

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CAPITAL
AREA MICHIGAN WORKS!

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Capital Area Michigan Works! for their receipt of an exemplary service provider award from the U.S. Department of Labor. This award was presented at the U.S. Department of Labor's annual Salute to Veterans on November 13, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, the Capital Area Michigan Works! is part of a regional consortium of local governments that provide workforce development services. The exemplary service provider award was presented to only nine organizations and individuals for their outstanding efforts in providing employment and training services to veterans.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Capital Area Michigan Works! for their distinguished service to America's veterans. Furthermore, I would also ask my colleagues to join me in extending our thanks to the Capital Area Michigan Works! for their service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
ALICIA BROADOUS-DUNCAN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to my good friend and one of the most active, passionate and hard-working advocates for older Americans I have ever known, Reverend Dr. Alicia Broadous-Duncan. This year Reverend Alicia will be 65 years old and the Northeast Valley Multipurpose Senior Center will recognize her dedicated service as their Director by having a birthday celebration in her honor.

I have known Reverend Alicia for many years and I have watched with great admiration the tireless and energetic work that she has given to the North Valley Multipurpose Senior Center. Her energy is astounding. The depth of her concern for the center and her genuine love for humanity has made the center into a warm and welcoming environment. No matter how busy, Rev. Alicia's first priority is to provide help and guidance to those in need.

Rev. Alicia has done outstanding work during her years of dedicated service to the community. For example, she served on the Chaplaincy Services Advisory Board of Holy Cross Hospital and was a member of the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission.

Reverend Broadous-Duncan has made significant contributions to education and children's causes. Recently, she served on the Board of Directors for Calvary Christian School and played an integral part in Hathaway Children's Village Outreach Services. She has displayed exemplary leadership in Christian service. For example, she was the Founder and Executive Minister of Adonai Covenant Ministries and also an Associate Minister for Calvary Baptist Church in Pacoima. She is extremely devoted to her community.

Among the greatest achievements in Rev. Alicia's life are her seven outstanding children she has raised during her 43-year marriage to Lonnie T. Duncan, and among the great pleasures in her life now are her 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Reverend Alicia Broadous-Duncan has positively affected the lives of so many, and I join the Northeast Valley Multipurpose Senior Center in wishing her a very happy birthday. It is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Reverend Alicia Broadous-Duncan.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN
PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

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Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, we gather today to highlight the legacy of one of the most distinguished and honorable Members of this august body, my colleague and friend—Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink.

Though Patsy made it to one of the highest elected offices in the land, she never lost the common touch. Patsy was a champion of the dispossessed; the downtrodden; the disenfranchised; the forgotten; she was the people's representative. She was a mentor to many of us in Congress. As the co-chair to the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, she helped me many times to redirect my course if barriers were placed in front of me! But that was vintage Patsy. She was always able to redirect her course if barriers were placed before her. Having been denied entrance to medical school, she chose the legal profession; and was the first Japanese woman to pass the bar in Hawaii. As I received the call of Patsy passing by my daughter Valerie, I was saddened only for a short time, because I began to recall all the fond memories we had together as a source of strength.

We must all draw on those memories. We must celebrate the life of our dear friend Patsy and remember how her 24 years of distinguished services shaped the lives of those who had social impediments, economic inequality and educational restrictions. The passage of the landmark Title IX legislation, which opened doors that had been closed to girls in the athletic programs at schools around this Nation, will be a lasting memory of how tenaciously she fought to improve the lives of girls for generations to come.

In a career that began before territorial Hawaii became a state in 1959, Patsy Mink, with authority, wit and clear perspective, became one of the best-known women politicians in the United States, and the first woman of color elected to Congress. Patsy challenged us all! She challenged us with the question, "Does it matter whether women are involved in politics?" Her career speaks volumes to that question and her accomplishments exemplify the answer. Decisions are being made at the national level that will determine the quality of our lives into the next generation.

Patsy Takemoto Mink—by crossing our paths—has given us the leadership tools to advance the agenda for the common good. Thank you Patsy! Mr. Speaker, on behalf of

many women and Asian American organizations, I would like to submit to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the following statements that highlight the life and legacy of Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY MINK

REMARKS OF KAREN K. NARASAKI, PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CONSORTIUM

I believe that Patsy is looking down on us today and smiling at the beautiful mosaic of faces. It is fitting that this memorial has brought together so many strands of her work—organizations and congressional leaders who advocate on behalf of women, civil rights, immigrants, workers, children and the poor have all come together to celebrate her life.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander community misses her greatly. She served as a role model and an inspiration for so many of us. She forged a path that made it possible for Japanese American women like me and other women of color to pursue our dreams and aspirations. She taught us that it was possible to obtain great stature without having to be physically tall, by defying the stereotypes that too often become barriers for Asian American women who come from cultures where women were expected to be seen and not heard. She was a feminist before being a feminist was cool and she remained one her whole life.

The other day, my niece in third grade ran for student body secretary. I asked my sister to tell her that when she was ready to run for Congress, I would work on her campaign. Julia asked my sister to tell me that she intended to be the first woman president and didn't see any reason to start with Congress. This is one of Patsy's greatest legacies—because of her life and work it is possible today for a young Japanese American girl to believe she can be president.

Like many others in this room, I can still hear her voice gently and not-so-gently pushing us to challenge authority and popular opinion and fight fiercely for those most vulnerable in our communities. She was a tough task master who was never one to suffer fools gladly and she asked a lot of her talented and loyal staff, but never more than she asked of herself.

I remember her call for fairness for immigrants and families in poverty when she voted against the tide on harsh welfare reform legislation. I hear the echoes of her passionate speeches on the floor of the House about the need to invest in quality education for all and job training that would allow working families a living wage and access to health care. Because she was never one to toot her own horn, people visiting Washington would be surprised when I told them to try to catch one of her speeches because she was one of the last of the great orators. She was always about the work—always focused on the people she served.

Robert F. Kennedy once said, "each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope. . . ." When Patsy stood up, she sent out tidal waves of hope and the lives of all Americans are the better because of her.

REMARKS OF DR. JANE SMITH

Thank you. I am Jane Smith, the Chief Executive Officer of Business and Professional Women/USA.

I join the many Members of Congress and other representatives from the women's community here today because Congresswoman Mink and BPW share a very long history. The Congresswoman was a member of BPW for at least four decades. But Congresswoman Mink was not simply an affiliate

member. She truly epitomized what BPW considers its greatest strength—the grassroots member.

Congresswoman Mink attended the meetings of her local BPW organization regularly and even cast votes in BPW's leadership elections. She spoke at our annual policy conference many times, sharing her insight on the ins and outs of what was happening here on Capitol Hill. In fact, each year before BPW's policy conference she would call her BPW contacts in Hawaii to find out who would be attending the conference and when the BPW members arrived in Washington she took them all out to lunch.

One of my favorite stories about the Congresswoman took place about six years ago when BPW's leadership was asked to testify in front of the House Education and Workforce Committee about increasing the minimum wage. A number of BPW members, who were also small business owners, presented testimony and at the conclusion of the hearing Congresswoman Mink said that the hearing was her proudest day as a BPW member.

In 1998, the BPW Foundation awarded Congresswoman Mink a Women Mean Business Award and BPW's political arm—BPW/PAC—has endorsed her for Congress every time she ran. BPW has honored Congresswoman Mink because she was a grassroots member who exhibited incredible leadership and vision. In the words of BPW's past National President and BPW/Hawaii member—Leslie Wilkins, "We have lost one of our greatest mentors. My only solace is the legacy she has left behind. She has inspired countless women—and men—to go forward with her work."

REMARKS OF BERNICE R. SANDLER, SENIOR SCHOLAR, WOMEN'S RESEARCH AND EDUCATION INSTITUTE

Title IX was easily passed because hardly anyone recognized the enormous changes it would require, and because it was hidden away in the Education Amendments of 1972. It passed easily because two women laid the groundwork for it in the House Committee on Education and Labor, one, Rep. Edith Green who introduced the bill and shepherded it through the Congress, and Rep. Patsy Mink. They were the only two women on the committee with 32 men. But together, they forged a revolution.

Of course after Title IX was passed, people found out what it would do. Between 1974 and 1977 there were at least 10 bills introduced to weaken Title IX, and Patsy Mink was in the forefront defending Title IX. If supporting Title IX and other women's issues were all she had done, it would have been enough. But she didn't stop there.

Let me start by telling you about Arlene Horowitz, then a secretary on the Hill who came to me about an idea for a Congressional bill in 1971, before Title IX was even passed. She asked: Why not have a bill so that the government will fund materials for teachers and others about women and girls to counter the effects of sex role stereotyping? I thought Arlene was crazy and—no one in their right mind in Congress would ever support such a bill. Arlene, fortunately did not listen to me. She went to other women who were also skeptical, and then to Patsy Mink. Patsy Mink did not think Arlene was crazy. She gave us the go ahead and so the Women's Educational Equity Act, affectionately known as WEEA, was born.

Even while we worked on the drafting of the bill, many of us still thought it wouldn't pass but that if hearings were held, maybe it would send a message to publishers to begin publishing such materials on their own. In 1973, Patsy Mink held hearings and convinced Senator Mondale to do the same in the Senate, and in 1974 the bill passed.

Just like Title IX WEEA was hidden away in another bill, the Elementary and Sec-

ondary Education Act. Patsy Mink knew her politics.

As the mother of the Women's Educational Equity Act, she started a program that has developed hundreds of all kinds of resources for educators and other concerned about the education of women and girls. Yesterday I looked through the catalogue of the Educational Development Center which publishes and disseminates WEEA materials. In addition to materials such as 600 Strategies That Really Work to Increase Girls Participation in Sciences, Mathematics and Computers, there were materials about working with immigrant girls, Native American women and girls, Latina women and girls, materials about women of the South, about Cuban American Women, single sex education, a resource manual for single mothers, materials for working with disabled girls and yes, even materials for providing equity for boys. All of these materials have had an enormous impact on not only on teachers but on so many the children and women in our educational institutions. Patsy Mink leaves us a legacy—not only the legacy of defending Title IX but one which enriched Title IX. She gave us the educational tools to deal with the effects of sex discrimination and indeed to prevent sex discrimination from occurring in the first place. Thank you, thank you, Patsy. You have made a lasting difference.

REMARKS FROM THE EVERY MOTHER IS A WORKING MOTHER NETWORK

Grassroots women suffered a great loss with the passing of Congresswoman Patsy Mink. Herself a woman of color, she stood for us, she stood with us, and she stood as one of us and we wonder now who will be our voice on the Hill. We are proud to have known Congresswoman Mink, to have worked with her and to have her encourage us. The last time we saw her was at a Congressional briefing we held in June of this year on valuing the work of caregivers in welfare policy. We invited her to the briefing because we wanted to honor her for her unswerving insistence that the work of mothers and other caregivers be valued. She told us that we should not be honoring her, that instead she should be thanking us for our work in the face of all odds.

You must understand we were not a typical beltway crowd. We were a rather rag tag multiracial group of mothers and grandmothers on welfare, some of us with disabilities, some with our grandchildren in tow, who along with other caregivers had gathered our pennies and traveled to DC to press our case from cities on the West and East Coasts, as well as the Mid-West. We are women who are studied but not listened to, spoken about but not given an opportunity to speak for ourselves. But her tone to us was one of respect. She spoke to us as a sister, as a friend, as people to whom she was accountable. Many of us who heard her at our briefing speak with such truth, conviction and clarity were moved to tears.

From South Central LA to inner city Philadelphia, grassroots women in our network were devastated by the news of Congresswoman Mink's passing and devastated further by her passing being treated in much of the mainstream media as merely a passing event. She touched the lives of those living daily the impact of welfare "reform": those of us on the bottom taking care of children and other loved ones. To her colleagues on the Hill, we hope she will always be a shining example of principle, commitment, integrity and compassion from which you can draw courage. To advocates we hope you will not forget her message. EMWM honors Representative Patsy Mink, her spirit; her courage in the face of sexism, racism and ageism

is one that will continue to inspire us, and lives on in us in our daily work for justice. Congresswoman Mink, you honored us, and we now in return are honoring you. Our deepest condolences to Wendy and other loved ones you have left behind.

REMARKS BY KIM GANDY, PRESIDENT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN.

The world lost one of its greatest citizens on September 28 with the death of Hawaii Congresswoman Patsy Mink. Girls and women also lost one of the most valiant and steadfast champions. Every woman today who is enjoying the fruits of her education and job opportunities, and every girl who has a chance to play sports in school, owes a nod of thanks to Mink who unremittingly and dauntlessly challenged old stereotypes about "women's place" and helped engineer the steady progress for women over the last four decades—parallel to Mink's career in politics.

Patsy Mink stood up and showed up for girls and women, often outnumbered and sometimes outmaneuvered. But she persisted, cajoled, humored and demanded of her colleagues that Congress attend to the business of over half its constituents. Among many accomplishments, she was a leader in shepherding the passage of Title IX in 1972 to promote educational equity. One of only two women ever to receive this honor, Patsy Mink was named a NOW Woman of Vision in June, 2002, in a ceremony honoring the 30th anniversary of Title IX. In celebrating her life we must rededicate ourselves to protecting her legacy by preventing the current efforts to dismantle this landmark legislation.

In the last decade of her political leadership, Patsy Mink was a vigorous advocate on behalf of poor families. Faced with the bipartisan tidal wave that pounded poor women, insisting that they "get to work", Mink worked tirelessly to promote policies that truly addressed the realities of poverty and last year garnered substantial support in the House of Representatives for her legislation to provide additional education and skills that would support true self-sufficiency.

Patsy Mink will always be remembered with love and respect and gratitude. She was our champion—a tireless advocate and a hero to women and girls everywhere.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit to the appropriate CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the following statements on Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink.

ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE PATSY
TAKEMOTO MINK

(Statement of Jacqueline Woods, Executive Director, American Association of University Women, October 1, 2002)

On behalf of the 150,000 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), we express our profound sadness at the loss of Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink. Congresswoman Mink was a true pioneer in breaking down barriers in education and the workplace for women and girls, and ensuring that the rights of all Americans are