

state. It is his unrelenting passion for each and every thing he does, as well as his spirit of selflessness and dedication with which he has always conducted himself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. Donn has achieved extraordinary things and enriched the lives of so many people, and it is my privilege to extend to him my sincere congratulations on earning the Colorado Mortgage Lenders Association's Hope for Homeowners Award, and wish him all the best in the future.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber during the week of March 18th. I want the RECORD to show that had I been present in this chamber, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote 65, yea; on rollcall vote 66, yea; rollcall vote 67, yea; rollcall vote 68, yea; rollcall vote 69, yea; rollcall vote 70, yea; rollcall vote 71, yea; rollcall vote 72, yea; rollcall vote 73, yea; rollcall vote 74, yea; rollcall vote 75, no; rollcall vote 76, no; rollcall vote 77, no; rollcall vote 78, no; rollcall vote 79, no.

#### HONORING MARGARET "DUTCH" SILVER

### HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the late Margaret "Dutch" Silver, a highly respected Florida political activist whose years of hard work and enthusiasm inspired countless people to become involved in the political process and helped several of Florida's successful female legislators get their foot in the political door.

A native of Alabama, Dutch entered Tampa's Democratic political scene in the 1970s, bringing with her a host of fresh ideas in political campaigning and the energy and drive to turn those ideas into successful political strategies. Dutch renewed the practice of door-to-door campaigning and updated the party's approach to political canvassing and targeting. Her exuberance encouraged others to become activists, and her knowledge and experience soon led her to become the executive director of the Hillsborough Democratic Party.

Many of Florida's Democratic women politicians credit Dutch for guiding them to leadership positions. In 1972, Dutch ran Betty Castor's campaign to become Hillsborough County's first female Commissioner and then advised Betty Castor in her three successful Florida State Senate races and her campaign to become state commissioner of education in 1986. Dutch also ran Fran Davin's Hillsborough County Commission race and helped Helen Gordon Davis become elected to the Florida State House of Representatives.

On behalf of the people of Tampa Bay, I offer my deepest sympathy to Dutch's family. Through her hard work, dedication and passion to make our community, state, nation and

world a better place for everyone, Dutch helped Florida's Democratic party break ground. She was committed to her cause because she loved the work and she believed in the political process. Florida has truly lost a trailblazer.

#### CLINTON HILL WEED AND SEED PARTNERSHIP

### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Operation Weed and Seed in Newark, New Jersey and its commitment to the revitalization of the city. In 1991 the United States Department of Justice established Operation Weed and Seed, a community based multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. The Weed and Seed strategy is a two-pronged approach to crime control and prevention where law enforcement agencies first "weed out" criminals from the target area, followed by a "seeding" of prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization.

On Saturday May 4, 2002 The Clinton Hill Weed and Seed Partnership, sponsored by Public Service Electric and Gas Company, will celebrate the unveiling and kick-off of the Newark, New Jersey project at Mildred Helms Park. Consisting of over 150 stakeholders, The Clinton Hill Weed and Seed Partnership has accomplished a milestone by receiving its Official Site Designation from the United States Department of Justice.

The Weed and Seed strategy is based on collaboration, coordination, community participation, and leveraging resources. The emphasis on community participation cannot be understated. The prevailing concept is neighborhoods function more effectively when empowered to solve their own problems.

The process to become a Weed and Seed site requires a significant commitment by the community to engage in strategic planning, collaborate with key stakeholders, and coordinate programs and services. The Clinton Hill Partnership will become a significant impacting force on the city of Newark. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the tremendous efforts of the Weed and Seed Partnership and the lasting impact that it will surely have on the city of Newark.

#### HONORING TESS CAMAGNA

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Tess Camagna for receiving the Educator of the Year Award for 2002 from the Hughson Chamber of Commerce.

Tess is a born and bred Hughsonian. Her parents were farmers there and she attended Hughson Elementary and graduated from Hughson High School. She left the community only briefly to attend California State University, San Jose, to obtain her degree in Elementary Education.

After pursuing her education Tess returned to Hughson and began teaching in 1973. Throughout her career she has taught kindergarten and first grade. Mrs. Camagna is proud to be a part of an educational system that is dedicated to children and excels in educational leadership.

Tess' husband, Richard, is a farmer and Hughson Fire Department Commissioner. They have raised three children, John, Peter, and Sarah, and they have been blessed with two grandchildren, Alex and Nicholas.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tess Camagna for receiving the 2002 Educator of the Year Award. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking her for her tremendous service to the community and her dedication to our youth.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF LUCY NUNZIATO

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lucy Nunziato, a woman who has dedicated many years of public service not only to the Queens Chamber of Commerce and the business community, but also to the greater borough of Queens. After an outstanding career in banking, Ms. Nunziato is retiring, much to the regret of her friends and colleagues.

Ms. Nunziato rose to a position of significant responsibility at a major savings bank because of her intelligence, hard work and versatility. At the Long Island Savings Bank, FSB, she started out working as a teller and was so respected for her work that she eventually became Vice President, overseeing the community and public relations department of a 48-branch network in Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties. During her tenure at the bank, she also served as President of Savings Bank Women of New York.

Ms. Nunziato has also devoted a great deal of time and effort to various professional and civic affiliations, including serving on the boards of the American Red Cross, Alliance of Queens Artists, Long Island City—YMCA, Flushing Council on the Culture and the Arts, as well as the Queens Historical Society. She has also represented the interests of Queens business on the Queens District Attorney's Business Advisory Council, the Verizon Communications Advisory Council, Con Edison's Small Business Advisory Council, and the Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System.

Ms. Nunziato has also showed a great deal of commitment towards the charities at which she volunteers, including the American Cancer Society, the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, Junior Achievement, Project Outreach, Walter Kaner's Children's Foundation, the Wheelchair Classics, the Lexington Center and the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens. She has also served on the finance committee of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and St. Sebastian's Toman Catholic Church.

The outstanding accomplishments of Ms. Nunziato have earned her special recognition from organizations such as Wheelchair Classics, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, the Long Island City—YMCA, the

Flushing Council on the Culture and the Arts, the Pride of Judea Mental Health Center and Queensboro Council For Social Welfare.

Mr. Speaker, for her many contributions, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Lucy Nunziato.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND  
LOUISE RODRIGUEZ

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a couple whose dedication and commitment to one another, and their family, embodies the spirit of family values in my state and this nation. Through times of joy, and times of sadness, John and Louise Rodriguez have upheld their marriage vows to one another for thirty-seven years. Born and raised in the City of Pueblo, Colorado, John and Louise are valued members of the community as parents, citizens, and volunteers. Together, they have conducted themselves with honesty and integrity over their lifetime and I stand today to pay tribute to their lives.

Married on April 24, 1965, John and Louise will soon be joined in the celebration of their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary by their four children, John, Janelle, Jeffery, and Julianne. Sadly, one member of the Rodriguez family will be missed in their gathering, Julie Cherie, their first-born child. She was born on January 2, 1966, but sadly was diagnosed with cancer of the liver, and passed away in August of 1968. The couple's dedication to their family is evident in their approach to this trying time; Louise spent two years living in Denver to be with her daughter at a hospital, while John worked to provide for his family at CF&I in Pueblo, commuting weekly to visit his daughter and wife in Denver.

Throughout their lives, John and Louise instilled strong family values by rearing their children in the Roman Catholic Church. They emphasized the value of education from early on in their childhoods, and encouraged the children to attend and receive college degrees. Today their children are proud college graduates and with the continuing support of their parents, are succeeding in their own personal endeavors. During their children's early years, John could be found working hard at the wire mill at CF&I to support their family, while Louise maintained the home front and provided a solid base for raising the children. As the children matured and attended college, Louise began work as a medical transcriptionist at various doctors' offices and at St. Mary-Corwin Hospital. Today, Louise is the proud owner of her own medical transcription service and John is often found volunteering his time and efforts to helping handicapped children safely access school buses for School District 60.

Mr. Speaker, those who know the couple best often remark on the evident love for one another and their children. Through the good times and the bad, the Rodriguez's have remained committed not only to their vows, but their family. John and Louise have served as true role models for their four children and their community, and I am honored to pay trib-

ute to John and Louise before this body of Congress and this nation. They are a model American family and I am honored to represent them.

HONORING THE 51ST NATIONAL  
DAY OF PRAYER "AMERICA  
UNITED UNDER GOD"

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my heartiest wishes on the observance of the 51st National Day of Prayer.

The National Day of Prayer has been an occasion for countless Americans to give thanks for their blessings and ask for God's support. As our service men and women defend the United States in distant lands and families continue to heal from the tragedies of September 11, 2001, this National Day of Prayer is certainly an occasion worthy of special recognition.

In 1952, an act of Congress created The National Day of Prayer. With hard work, this occasion has been celebrated annually since its introduction. In 1988, the National Day of Prayer was set on the first Thursday of each May.

The theme of the 51st National Day of Prayer is "America United Under God." As our nation continues to rebuild its faith and commitment to each other, the theme "America United Under God" encourages a renewed spirit of patriotism in our great nation. Hopefully, you will unite in a special prayer for those unfortunately suffering throughout the world—in birth, life and death.

Mr. Speaker, as May 2, 2002 has been designated as The National Day of Prayer, I would ask that my colleagues join me in offering a special prayer for our service men and women as well as all those unfortunately suffering throughout the world.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 1, 2002*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2871) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate Chairman NEY's concerns regarding the operation of the Export-Import Bank and I share many of them. Ex-Im plays an important role in fostering trade and leveling the playing field for U.S. exports. However, it is absolutely unacceptable for Ex-Im to support transactions that compromise our national security. I have closely monitored the transaction that Mr. NEY has highlighted and while I did not find any wrongdoing by Ex-Im, I am troubled by the approach Ex-Im took while reviewing this deal.

I am confident that the State Department does a good job in monitoring violations of the

Arms Export Control Act, and if there was a serious problem they would be able to successfully stop a transaction. The problem is that bad transactions should not have to reach that level, they should not be approved by the Ex-Im Board in the first place. I do hope that in the future, Ex-Im takes very seriously these issues and works to limit transactions with entities that have violated U.S. national security laws.

As far as legislative remedies are concerned, I appreciate all the efforts by my good friend from Ohio. I am committed to work closely with him as we consider changes to Ex-Im's Charter in order to ensure that our national security is not compromised.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE—JEWISH  
INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 2, 2002*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an outstanding Jewish educational institution, the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC—JIR) on the historic occasion of its first rabbinic ordination. This weekend's ordination, taking place on Sunday May 5th at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, will be the first of its kind on the West Coast and it bears testament to the significant growth and importance of the Reform Jewish movement in California and the West Coast.

I am proud of HUC—JIR's accomplishments, proud of the rabbis who will be ordained this weekend and proud of the fact that from this weekend forward, Reform Rabbis will be ordained in my home city, Los Angeles. HUC—JIR is the nation's oldest institute of higher Jewish education and the academic, spiritual and professional development center of Reform Judaism. It is an organization dedicated to providing leadership for and strengthening the growing Jewish communities and Reform Congregations throughout the West Coast.

The HUC—JIR has a long, well known, and successful history educating men and women for service to American and world Jewry as rabbis, cantors, educators and communal service professionals and offering graduate and postgraduate degree programs for scholars of all faiths. It is also known for its vast array of scholarly resources, including a renowned library, archive and museum collections, biblical archaeology excavations, and academic publications. The College-Institute makes its resources available to the community and also provides an assortment of cultural and educational programs that help illuminate Jewish history, culture and contemporary creativity.

I am very pleased that the Los Angeles Rabbinic Program has been expanded to become a comprehensive program culminating in ordination, and I am pleased to recognize the inaugural class of newly ordained Rabbis: Shawna Elise Brynjegard-Bialik, Miriam Lisa Cotzin, John Rothschild Fishman, Melissa Lynn Fogel, Robert William Haas, Tali Esther Hyman, Kennard Kipman and Karen Shahon Strok. I wish the best for each of these new Rabbis and I am confident they will accomplish great things.