (now the Committee on Financial Services). In January 1987, he was elected by the Democratic Caucus as Chairman of the Committee on Small Business, thus becoming the first member of his class (those elected in 1974) to chair a full, standing committee of the House. Following the change in control of Congress in 1994, he continued to play the key role as the Committee's Ranking Democrat. In February 1998, he was elected the Ranking Democrat on the Financial Services Committee and served in that capacity through 2002.

In Congressional Quarterly's Politics in America profile of Rep. LaFalce, he was characterized as "one of the smartest members of Congress." A Buffalo News article referred to him as "a workhorse, not a showhorse."

LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

As Ranking Democrat of the Banking Committee since 1998, Rep. LaFalce became the point man for the Clinton Administration on all financial economic issues, and consistently demonstrated his leadership by initiating, advocating and securing the enactment of numerous laws designed to increase consumer protection; expand housing and community development; increase competition to provide consumers the widest range of financial services at the lowest cost; ensure the safety, soundness and competitive strength of the banking system; and improve the efficacy and fairness of international development programs.

His leadership role was enlarged further in 2001, at the beginning of the 107th Congress, when the House Banking Committee became the House Financial Services Committee, with expanded jurisdiction that encompassed all three pillars of the U.S. financial system: banking, securities, and insurance. Since that change, Rep. LaFalce has played the key leadership role in developing and enacting new regulatory oversight and increased investor protections in the securities area, to restore market confidence after the corporate abuses revealed by Enron, Global Crossing, WorldCom and others.

Financial services

Financial Services Modernization (Gramm-Leach-Bliley)—For decades, Rep. LaFalce served as a leader in congressional efforts to modernize the Nation's complex financial services system, consistently advocating legislation that would eliminate the arbitrary barriers between commercial and investment banking. His dedication to modernizing the