

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO SACRAMENTO VALLEY UNION LABOR BULLETIN

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin, one of the oldest labor newspapers on the west coast. On August 15, 2003, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with the publication of a Labor Day Special Issue. It is my honor to ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting one of Sacramento's most trusted and important publications.

The Sacramento Central Labor Council and the Sacramento-Sierra's Building & Construction Trades Council, both AFL-CIO councils, own the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin. On September 3, 1928, under the leadership of editor Charles W. Lyons, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin first went to press with a Labor Day issue. In the ensuing seventy-five years, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin has enjoyed unparalleled success. It has published without interruption. Every issue of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin is stored and available to the public at the California Room of the California State Library.

About 22 unions subscribe to the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin for their members. These unions range from service unions such as the Northern California Media Workers Guild, Bakers, Amalgamated Transit Union, Sacramento Area Fire Fighters to Building Trades Unions such as the Sheet Metal Workers, Glaziers, Plumbers, Painters, and IBEW. The great diversity in readership is a great reflection of the far-reaching importance of the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin in the Capital Region. Overall, there are 17,000 paid subscribers.

Throughout the course of its history, the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin has provided a vital forum for the expression of the messages and attitudes of the local labor community. In good times and bad, one can always look to the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin in order to discern the pulse of the labor community.

The Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin has also provided Sacramento with some of its most distinguished community leaders. Former editor J.L.R. Marsh's stewardship of the bulletin was so admired that Mercy Hospital dedicated its Memorial Physical Therapy Unit in his honor. Another former editor, Richard Marriott, would go on to become one of the most beloved mayors in Sacramento history.

Mr. Speaker, as the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin celebrates its 75th Anniversary, I am honored to pay tribute to an invaluable resource to the Sacramento community. The Bulletin's commitment to the local labor community has been commendable. I

ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing the Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin continued success in all its future endeavors.

**HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY
MARGARET BUTCHER**

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to Margaret Butcher, in celebration of her 90th birthday on July 25. Mrs. Butcher has been a resident of the Glenville area of Cleveland for over 50 years.

The Butcher family has been a faithful member of St. James AME church for most of that time. She and her husband, Aljah Langston Butcher, raised five children, two of whom still reside in the Cleveland area. After having her 5th child, she went back to Kent State University and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in teaching. She received her Master's from Case Western University.

During her Cleveland residency, Mrs. Butcher has held jobs with the IRS, a small boat factory and a church-based school. She taught with Cleveland City schools for approximately 30 years. Currently, she tutors young students. Margaret has volunteered for several community activities over the years, most notably, the creation of a neighborhood oral history that was eventually transcribed and placed in the Western Reserve Historical Museum.

Mrs. Butcher resides at 12800 Fairhill Rd in Shaker Heights, OH. A reception is tentatively scheduled in her honor, Saturday, July 26.

Margaret Butcher was my good neighbor, but more than that, she is my good friend. It is truly an honor to know her and it gives me great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to celebrate her today.

**COMMENDING MEDGAR WILEY
EVERS AND MYRLIE EVERS-WIL-
LIAMS, FOR THEIR LIVES AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution, which commemorates and honors the lives of Medgar Evers and Myrlie Evers-Williams. These two outstanding Americans dedicated their lives to the struggle for civil rights, and Medgar Evers paid the ultimate price with his life. What makes Medgar and Myrlie even more remarkable is that they sought to change the situation, instead of letting the situation overcome them, they tried to overcome it.

The struggles that Medgar and Myrlie witnessed and endured as they attempted to integrate African-Americans into larger society are struggles that all minorities can identify and empathize with. As someone that has experienced racism, I empathize with Medgar and Myrlie's struggle, as do many Americans black, white and all colors in between.

Against extraordinary odds, they both received post-secondary educations in a racial climate that was filled with tension, and challenged a system that said that blacks were not good enough, not equal but, actually inferior to their white counterparts.

Medgar Evers, with his wife by his side, led the charge for civil rights in Mississippi for African-Americans. After the United States Supreme Court determined that segregation was unconstitutional, Medgar was the first African-American to apply to the University of Mississippi Law School but he was denied.

This denial did not deter Medgar and Myrlie from their pursuit of justice and equality. In 1954, Medgar accepted a position with the NAACP as their Mississippi Field Secretary and made Myrlie his secretary.

Together they aggressively attacked the racist societal barriers that continued to oppress African-Americans. They worked tirelessly to empower African-Americans by registering them to vote. They also organized rallies, built the NAACP's membership, and traveled around the country to educate the public, despite numerous threats.

Even though it's the 21st century, we have an obligation to remember and acknowledge the people who dedicated themselves to the fight for civil rights in our past. We owe them a debt of gratitude and a commitment to continue their efforts.

**TRIBUTE TO CITY OF RANCHO
CORDOVA, CALIFORNIA**

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the city of Rancho Cordova, California and its dedicated citizens. On July 1, 2003, Rancho Cordova will officially be incorporated and become California's newest municipality. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing the city of Rancho Cordova the best of luck as it embarks on an exciting and promising future.

The modern history of Rancho Cordova began in 1846, when William Alexander Leidesdorf settled in his newly acquired 35,500-acre domain, the Rancho Rio de los Americanos. Within a few years, the massive flow of gold seekers, the FortyNiners, en route to the gold fields, would come to identify the area as Hangtown Crossing. In the 1870s, the construction of gristmills brought a new wave of residents to the area. These residents would eventually abandon the name of Hangtown Crossing for the more prosaic name of Mills Station.

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In the 1950s, postal officials and local vineyard owner, Ronald S. Federspiel, met to determine a new name for the area. In the years before, a great number of homebuyers related to the name, Rancho Cordova, since it was the name of their new neighborhood. When the postal officials and Mr. Federspiel discovered that the name fit perfectly on a stamp, the name Rancho Cordova was officially adopted.

In 1950, Aerojet General Corporation, developers of rocket fuels and space engines, choose Rancho Cordova as its home base. Subsequently, Mather Air Force Base, with the only navigation and electronic warfare training wing in the U.S.; McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft, missiles and space systems test center; PMI Manufacturers, Pittsburg Des Moines Steel Co., and many smaller industries would come to call Rancho Cordova home.

In many regards, Rancho Cordova already features some of the essential traits of a well-established city. By comparison, the city's population of approximately 57,000 is bigger than Santa Cruz, Fountain Valley, or San Rafael. In the Sacramento region, the only cities with greater populations are Sacramento, Davis, Roseville, Citrus Heights, and Elk Grove. Furthermore, Rancho Cordova is already the home to an impressive and growing list of businesses; Bank of America, Aerojet Industries, MCI, and Delta Dental, just to name a few. With another 55,000 jobs projected in the next decade, Rancho Cordova is well on its way to becoming one of the most important cities in the Sacramento region.

During the nearly two-decade drive to cityhood, the community leaders and citizens of Rancho Cordova displayed remarkable dedication, determination, and civic pride in ultimately achieving their goal. Judging from its citizens overwhelming commitment to promote and serve the best interest of the city, I have every confidence that Rancho Cordova will continue to achieve and realize greater goals and ambitions in the future.

Mr. Speaker, as the city of Rancho Cordova celebrates its cityhood; I am honored to welcome this vibrant community into our growing region. Rancho Cordova's future is bright and limitless. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing the city of Rancho Cordova continued success in all its future endeavors.

TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND IRS ACCOUNT ABILITY ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, this is another example of the Republican leadership taking a non-controversial, bipartisan bill and adding provisions to turn it into a divisive and bitter battle. The underlying bill contains technical changes and provisions that would make it easier for taxpayers to manage the tax system. We all support these changes and this bill would pass unanimously without the games the leadership insists on playing.

Unfortunately, the games they are playing pose terrible threats to many working men and women across the country. In this instance, Republican leadership has included a provi-

sion that strikes important health insurance standards protecting workers laid-off as a result of trade-related competition.

Trade Adjustment Assistance, TAA, enacted just last year, provides for a tax credit for 65 percent of the cost of health coverage for eligible individuals and qualified family members and establishes protections designed to ensure coverage for all participants. H.R. 1528 undermines the consumer protection provisions provided in the current TAA law and would essentially allow insurers to avoid covering workers 55 and older, who are the majority of TAA participants.

The timing of this could not be worse considering the President was only recently granted Trade Promotion Authority by Congress and we are moving quickly on free trade agreements with several countries and regions around the world.

Overall, these free trade agreements will benefit our economy, but there will be sectors that will lose out to foreign competition. Knowing this, Trade Adjustment Assistance programs and benefits have been set up to help those negatively impact by free trade.

I am appalled at the Republican leadership's ability to take a productive, bipartisan bill that benefits taxpayers across the country, which the underlying bill does, and risk it all by including a provision that hurts American workers.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 660, the Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.

This legislation aims to make health insurance more affordable for small businesses by allowing them to band together to increase their purchasing power and negotiate lower rates for health insurance.

I know that our small businesses are struggling with their health insurance costs. With double-digit increases in premiums, Madam Speaker, many small businesses simply cannot afford to continue to provide coverage for their employees. And while I support measures to make health insurance more affordable, I have concerns that this legislation would not achieve that end. In fact, studies by both the Congressional Budget Office and RAND have indicated that existing AHPs have not reduced insurance costs for participants.

I also have concerns about this legislation because it would exempt AHPs from state insurance regulations that protect patients and families.

In Texas, health plans are required to cover maternity care, immunizations for children, mammography breast cancer screening, diabetes treatments and supplies, and certain mental health services. H.R. 660 would exempt AHPs from covering these vital services.

I don't think that small businesses and trade associations should have to sacrifice quality in order to afford their health insurance. By taking away these vital patient protections, the policies purchased under AHPs would be

worth little more than the paper they are printed on.

The Kind/Andrews amendment, however, corrects many of these concerns by allowing small businesses to purchase insurance through a Small Employees Health Benefit Plan, similar to the FEHBP. This system would ensure that quality of health plans are protected, that low income employees have assistance to purchase policies, and that the smallest of small businesses get the additional assistance they need.

I urge my colleagues to support the Kind/Andrews alternative, and I yield back the balance of my time.

TRIBUTE TO NEWARK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the New York State Class B Champion Girls Varsity Softball Team from Newark Central High School. Their win was a great testament to the hard work and dedication of this team and its coaching staff.

Head Coach Mike Muscolino has a lot to be proud of, as his Lady Reds brought home not only the State title, but the Section V title and the Class B State Sportsmanship award as well. Newark High School athletic teams have always had a reputation for fair play and good sportsmanship, and this year's girls softball team was no exception. Their award adds an extra ounce of pride to their title, making their victory just that much sweeter.

On behalf of the people of the entire 25th District of New York State, I would like to congratulate the following champions on their outstanding triumph: Brandice Balschmitter, Amanda Baker, Jane Parcerero, Holly Perry, Brittney Peters, Tab Pullen, Andrea Rommel, Sylina Santell, Christine Seppeler, Carrier Sheehe, Rachael Stowell, Sarah Wlodarczyk, Shelly Graham, Alex Hincley, Karli Clingerman, Shannon Schulmerich, Corrie VanDemortel, Thalia Wheaton, as well as Head Coach Mike Muscolino and Assistant Coaches Lee Prong and Dan Pullen.

CONGRATULATING THE NCAA D-II BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 23, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate the Central Missouri State University (CMSU) Baseball Team on their NCAA-Division II Baseball Championship.

With the leadership of Coach Brad Hill, "MIAA Coach of the Year," the CMSU Mules defeated Tampa 11 to 4 in the championship game to claim its second national title. The Mules ended the season 51-7, their fourth straight season with 50 or more wins.

The Mules also were led by the dedication of its six seniors: Rob Bergin, Boomer Berry,