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# HONORING ARNELL HINKELL

SPEECH OF

## HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great community leader and activist, Ms. Arnell Hinkell. Arnell Hinkell, who is tackling the obesity epidemic among teens by supporting efforts in communities throughout California to encourage healthy lifestyles, has earned the nation's highest honor for community health leadership.

Hinkell is among the outstanding individuals from across the country selected this year to receive a Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program (CHLP) award.

Hinkell, executive director of the California Adolescent Nutrition and Fitness Program in Berkeley, CA., founded CANFit in 1993 with funds from the settlement of a lawsuit charging a breakfast cereal manufacturer with deceptive advertising. Her mission is to prevent obesity and chronic disease by helping people adopt healthy habits while young.

Drawing on her experience as a nutritionist, chef and organic farmer, Hinkell created a program that promotes healthy eating and activity to 10-to-14-year-olds from low-income, minority families—groups that historically have poor diets and suffer disproportionately from health problems such as heart disease and diabetes.

CANFit has provided grants to more than 60 youth organizations, scholarships to 90 low-income students studying in health fields, and fitness and nutrition training workshops to more than 500 people across California.

What makes CANFit unique is that its work goes far beyond the dissemination of information, said Hinkell's nominator.

Projects CANFit has supported include a Cambodian recipe book, nutrition and fitness curriculum for Korean-language schools, a fast food survival guidebook, an American Indian surf camp, and a hip hop video promoting healthy eating and physical activity.

From the beginning, Hinkell has emphasized community ownership of CANFit projects and insisted that youth be involved in planning and evaluating each one. She has grown CANFit from a small endowment that many thought would not survive into one of the most innovative and uncompromising nutrition education and community capacity-building programs in the country, said her nominator.

Hinkell is working with the Washington, D.C.-based policy group Forum for Youth Investment to make youth nutrition and fitness part of the national youth development agenda. She also coordinated development of a national model, adopted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for improving nutrition and physical activity for the adolescent poor.

Community by community, these leaders are showing us the face of America's new safety net, said Catherine Dunham, director of the Boston-based Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program. While larger, better endowed institutions must restrict

or close services under the weight of severe budget cuts, these leaders' programs—that provide health services where the need is great—remain strong because they are woven from and into the very fabric of the community.

The program awards \$1.2 million each year to individuals who have overcome significant challenges to expand access to health care and social services to underserved members of their communities. Hinkell and this year's other winners will be honored at a June 10 event in Washington, D.C. She will receive \$105,000 to enhance her program and \$15,000 as a personal award.

Hinkell was chosen from among 274 candidates for this year's honor. Since 1992, the program has given 110 awards to community leaders in 43 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. This year's award winners represent urban and rural areas of California, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Texas and Virginia. They were nominated by community leaders, health professionals, government officials and others inspired by their work in providing essential health services to their communities.

The Community Health Leadership Program is a program of the Princeton, N.J.-based Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the largest private philanthropic organization dedicated to improving health and health care for Americans.

# COMMENDATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ADDISON, ILLINOIS

## HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on March 27, my district office in Addison, Ill., was completely destroyed by a fire. Only a few cherished career mementos survived, and even then, they were severely damaged by heat, smoke and water. Thankfully, no one was injured by the early morning fire.

After assessing our loss, my district staff's thoughts immediately turned to the citizens of my district. How could we continue to serve them locally without a roof over our heads or even something as simple as pen and paper?

That's when the Village of Addison and particularly, Mayor Larry Hartwig, immediately stepped forward to offer their assistance free of charge. The Village opened the doors of its Village Hall, offering my staff a temporary place to call home. Office space was immediately made available, allowing us to resume district operations within a day. Had we had to search for other office space, the delay in resuming operations would have been much longer. The Village also graciously offered my staff everything it needed to continue serving my constituents. From desks and chairs, to phone lines, copiers and fax machines, we had it all.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Village of Addison for unselfishly offering aid and comfort to my district staff in our hour of need. Paraphrasing the great movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," I can only say that I am indeed the richest man in town with friends like these in Addison, Illinois.

# HONORING THOMAS C. BARILE

## HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously recognize Thomas C. Barile for his years of service to his country and community. Tom recently passed away on Thursday June 3rd.

Tom was known for his visionary work in education. He worked as an educator with the Madera Unified School District (MUSD) for 32 years. He served as a 6th grade teacher, resource teacher, vice-principal, and principal. Barile is credited with starting the MUSD science fair; writing, developing and implementing a standards based curriculum; and bringing technology to the classrooms.

Tom served in the U.S. Air Force for five years as a Staff Sergeant with an Honorable Discharge. He was a volunteer on the Fresno County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team where he served as commander of the Snowmobile Team and was a member of the Mountaineering Team. Tom was very active with the U.S. Forest Service and he was responsible for developing 250 groomed snowmobile trails. He also helped to build nine bridges, design trails, organize work crews, and have equipment donated to the Sierra National Forest. He was named chairman of the Sierra Nevada Access, Multiple-Use & Stewardship Coalition.

He is survived by his wife Maureen Barile; his sons Paul and David; and his three grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas C. Barile for his extraordinary service and years of dedication. I invite my colleagues to join me in posthumously honoring Tom Barile for his commitment to the students of Madera and for his work with the U.S. Forest Service.

# HONORING CHIEF MELVIN H. WEARING ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

## HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to join residents of New Haven who have gathered today to celebrate the long and distinguished career of Chief Melvin H. Wearing who is retiring after thirty-five years of dedicated service to the New Haven Police Department. As an advocate, a community leader, and a friend, Mel Wearing has dedicated his career to the betterment of this region.

Chief Wearing joined the Department as a patrolman in 1968, and through hard work and perseverance he worked his way up through the ranks. As a Sergeant, he was the commanding officer of the Narcotics Enforcement Unit and while a Lieutenant served as the Chief of Detectives for the Investigative Services Unit. He would go on to become the first African-American to serve as the Assistant Chief of Police and, in 1997, was sworn in as New Haven's first African-American Chief of

Police. Throughout his career, Chief Wearing has demonstrated a unique commitment to the Department, the City, and the families of New Haven—a dedication which is reflected in the myriad of honors, commendations, and awards which have been presented to him throughout his tenure.

Chief Wearing was a leader in working with children traumatized by violence. He was a founding member of the Yale Child Study Center's Child Development/Community Policing Program (CDCP), and he spent countless hours teaching others how to deal with children and families who were exposed to violent crime. Chief Wearing's involvement with this project helped it to become a national and international model for community based policing.

Under Chief Wearing's leadership, the Department has been recognized locally, nationally and internationally. The New England Community-Police Partnership, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police are just a few of the agencies and organizations that have honored Chief Wearing and the Department for their work here in New Haven. He was twice asked to address audiences at the White House on children exposed to violent crime, he was the featured speaker at the 1999 National Summit on Children Exposed to Violence, and he co-authored the important book "The Police-Mental Health Partnership: A Community-Based Response to Urban Violence." Chief Wearing is clearly one of the most respected law enforcement officials in the country. New Haven has certainly been fortunate to have him call our city home for so many years.

For all of his good work and many invaluable contributions to our community. I am proud to rise today to join his wife, Tina; his children, Tracy, Melvin, Jackie, and Sharon; his grandchildren Marcus and Maurice; and many others to extend my heart-felt congratulations to Chief Melvin H. Wearing as he celebrates his retirement. His is a legacy that will inspire many generations to come. And I hope he accepts my very best wishes to him and his family for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING JUDY CELESTE HACK  
MARRON

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful woman, Ms. Judy Marron. The beloved wife of Owen Marron, Judy passed on May 12, 2003 after a hard-fought battle against cancer.

A third generation Sacramentan, Judy was born February 8, 1940. She completed high school and two years of college in Sacramento before beginning her career with the State of California. In 1980, while parenting and working for the Department of Transportation, Judy returned to school to earn her bachelors degree. She received a B.A. in Business Administration in 1985.

Judy married Owen Marron in 1974 and from 1975 to 1978 she devoted her energies to raising their four youngest children. In 1978, Judy returned to employment as a clerk with the California Department of Transportation, rising through the ranks to become executive secretary to the director of the department.

In 1984, she served as a national recruiter of engineers for the Department of Transportation. In 1987, Judy moved to the California Department of Health, where she held various positions before retiring as building manager for the department headquarters in Berkeley.

Mrs. Marron worked tirelessly to integrate women into the building trades and increased the access of disabled individuals to employment at the Berkeley facility. Following retirement she was retained as a consultant for various special projects, including the new health facility under development in Richmond.

She was an ardent advocate for the rights of working people, women and disabled individuals, and contributed much to the labor movement. She assisted husband Owen as executive secretary-treasurer of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County by coordinating records and minutes of meetings, assisting with the logistics of marches and rallies, and electoral activities such as phone banks and precinct walks, Labor Day picnics, the 1995 visit of President Bill Clinton, and Unionist of the Year events, until Owen's retirement in 1999. She is survived by devoted husband Owen; children Denise Cheely, Mike Proaps, Barney, Dorie, Rick, and Mike Marron, grand children Billy, Kayla, Austin, Cody, Isabella, Corinna, Josh and Shelly, brothers William Hack and Jim Hack, and loving pets Chester and Fraidy.

Finally, as we honor Mrs. Marron today, I want to thank her for being an exemplary role model, administrator, and hero. I take great pride in joining Judy's family, friends and colleagues to recognize and salute the accomplishments and contributions of Judy Celeste Hack Marron.

AMISTAD AMERICA

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amistad America and the Freedom Schooner Amistad as it makes its first voyage to Cleveland, Ohio. The schooner, under the leadership of Captain William Pinkney, is a wooden re-creation of the 19th century Spanish cargo ship, La Amistad. It serves as a maritime ambassador for racial reconciliation and human rights education and fosters cooperation and unity among people of diverse backgrounds. Since its launch, the Amistad has touched the lives of thousands of people.

The Freedom Schooner Amistad was conceived, built and launched to celebrate the legacy of The Amistad Incident of 1839. Fifty-three Africans, who were illegally kidnapped from West Africa and sold into the transatlantic slave trade, staged a revolt against injustice and embarked on a quest for freedom. Their human-rights struggle culminated in a case in which former President John Quincy Adams successfully argued before the United

States Supreme Court on behalf of the captives. In 1841, the 35 surviving Africans returned to Africa.

I was privileged to attend the opening of the Amistad in Connecticut in 2000. Due to illness, Rev. Allison Phillips, pastor emeritus of Mt. Zion Congregational Church, was not able to attend the event. This year, Rev. Phillips has the pleasure of welcoming the schooner to the city of Cleveland.

In 2003, the Amistad makes its first Great Lakes Tour after touring ports along the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico. The docking of the schooner in Cleveland presents a rare opportunity for the public to gain new perspectives on racial justice and freedom. The schooner will offer a wonderful historic and educational experience for the residents of Cleveland and of North East Ohio. I would especially like to thank Key Bank and the United Church of Christ for their diligent work in bringing the Freedom Schooner Amistad to Cleveland.

IN HONOR OF DR. BILL K. TILLEY

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Bill K. Tilley, who has served the people of Merced for fourteen years as superintendent of the Merced Union High School District. Under his leadership, the Merced Union High School District has developed into a place where people share a vision that all students have a right to the highest quality and most rigorous education possible.

Dr. Tilley was born during the summer of 1939 in a small coal-mining town in West Virginia, and moved to Washington State in 1953. He attended Western Washington State University where he earned his Bachelors of Arts in Education and subsequently his Masters Degree in School Psychology and Education in 1967. Dr. Tilley then moved to Iowa City where he completed his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and School Administration and spent the most of the next twenty years working as a school administrator in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Washington.

In 1989, Dr. Tilley moved to Merced and joined the Merced Union High School District as superintendent. Under his leadership, the District has forged the first high school partnerships with the University of California at Merced, the District's college preparatory and Advanced Placement course offerings have more than tripled, disabled students are incorporated into the daily life of the school and enjoy a rich, meaningful educational experience alongside their peers, and the District has achieved one of the lowest dropout rates in the state. Dr. Tilley has worked to ensure that the District has acquired and developed a top quality faculty, a faculty that is knowledgeable of the state standards and is fully committed to assuring that all students meet those standards.

Perhaps Dr. Tilley's most notable accomplishment is that he was able to secure the last fully funded state high school in California for the people of Merced and then a few years later engineered a successful bond campaign that built another. Dr. Tilley's lasting devotion to the students of Merced has left a lasting impression on the community, two state of the