

She is an active member of the House of David Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, church clerk, choir member, and president of the Pastor's Aide Auxiliary. She also serves as Treasurer for the church's Center for Community Empowerment. Her service, however, is never limited to her own congregation but is extended to people of all beliefs.

A second aspect of Lynn's life involves her love of learning. Throughout her adult life, she has sought out specific training that would help her professionally. She is certified as an Adolescent Counselor and a Human Sexuality and Family Development Trainer. As an advocate for young, low-income families, Lynn realized as soon as she came to Fort Greene that it was important to know the community. She became involved in the Brooklyn Perinatal Network and was a member of the board from 1987 until 2000, serving as Chairperson for the organization's Finance Committee for four years. Additionally, she was appointed by Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden to the Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Advisory Board where she has served as Chairperson since 1999. Lynn was also recently elected chairperson of the New York City Health and Hospitals City-Wide Council of Community Advisory Boards.

However, the most important recipients of Lynn's gifts and generosity are her three sons: Michael, Jason and Jonathon and her precious granddaughter Arieanna.

Mr. Speaker, Lynn Henderson-Hornes has tireless energy, and sincere concern for the well-being of the community and its residents. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION AND COMMENDING ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S EFFORTS TO END SLAVERY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 36, a resolution to honor and celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commending Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery.

On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States, signed a proclamation stating that as of January 1, 1863, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State shall be forever free.

As the great grandson of a former slave, I am proud to be able to stand before this body, in this capacity, and state my appreciation for one of the most pivotal acts of government.

To the decedents of slaves the Emancipation Proclamation and the thirteenth amendment allow us to realize and seize our dreams. To each person living within America's borders these doctrines laid the frame-

work for America's diversity and opportunities. This remarkable demonstration of political courage by President Lincoln, although slow, ignited a fire that blazed a trail for equally pivotal acts of government such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

140 years since the Emancipation Proclamation and 138 years since the abolishment of slavery, America is still realizing President Lincoln's dream and the dream of the numerous civil rights activists that followed him. For this, Mr. Speaker, I am grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 36 and to continue to work to preserve this nation's legacy of justice and equality for all.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF IDAHO ARTISTS

**HON. C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of five Idaho artists who were selected to exhibit this week in Boise at the "Women's History Month Juried Art Exhibition". Katie Rosenberg, Diane Ronayne, Tobiann Grindstaff, and Katie Cepek, all of Boise; and Sheila Martz, of Payette, are showing their works as part of an event to showcase and promote female artists.

The exhibition features 33 diverse pieces produced by nineteen women throughout nine states. Having five Idaho artists selected for the exhibit reflects exceptionally well on our state. It is especially important to showcase women artists in order to fully reflect the times we're living in. Whether or not the art deals with women's issues specifically, each of these women has a purpose and an individual interpretation of the world she's living in. They are history-makers.

The "Women's History Month Juried Exhibition" opened Friday, March 7, 2003 at the Boise State University Hemingway Center Gallery. I encourage my constituents to avail themselves of this opportunity and I congratulate Katie, Diane, Tobiann, Katie, and Sheila on their successes.

A TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA Y. GASKIN-JOHNSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Cynthia Y. Gaskin-Johnson in recognition of her contribution to her family and her community.

Cynthia is the youngest of four children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Law Gaskin in Colon, Republic of Panama. She graduated with honors as a seamstress from Colegio Abel Bravo and was offered the position of Personal Seamstress for the Director's wife. However, she was unable to accept the job since she immigrated to the United States six months after graduation.

Upon arriving in the United States, she was immediately employed by the Bezozzi Baby

Bonnet Company and remained there for approximately five years. In 1966 she married Rupert (Doc) Johnson, a well-known, and talented musician. Their marriage brought forth a daughter, Deborah, lovingly called Debbie, who has blessed Cynthia with two granddaughters: Natasha and Gabrielle. Cynthia also has two loving children from her husband's previous marriage.

In February 1969, Cynthia obtained a job with The Bank of New York where she was employed for 31 years. She began as a Customer Service Telephone Representative and was promoted to Mutual Funds Legal Administrator. Later, she became the Supervisor for the Mutual Funds Redemption area. During her career at the Bank of New York, Cynthia attended the American Institute of Banking (AIB), receiving a certificate in banking. Eventually, Cynthia became a Mutual Funds Account Administrator until her retirement on March 31, 2000. Her retirement was short-lived as she was rehired less than a year later to work part-time for The Bank of New York as a Consultant for the Mutual Funds Custody Department.

Cynthia has a deep and personal relationship with God that flourished at the age of 16 when she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior. She is a member of the Mt. Zion Tabernacle Christian Mission of Panama. She serves on the Executive Board as the Executive Recording, Secretary and on the Usher Board as the Treasurer of the Missionary Department. On a monthly basis, the Missionary Department provides food and clothing for homeless people in the Brooklyn community. Cynthia is also an active member of the Sunday School Department and a member of the Church Choir. She enjoys performing in the yearly Easter Drama Cantata.

Mr. Speaker, Cynthia Y. Gaskin-Johnson is devoted to serving her community. She enjoys helping those in need and assisting anyone seeking a helping hand. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN DELAWARE OTTER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Delaware Otter. He passed away on November 20, 2002, at the age of 85, surrounded with family at his home in the Carmel Highlands. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jeanette Weld Otter; daughters Marjorie Sue Bruneau, Nancy Clark Otter, Alice Rebecca Fontes; and sons Lee Worth Otter, John Delaware Otter Jr., and Robert Weld Otter.

John was born on November 11, 1917, in Fresno, California. Upon graduating from the School of Forestry at the University of California at Berkeley, he later completed civil engineer training, and eventually served as Captain in the 97th Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During WWII, John was sent to work on the Alaska Highway. With the Japanese occupying parts of the Aleutian Islands, the Army commissioned a road to be built connecting the

lower 48 to Alaska so supplies could be transported to Alaska. In 1942, John, the company commander, worked through winter temperatures so low that the oil in the trucks froze in order to complete the ALCAN Highway, now known as the Alaska Highway. He continued his service in the South Pacific as an engineer.

A registered civil engineer and licensed land surveyor, John dedicated the remainder of his life to the environment of the Central Coast. He worked for the California Department of Forestry and was a board member of the California Oak Foundation, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, the Society of American Military Engineers, the American Society of Arboriculture, and the Carmel Highlands Fire District, where he was also the chairman. He is credited with devising Monterey County's first slope density formula, for determining allowable development density in the original Carmel Valley Master Plan.

While many of his accomplishments involved the forests and state parks, John loved the Pacific Ocean enough to call it his favorite "fishing hole." He appreciated the marine life tremendously and that appreciation evolved into a need to protect the marine environment. Carmel Bay State Ecological Reserve existed thanks to the efforts of John, and was the forerunner to the National Marine Sanctuary.

An honest person with a great sense of humor, John wouldn't talk about himself because he was humble to the core. Once, he pulled his car over to make a phone call from a public telephone and found a dime in the change slot. He used that dime to make his call, and before leaving the booth, he reached into his pocket and replaced that dime with one of his own. He was that kind of guy, and he made people around him feel like they could be anything they wanted because he treated them with an equal amount of respect, instilling a sense of pride in the individual. Treating everyone with honor made him honorable.

On behalf of this House, I wish to celebrate the extraordinary life of "Jack" Otter, a man whose honesty and ingenuity made for better lands and better people.

RECOGNIZING MARY LOU HOLT FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF YOUNTVILLE, CALIFORNIA AT THE TIME OF HER RETIREMENT AS TOWN MAYOR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the mayor of Yountville, California, Mary Lou Holt, whose outstanding leadership and commitment to community service has significantly benefited the people of Yountville.

Prior to being elected as the mayor of Yountville in 1994, Mary Lou served as an elected member of the Yountville town council. As a member of the town council and as mayor, Mary Lou has been dedicated to improving the Yountville community. She founded the Christmas in April program, is a board member of the Hands Across the Valley program and chairs the Napa County Committee on Child Youth & Families.

Impressively, Mary Lou's community outreach has extended past Yountville and beyond our nation's borders. By actively supporting programs like "Roots of Peace," a program that aids Afghan farmers by providing them with free grape seeds in exchange for the destruction of land mines on their farmland, she has impacted people both at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, in Yountville, Mayor Holt is well known for her many accomplishments. While the community may know that she was honored as the Kiwanian of the year and that the Napa County Hispanic Network and many other service organizations have also honored her, it is most significant that the citizens of Yountville see and recognize that all accolades aside, their mayor is a person of character.

Mr. Speaker, far too often, people doubt their politicians. Cynicism and division have often replaced idealism and unity as building blocks for building societies. Fortunately, in her community, Mayor Holt has shattered that stereotype through her leadership and commitment to those she represents.

For nearly 10 years, Mary Lou Holt has been the matriarch of Yountville. And in that time, she has led and loved her fellow citizens. It was Mary Lou who helped create the "If Given A Chance" program that has awarded hundreds of scholarships to Yountville's underprivileged youth. It was Mary Lou who mourned with Yountville after the horrific

events of September 11, 2001 and recounted her own experience of being in Washington D.C. and hearing the plane that crashed into the Pentagon fly over her head. And it has been Mary Lou, who has never been too busy being mayor to forget to be someone's friend.

Mr. Speaker, because of the many contributions she has made to the town of Yountville and for the special way that as mayor and friend Mary Lou Holt has impacted the lives of her fellow citizens, it is proper for us to honor her today as she retires from the office of mayor.

A TRIBUTE TO PRISCILLA INCORVAIA

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 10, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Priscilla Incorvaia in recognition for her tireless energy and dedication to her community.

Priscilla grew up on Long Island and attended C.W. Post College where she studied Elementary Education and Training Development. After an internship at Republic National Bank, she was offered a job in their management-training program. During the next fifteen years, Priscilla rapidly moved up the ranks and presently is the Branch Manager of the Starrett City Office in Brooklyn.

As far back as Priscilla can remember, she has been involved in various community organizations. She feels that it is important to be involved in organizations at the grass roots level, especially those related to children. She is a firm believer in getting involved in the community where she works and is well known in the various boroughs, especially Brooklyn.

Priscilla sits on many advisory boards, including Junior Achievement, the YWCA, the Queens Botanical Gardens, and The Noel Pointer Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides music lessons for gifted underprivileged children where she served as treasurer. She has been awarded the Bronze Leadership Award for Leadership and Support and the Above and Beyond Service Award for her work in Junior Achievement.

Priscilla attributes her team spirit to her husband Angelo, a former New York Giants lineman.

Mr. Speaker, Priscilla Incorvaia is devoted to serving her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.