

IN HONOR OF THE HISPANIC-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF ESSEX COUNTY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County for its efforts in developing and advancing the role of Hispanics in small businesses, and in enhancing the interests of Hispanics throughout Essex County and New Jersey. On September 25, 2003, the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County will hold its 15th Annual Corporate Lunch and Scholarship Awards Presentation at the Newark Club in Newark, New Jersey.

The Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County (HACCEC) has contributed to the increased prosperity and achievement of Hispanics throughout the State by forming new partnerships with Latin America, bringing products and jobs back to New Jersey, and creating further economic development and business opportunities throughout our region. As a member of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the HACCEC has successfully brought the issues and concerns of Hispanic-owned businesses to the forefront of the national economic agenda. The Chamber is currently advancing its mission by building the first Hispanic Business Center in Essex County. This will provide the HACCEC with the resources to develop and support economic opportunities for the Hispanic community of Essex County and throughout New Jersey.

I would like to extend my gratitude and congratulations to this year's honorees: Miguel E. Rodriguez; Mario E. Moyano; Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.; Hector M. Corchado; and Anthony F. Ambrose.

Currently president of the HACCEC and former Deputy Mayor of Newark, Miguel E. Rodriguez has led a career proven in leadership and commitment to the Hispanic community. His vast community resources, marketing and management experience, and commitment to diversity have helped make the HACCEC a great resource for small businesses.

The president of American Latin Travel Agents in America, Mario E. Moyano, has been a leader in Newark for over 20 years. Born in Ecuador, he came to the United States in 1969, and by 1975, had established his own business, the Moyano Agency. He is currently the voice of over 160 travel agencies throughout the Newark area.

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., has brought quick and impressive change to Essex County. One of his first actions as county executive was establishing the Office of Cultural Diversity and Affirmative Action to ensure adequate minority participation in county affairs. Heavily involved with the Essex County Parks system, Mr. DiVincenzo is the founder of the Newark "Small Fry" basketball program, the Rick Cerone Little League, and other recreational programs.

Newark City Councilman Hector M. Corchado has been an effective and dedicated member of his community. A longtime resident

of Newark, Councilman Corchado was elected to the City Council in 2002. Mr. Corchado began his career in the Newark Police Department over 14 years ago, where he served as a detective and sergeant in the Community Affairs Division. A natural leader in the police department, he went on to become deputy mayor of Newark before serving on the City Council.

As the chief of police for Newark, Anthony F. Ambrose, III, has served with the Newark Police Department for 17 years. Chief Ambrose rose quickly through the ranks of the Department, and has been a dedicated officer and a true public servant, always keeping the interests of the community at the forefront.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County and its honorees for playing a critical role in the success of Hispanic businesses throughout Essex County and New Jersey.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF MCGUIRE MEMORIAL

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to pay tribute to an outstanding health care facility located in the district I represent in the U.S. House of Representatives. 2003 marks the 40th anniversary of McGuire Memorial, an outstanding provider of care for the multiply handicapped. McGuire was founded in 1962 by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh through a proposal by the Felician Sisters.

I have personally visited McGuire and, as such, am familiar with the level of care and compassion that this remarkable facility offers its patients. I was inspired by my visit to McGuire and am pleased at the growth that the facility has experienced over the years.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in wishing continued success to McGuire Memorial on the celebration of its 40th Anniversary.

HONORING MAYOR WILMER JONES-HAM

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mayor Wilmer Jones-Ham as she is honored with the Woman of the Year Award by the Dr. Marie Wright Tolliver Cultural and Civic Club of Saginaw, Michigan on Sunday, October 5th.

The Dr. Marie Wright Tolliver Cultural and Civic Club is an associated club of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Incorporated. The Woman of the Year Award is named in honor of Dr. Tolliver and the work she has done over the years to improve life in the Saginaw area.

In keeping with the motto of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, "Lift-

ing as we Climb," Mayor Ham has devoted her life to her church, her family and her community. Born and raised in Saginaw, she graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in Supervision and Administration. She then returned to her roots in the Saginaw School System and taught 7th and 8th grades for 24½ years.

As a devoted proponent of Saginaw her civic involvement is extensive. As an active member of numerous organizations including the NAACP, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, SIGMA, MBS International Airport, Downtown Development Board, New Perspectives, League of Women Voters, National Education Association, Habitat for Humanity, Agape Home for Social Change, Saginaw International Mahogany Models, Boys and Girls Club, Saginaw Soul Children, Saginaw Orchestra, the Mayor's Ball and Scholarship Foundation, and Restoration Community, Mayor Ham has contributed insight, leadership, and direction to every organization fortunate to have her as a member.

Through her position as Music Minister with Tabernacle Baptist Church she has expanded the ministry and founded several organizations devoted to praising God. With her personal motto of "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13), Mayor Ham has developed the 100 Voice Boys Choir, and Women and Men in Praise. Mayor Ham also serves as a member of the Saginaw Interdenominational Ministries and the board of St. John Trinity.

Mayor Ham was married to the late Howard Leon Ham, is the mother to DeRonnie, DeToya and Darvin and the grandmother to Darvin Jr., Donovan, Dominic, Dominique, DeRhonda, and Alexis. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me today and join in congratulating Mayor Wilmer Jones-Ham as she is honored by the members of the Dr. Marie Wright Tolliver Cultural and Civic Club of Saginaw.

RECOGNIZING UNDERSHERIFF CURTIS WATSON

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to Undersheriff Curtis L. Watson for his thirty-three years of exemplary service in law enforcement. On October 17, 2003 Undersheriff Watson will be honored at the Hayward South Alameda County NAACP's Community Service Awards Banquet.

Undersheriff Watson is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas, and prior to beginning his career in law enforcement, he served in the United States Air Force from 1966–1970. During the past thirty-three years with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, he has held a variety of positions. In July of 1980, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the Santa Rita Jail and later to the Criminal Investigation Unit. In July of 1986, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the jail system before returning to the Criminal Division as a watch commander in Patrol.

In January of 1990, Undersheriff Watson was promoted to Captain and became the

commanding officer of the North County Jail in Oakland. From January 1993, until his appointment as Undersheriff, he served as the Administrative Captain to the Sheriff. On April 8, 1993, he was appointed to the position of Undersheriff for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Undersheriff Watson received his BA degree in management from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA. He is currently a member of the California State Sheriff's Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and is a member of the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Planning Committee.

We join the friends and colleagues of Undersheriff Watson in expressing congratulations as he is honored by the Hayward South Alameda County NAACP. We thank him for continued service to Alameda County.

ON THE BRAVERY OF ARLINGTON
CEMETERY SOLDIERS DURING
HURRICANE ISABEL

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as Hurricane Isabel's winds swept over Arlington National Cemetery, the soldiers who guard the Tomb of the Unknowns were given—for the first time in history—permission to abandon their posts and seek shelter.

But that wasn't what was going to happen, and Sergeant Christopher Holmes knew it. He and other valiant members of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment stood vigil on overnight duty.

"That's never an option for us. It went in one ear and right out the other," Holmes said.

The monument was established in 1921 with the interment of an unknown World War I soldier, and a sentry has been posted there continuously since 1930. Cemetery Superintendent John Metzler didn't want to put the guards in jeopardy unnecessarily with the fierce storm bearing down Thursday night, so cemetery officials decided to let the guards move indoors if they felt they were in danger.

Holmes' group was on duty for 24 hours, from 6 a.m. Thursday until 6 a.m. Friday. They took turns patrolling the tomb in hourly shifts, never leaving their post.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these brave men and women, who do whatever they must to guard the Unknowns. They cherish their post, and consider it the greatest honor to go out and guard this symbol of every man and woman who has fought and died for this great nation. Their patriotism is admired by all Americans.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF
W. RONALD COALE AND MARY
ELLEN FISKE

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of my friends, W. Ronald Coale, and his wife Mary

Ellen Fiske. It is not often that two people so perfectly compatible find each other. Fifty years of happy marriage is a remarkable achievement, and for this I congratulate them.

It was 50 years ago today that Ron wed Mary, his girl from, appropriately, Angel's Camp. These last 50 years have witnessed many happy times in their lives, including the births of their two sons, W. Ronald Jr. and Michael, and their five grandchildren.

Ron and Mary have been dedicated and distinguished members of the Stockton, California community. Ron has served as a commissioner with the Port of Stockton since 1991. Before that he served on the City Council and as Vice Mayor. Both Ron and Mary have long been active in the California Republican Party.

It gives me great pleasure to commemorate these two fine Americans on this special day.

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HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the House Committee on Science, I am an avid supporter of programs that encourage the youth of America to push the limits of innovation and originality in science. One such program is the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge.

Created in 1999, Discovery Communications, Inc., designed the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge as part of the solution to America's chronic underachievement in science and math. The annual national contest responds to evidence that academic performance and interest in science among American students declines dramatically as students become older. This is particularly evident during the middle school years.

For these reasons, the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge identifies and honors America's top middle school student who demonstrates the best skills in leadership, teamwork, and scientific problem solving. More than 6,000 middle school students have entered the challenge since its inception in order to compete for the title of "America's Top Young Scientist of the Year." Since 1999, scholarship awards for the students have totaled more than \$400,000 and challenge winners have participated in science-related trips to far-off places, including the Roslin Institute in Midlothian, Scotland, and the El Yunque rain forest in Puerto Rico.

On September 17, 2003, Discovery Communications, Inc., announced the 40 middle school students who have advanced to the finals of the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge. Selected from more than 1,700 entrants, the "Final Forty" represent an elite group of young Americans who demonstrated exceptional creativity and communications skills in original science research projects. To commemorate the centennial of the Wright Brothers' first flight, this year's finalists will compete in a multitude of experiments involving the science of flight. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on October 22, 2003.

The finalists for the 2003 Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge are: Jeffrey Luttrell

of Tempe, Arizona; Tyler Kirkland of Tucson, Arizona; David Edwards V of Tucson, Arizona; Bobby Fisher of Laguna Niguel, California; Jacob Rucker of Del Mar, California; Dana Feeny of Woodside, California; John Reid of Redlands, California; Samantha Bates of San Carlos, California; Patrick Saris of Newbury Park, California; Justin Koh of Bakersfield, California; Taylor Simpkins of Costa Mesa, California; Scott Presbrey of Fort Myers, Florida; Peter Borden of Fort Myers, Florida; Bran Yancey of Miami, Florida; Sravya Keremane of Gainesville, Florida; Sarah Gerin of West Palm Beach, Florida; Joseph Stunzi of Watkinsville, Georgia; Bryce Melton of Terre Haute, Indiana; Anthony Burnett of Derwood, Maryland; Ethan Roth of Kansas City, Missouri; Elena Ovaite of Weston, Missouri; Austin Minor of Lee's Summit, Missouri; Rachel Clements of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Leah Crowder of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Michael Klein of Atlantic Beach, New York; Ryan Lee of Hamilton, Ohio; Bogna Brzezinska of Upper Arlington, Ohio; Lorren Kezmoh of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Katie Sloop of El Paso, Texas; Daniel Steck of San Antonio, Texas; Aron Trevino of San Antonio, Texas; Luis Lafer-Sousa of San Antonio, Texas; Elizabeth Monier of Boerne, Texas; Ian Cummings of Clearfield, Utah; Spencer Larson of Springville, Utah; Ryker Watts of Alpine, Utah; Zachary Hopkins of Highland, Utah; Jennifer Gutman of Wheeling, West Virginia; and Erica David of Pinedale, Wyoming.

At a time when science and technology plays such an enormous role in our lives, I believe it is imperative that we continue to support and nurture the next generation of young scientists. I would like to congratulate these students for their dedication and hard work in the name of science and wish them all good luck during the 2003 Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA VROOM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and memory of a great citizen. Linda Vroom, who lived for many years in Aspen, Colorado, recently passed away. As her family and friends mourn Linda's passing, I would like to pay tribute to her memory here today.

Linda had a noble spirit and was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. While in Mexico City during the earthquake of 1985, Linda rescued an infant by jumping out of the third story of an apartment building. She was a talented artist who loved to sing and play the flute. Linda was also an avid biker, though her great passion was for fine wine and good food. Linda was known for helping countless people to educate themselves on these topics at both the Aspen Wine & Spirit and the Cooking School of Aspen. For the past two years, Linda pursued her love of wine by studying to become a sommelier.

Mr. Speaker, Linda Vroom had a great passion for life, and she loved to share that passion with others. While Linda has passed on, her legacy will continue to live. I am honored