

IN CELEBRATION OF THE CAREER
OF HON. DEE HARDISON

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the distinguished career of a spectacular individual—the Honorable Dee Hardison, who steps down today as mayor of the City of Torrance.

Mayor Hardison, whom I fondly and proudly call my “sister,” and I have worked together closely over the last decade to serve the citizens of Torrance and the greater South Bay community of Los Angeles County. Whether it was fighting to keep the Los Angeles Air Force base right where it is, to prevent a geographic split in the 310 telephone area code, or to support the Torrance public school system, I have always treasured Dee’s advice, passion, dedication and, most importantly, her hands-on approach. And speaking of dedication, Mr. Speaker, how many mayors do you know who would continue a 40-mile bike ride after tumbling off her bike during the first leg? Well, that is exactly what Mayor Hardison did one year during my biannual campaign bike ride!

But besides biking, being a good friend, and reaching the “gold standard” of wife, mother and grandmother, Mayor Hardison has devoted so much of her energy to her community. For nearly three decades, Dee shepherded thousands of young people through the Torrance Unified School District, including many years as a special education teacher. While a teacher, she was appointed to the City of Torrance’s Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. In 1986, she successfully ran for a seat on the City Council and served there for eight years. Having reached the limits on terms of service, she then successfully ran for Mayor, a post she has held with distinction and grace.

While holding all these “day jobs,” Dee still found time to devote to many important community organizations, including—but certainly not limited to—the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Foundation, the Torrance Education Foundation, the Torrance Sister City Association, the Rose Float Association, and the Torrance League of Women Voters. Finally, Dee distinguished herself as a regional leader, recently completing a tour as Chair of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, which has been instrumental in developing regional solutions to the area’s transportation challenges.

Mr. Speaker, I will miss having Dee as the Mayor of the largest independent city in my district. But I know she will continue to be an active leader in the community be a ready source of advice and counsel. With more spare time, I hope she is improving her biking skills and will join me again this fall on the bike trail.

MURLI DEORA JOINS INDIA’S
UPPER HOUSE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, one of the architects of the growing diplomatic relation-

ship between the United States and India received some long overdue recognition last weekend when Murlu Deora was elected to the Raja Sabha, the Upper House of India’s National Parliament.

As our colleagues may recall, relations between the United States and India went through difficult times during the 70’s and 80’s because of the Cold War. We were, as former Ambassador Dennis Kux declared, “estranged democracies.” Yet, even during the weakest of times in our relationship with India, Murlu Deora worked hard to bring our two nations together. His views were often times at odds with the foreign policy establishment in his country. Only during the past decade did the United States’ democracy finally draw close to the world’s largest democracy. In the process, Murlu Deora was vindicated.

Mr. Speaker, Murlu Deora has a long and distinguished career as a politician in India. Murlu began his career in public service more than twenty-five years ago as the Mayor of Mumbai, India’s largest city. Although Murlu’s public life has taken him to all parts of the world, he has never forgotten his roots or his love of this city of more than twelve million people. A long time member of the Congress Party, Murlu remains President of the Mumbai Regional Congress Committee, a grassroots party organization renowned in Indian politics.

Upon completing two terms as Mumbai’s mayor, Murlu was elected repeatedly to the Lok Sabha, the Lower House of India’s parliament. During his many years as a Parliamentarian, Murlu distinguished himself as a skilled legislator. Among his many accomplishments was passage of landmark legislation to open India’s insurance market to foreign investment. Murlu also used his tenure in the Lok Sabha to become a tireless advocate for stronger India-U.S. ties. He founded the India-U.S. Interparliamentary Forum and headed the Indo U.S. Initiative. When members of this body decided to band together to create the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, Murlu offered his encouragement and support. As the current Co-Chairman of the Caucus, I can attest first hand to Murlu’s dedication, energy and foresight.

Mr. Speaker, the world has always been Murlu’s forum. A former President of the Parliamentary for Global Action, Murlu has spent the last three years working as a senior official of the Indian Red Cross and as International Vice President for the Red Cross in Geneva. Therefore, it is both fitting and appropriate that Murlu has been elected without opposition to the Raja Sabha. All of us who know Murlu congratulate him and welcome his induction into this senior most legislative body in India. I am confident that Murlu will continue to immerse himself in the pressing problems of hunger, disease, the underclass and economic development. And, I am certain that relations between our two countries will also continue to occupy a central place in Murlu’s busy world. As a result, we have much to look forward to, and relations between our two countries will be the clear beneficiary.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TED DIAZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor an extraordinary man whose passion for life and incredible human spirit is an inspiration to us all. Ted Diaz, a native Coloradan whose passion for our great state is as constant and unyielding as any I’ve ever known, recently passed an impressive milestone, celebrating his eightieth birthday with a gathering of his friends and family.

Ted was born on April 1st, 1922 in Delta, Colorado, as one of twelve siblings. He attended school in Silt, Colorado, and later moved to Rifle, where he currently resides. Throughout his life, he has been the consummate athlete and good citizen, winning accolades in basketball, softball, bowling and horseshoes, while always giving his time and energy to the community as a mentor and a friend. He coached the town’s American Legion baseball team, as well as the girls’ town team, and umpired high school games in both the spring and summer. For 27 years, he selflessly gave his time to the community by marking the football field for high school games, and by volunteering to run the yard marker. In addition, he valiantly served in the U.S. Army from his station in the Philippines.

While working for Re-2 for 27 years, Ted was also involved in a number of philanthropic activities. He is a member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus and American Legion, and served as commander of American Legion and VFW. In addition, he volunteers his time at preschool in Rifle and in Glenwood Springs. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment, however, was marrying Jo, his lovely wife of 52 years, and raising their son.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I bring to the attention of this body of Congress, the life and spirit of such an incredible man, who is always able to brighten and invigorate the lives of those around him. He is truly an inspiration to all of us, and I, along with the many people whose lives he has touched, am honored to recognize his tremendous accomplishment in reaching his eightieth birthday, and more importantly, his passion for life and indomitable spirit.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION—
THANKING KOREAN HOSTS OF
U.S. KOREAN WAR VETERANS

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you for the kindness and hospitality you showed our Korean War veterans during their visit to Korea. This commemoration is an important reminder of the difficult time when the United States helped Korea fight Communist aggression, and celebrates the victory of democracy over an authoritarian dictatorship. Since that terrible war, many Americans have had the privilege of serving in Korea,

and I appreciate the outstanding support your country has shown them.

The Korean people and the United States have been strong allies since the Korean War, and this visit is symbolic of the many years of friendship between our countries. A friendship that was forged on the battlefield is now a partnership based on freedom, and you are helping maintain the good relations between Korea and the United States. I am grateful for the important part you played in making the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration a great success.

TRIBUTE TO INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST SECOND CLASS PAUL EUDALY

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Intelligence Specialist Second Class Paul Eudaly.

This week, IS2 Eudaly completes a two year assignment at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC) at Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon, Nevada. His next duty station assignment will be on the island of Diego Garcia located in the Indian Ocean. Since April 2000, IS2 Eudaly has served as the library night shift supervisor at NSAWC. He has performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Petty Officer Eudaly meticulously created the exercise QUIVER target/threat database, which was used to train over 500 naval personnel and 10 carrier air wings. He also volunteered to deploy onboard the USS CONSTELLATION for the Composite Training Unit Exercise, where he trained 30 additional intelligence personnel on QUIVER's application.

IS2 Eudaly has also served as the lead enlisted intelligence instructor at NAS Fallon for air wing personnel recovery and combat search and rescue events. As the only enlisted instructor during the annual joint exercise Desert Rescue IX, he provided quality support and accurate mission briefs for participants from 42 different commands. As the NSAWC Division Training Petty Officer, his mentoring and innovative training methods have resulted in 100 percent passing and a 73 percent advancement rate during the last examination cycle. He has been a great mentor to the junior enlisted personnel and has taken time to help many of the new sailors adjust to their duties at NSAWC.

Petty Officer Eudaly's professionalism and devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Mr. Speaker, IS2 Eudaly is a model, sailor and the U.S. Navy needs more young men and women like him. Therefore, I ask that this 107th Congress join me in sincerely wishing IS2 Eudaly "fair winds and following seas" as he moves to his next duty assignment.

EMPLOYEE-LEASING ORGANIZATION ACT OF 2002

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce introduction of the Employee-Leasing Organization Act of 2002. I'm pleased to note that two very distinguished members of the Ways and Means Committee, Congressman BILL JEFFERSON and Congressman RON LEWIS have agreed to join me in introducing this important legislation.

Too many small businesses lose valuable time each day attending to administrative headaches. Likewise, many of those same small businesses are unable to provide benefits to their employees due to their size. In recent years, the employee leasing industry has evolved to provide cost effective administrative payroll/tax services and health and retirement benefits to small businesses and their full-time employees. The bill I'm introducing will clarify the status of employee-leasing companies ability to provide these services.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation and taking a stand to help America's small business owners and employees.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WORKING TOWARD INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2002

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce the "Working Toward Independence Act of 2002" to reauthorize the work-related provisions of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, and the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG).

This legislation will build upon the historic welfare reform law passed in 1996—a law that made a fundamental shift in policy by encouraging personal responsibility and promoting work. For the first time in the history of social welfare policy, benefits were tied to work. Because of the principle of "work first" and a purpose to help people better themselves, a whole new culture of personal responsibility was created within the program.

The results have been nothing short of dramatic. For example, there has been an historic decline in the welfare rolls; increases in employment for low-income single mothers, who comprise the population most likely to need assistance; and a sustained decline in child poverty. Even with the robust economy of the late 1990's, recent studies confirm that welfare reform is largely responsible for the declining caseload and increase in work. The law's promotion of work made the crucial difference in maximizing opportunities for welfare recipients.

But there is work remaining for us to do. Too many families receiving assistance are not engaged in activities that will lead to self-sufficiency. This year, Congress must build upon the success of the 1996 law by providing additional options for families on welfare to

move into productive jobs, become self-reliant and obtain independence. I am proud to say that the bill that I am introducing today will do just that.

The legislation, based on the Administration's proposal, strengthens work rules to ensure that all families are engaged in a full week of work and other activities that will lead to self sufficiency. Families will be permitted to combine real work with education and training to help recipients advance in their jobs. In addition, states will need to have plans achieving the work related goals of TANF. States will be encouraged to coordinate their TANF work programs with the One-Stop Career Center system created through the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, so that former recipients will continue to have access to additional training resources.

However, we know that families cannot maintain employment without reliable, safe child care for their children. That is why this bill will also maintain the unprecedented commitment of federal support for child care by authorizing \$2.1 billion annually for CCDBG for state child care programs. In addition, the bill improves the program by helping target funds set-aside for quality activities and encouraging states to address the cognitive needs of young children so that they are developmentally prepared to enter school. The bill also provides states maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best meet the needs of children and parents.

Finally, the bill will provide significant new waiver authority for states to design programs that improve services to needy families. This provision will encourage states to continue the experimentation at the state and local level that preceded the federal welfare reform action in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation that enhances opportunities for families to move up the economic ladder and access quality child care for their children.

BELIEVING THAT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS INEVITABLE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening, along with so many of my colleagues, to express my frustration and disgust with the situation that is currently boiling over in the Middle East. How long can we allow this bloodbath to continue? How long will we have to witness Israeli families blown apart by maniacal, suicidal murderers; Palestinian children lying dead on the street; young Israeli men and women buried alive in collapsed buildings; or Palestinian families huddling inside their homes, terrified to step out even to buy food? The latest news of more people—human beings with friends and family—who have been killed today is heartbreaking. The Israeli and Palestinian people are on a downward spiral, heading quickly toward that state of nature conceived by Thomas Hobbes, where Palestinian and Israeli children born into the world can expect only one thing: a life that is "nasty, brutish, and short." This situation is an outrage.