

slots and a senior citizen day care program in the East New York area of Brooklyn.

Yolanda participates in a wide array of community activities. She helps distribute food to disadvantaged families in the community and assists undocumented residents with referrals to the appropriate agencies that can address their needs. Yolanda is the President and founder of a women's support group called Innovation and serves on the Board of Directors for the New York Lions Club. She is also a member of the Panamanian Black Chambers of Commerce, the Prospect Park Alliance group, the Interfaith Medical Center Auxiliary, and the PNM group of North America.

When Yolanda is not working with others in the community, she spends time with her children and family. She has three children, Ronald, Kendra, and Courtney. Yolanda is known for her excellent cooking as well as her interior decorating ability. She also enjoys the performing arts, horseback riding, and grooming horses.

Mr. Speaker, Yolanda is devoted to improving 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.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOHN ALEXANDER GRECO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, John Alexander Greco has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, John Alexander Greco has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, John Alexander Greco has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, John Alexander Greco must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 150, the residents of Minerva, and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating John Alexander Greco as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD LEE KRIZ

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Donald Lee Kriz and thank him for his contributions to the community of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Donald passed away recently, and will be truly missed in his community.

Donald was born in Nebraska in 1929 and later moved to Greeley, Colorado, after having served in the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy, Donald was stationed in the Philippines for 13 months. After arriving in Greeley in the early

1950s, Donald worked for a farm equipment company. Then in 1965, he and his brother started Mountain Mobil Mix, a ready-mix concrete company in Frisco. The business boomed, and eventually expanded to cover over eight Western Slope counties. After having become a leader in concrete technology, Mr. Kriz sold the business in 1982. Once retired, Donald divided his time between his beloved Colorado and Arizona.

Donald was a leader in the business community, but his influence did not stop there—he was also an avid philanthropist. Donald was well known as a generous soul. He helped many young people with their college tuitions, their first homes and even with starting a business. Mr. Kriz was not only generous with his money, but also with his time. He helped to raise money for Garfield Youth Service through the annual "Kiss-a-Pig" fundraiser for many years. Donald was a gracious and giving man, whose community benefited significantly from his knowledge, time and efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I remember the life of Donald Lee Kriz. The many people he impacted deeply value his dedication and generosity. My thoughts and prayers are with Donald's family and friends during this difficult time.

HELP MORE FULL-TIME WORKERS BRING HOME A DECENT PAY- CHECK

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Federal Living Wage Responsibility Act of 2003," legislation to mandate a livable wage for employees under Federal contracts and subcontracts. Forty-eight representatives currently cosponsor this important legislation.

Nearly a third of the members of the U.S. labor force work full-time, year-round and still do not earn enough to sustain a family above the poverty threshold of \$18,400 per year for a family of four. Employees who work hard at full-time jobs should be paid a wage that assures they will not live in poverty.

To address this problem, this Act requires that:

Employees of Federal contracts or subcontracts of more than \$10,000 be paid the greater of \$8.85 per hour or the hourly wage necessary to reach the poverty level.

Individuals hired by the United States government also receive a living wage, helping thousands of more workers to stay above the poverty level.

Employees of Federal contracts or subcontracts and individuals hired by the United States government receive benefits such as medical or hospital care, vacation and holiday pay, disability and sickness insurance, life insurance and pensions.

Although Congress passed laws such as the Davis-Bacon Act and the Service Contract Act to help ensure that employees of Federal contractors earn a decent wage, thousands of federal workers and federally-contracted workers still do not earn enough to support themselves or their families.

This legislation will allow hard-working Americans to earn quality wages and to increase their savings for such essential needs as their retirement and their children's education. We believe the Federal government must take responsible, workable steps to reward working Americans and to help keep them out of poverty. This bill represents a practical step toward that goal.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO DEREK GRAY

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for the resolution offered by my colleague from Rhode Island. This resolution expresses the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the need for improved fire safety in nonresidential buildings in the aftermath of the tragic fire on February 20, 2003, at a nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island, and expresses the condolences of Congress to the families and friends of the people who died in that horrible fire.

I was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic deaths of the 99 people who were killed and more than 180 others who were injured in the fire, including the death of Derek Gray. Derek was a Dracut, Massachusetts resident and only 22 years old when he died as a result of the nightclub fire. I want to express my deep condolences to Derek's family, as well as to the families and friends of all of the people who died or were injured as a result of the fire.

The Station nightclub fire was a massive tragedy—one in which nearly 100 people lost their lives. What we know about that horrible event is that the people who perished that night were the victims of a lack of protections—or enforcement of existing protections—to ensure the safety of club-goers. Last month, numerous others lost their lives in a Chicago nightclub stampede for the same reason.

We in Congress have a duty to the people who lost their lives and their families to work to ensure that these events never occur again. We need to dramatically increase safety protections at entertainment facilities across this country, and we need to do it now.

A TRIBUTE TO EVELYN MEDORA MOSS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Evelyn Medora Moss in recognition of her commitment to her community.

Born in the Republic of Panama to George Leopole and the late Imogene Elisa Ashley, Evelyn came to the United States in the early 1960s. She is truly one of Panama's and America's success stories. Realizing early on that education was a key for a successful future, Evelyn attended the University of Panama and received a degree in Home Economics in 1959. After graduating, she took a job

as a home economics teacher for Christ Church Episcopal School in Colon, Republic of Panama.

In the early 1960s, when she moved to the United States, Evelyn used her aptitude for numbers to start a new career. In 1962, she obtained a job as an Assistant Bookkeeper for White Mark Stores in New York City. She continued there until 1968 when she took a job at Ebasco Services where she worked for the next 25 years. She began as a Lead Accounting Clerk and would work her way up to Corporate Manager of Accounts Payable. In 1994 Evelyn joined Raytheon Engineers and Constructors as an Accounting Supervisor. Currently, she works for Washington Infrastructure Services as an Assistant Accountant. Never losing sight of the importance of education, Evelyn attended Brooklyn College during this time, receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1977 and her Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 1978. Later, she completed courses at the Businesswomen's Training Institute, focusing on leadership issues. She also participated in the Institute's Advanced Studies' program.

Evelyn has also become a member of several professional organizations including the National Association of Black Accountants, the National Association of Female Executives, the National Association of University Women (NAUW), Harry S. Truman New Way Democratic Club in Brooklyn, the National Political Congress of Black Women, Brooklyn College Alumni Association, and the Women's Empowerment Movement.

She has been honored with several awards and distinctions for her accomplishments. The list includes: NAUW's 1987 Women of the Year Award, Women's Empowerment Movement's 2001 Outstanding Member of the Year, and NAUW's 2002 Distinguished Member award. She has also been listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Finance*, *Who's Who in the World*, and *Two Thousand Notable American Women*. Evelyn notes that her most important achievement is her son Marc Anthony.

The other important aspect of her life is her role as an active member of Trinity Church on Wall Street in New York City. She served for three years as Vice-President of the Congregation Council and is currently President. She has also performed several other functions including layperson, head usher, and congregation representative to the vestry.

Mr. Speaker, with her numerous awards and professional memberships, Evelyn Medora Moss has shown that she is clearly dedicated her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF DARWIN HIBBS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the service of Chief Darwin Hibbs of Salida, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. After thirty-seven years working for the people of Salida, Chief Hibbs can be confident that

his community is truly grateful for his years of dedicated service.

Darwin, who grew up in Salida, started working for the Police Force when he was only 25 years old. He started as a parking monitor, but through his hard work and dedication he moved through the ranks to become Salida's longest serving Police Chief. Under his guidance, the Police Force has nearly tripled in size from its original five officers. Chief Hibbs and his force have greatly improved the protection that the people of Salida receive. While acting as Police Chief, Darwin has created a strong and capable force that has been intricately involved in the capture of Colorado's largest cocaine ring, and various other high profile cases in the state. It is with great pride that I have the ability to honor Chief Hibbs today.

As a law enforcement officer, I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our peace officers face today. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their fellow citizens' rights and protections. They work tirelessly, with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives, to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication deserve the recognition and thanks of this body of Congress and our nation, and that is why I bring the name of officers like Police Chief Hibbs to light today.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise before this distinguished body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the extraordinary service of Chief Darwin Hibbs. His strong leadership and dedication have improved the quality of policing for the people of Salida and the residents of the entire State of Colorado.

HONORING MAYOR DAVID W. SMITH FOR HIS 25 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEWARK, CA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor David W. Smith for his years of dedicated service to the city of Newark, California. On March 13, 2003, Mayor Smith's colleagues will celebrate his 25 years of service at a reception in Newark.

Mayor Smith was elected to the Newark City Council in 1976, and two years later was elected mayor. He is currently serving his 12th consecutive term, making him the most senior mayor currently serving in California and the 7th most senior mayor in the country.

Mayor Smith's genuine love for the city of Newark shows in the intelligent, common-sense approach he brings to decision making, and colleagues point to his terrific sense of humor as one of his great attributes. Under Mayor Smith's leadership, Newark has evolved into an efficient and responsive government.

When he first came into office in 1978, Newark generated little tax revenue outside of property taxes. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Smith has led Newark's resurgence by working to attract top companies and building state-of-the-art educational and recreational facilities.

Under Mayor Smith's leadership, the NewPark Mall Regional Shopping Center and the Newark Hilton Hotel opened for business in the 1980s. In the last decade, he has worked to accelerate development of the Newark Auto Center, which now houses 13 auto dealerships. He was also instrumental in attracting a large Sun Microsystems complex to the city.

Recently, Mayor Smith provided leadership in planning a new community college and in developing and constructing the George M. Silliman Complex, a world-class recreation center that will include a large indoor aquatic park.

While leading Newark's growth, Mayor Smith has also maintained his position as Vice-President of the Oatey Company's Retail Division. He serves on the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Alameda County Conference of Mayors, and the Alameda County Transportation Authority, and on many local and national committees and boards. His many awards and honors include a Lifetime Membership in the U.S. Jaycees, and a listing in *Who's Who in the West*.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Newark Mayor David W. Smith in commending his exemplary leadership, which has enabled Newark to grow into a wonderful place to live and a successful commercial leader.

IN SUPPORT OF TITLE IX

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of a resolution in support of Title IX.

In 1972, about 30,000 women played college sports. Today, that number has increased by more than 500 percent.

In 1972, about 200,000 girls participated in high school athletics. Today, that number has increased by more than 800 percent.

Mr. Speaker, it is no coincidence that women and girls have more opportunity today than they did 30 years ago. It is not because they have more interest than they used to, and it is not because they have more ability than they used to. These increased opportunities are attributable to one law: Title IX.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is the Federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. It states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." In essence, Title IX requires schools and colleges receiving Federal funds to give women and girls equal athletic opportunities, including athletic scholarships, equipment, coaching, and facilities, among other benefits.

Unfortunately, Title IX has come under assault. Those who favor changing Title IX argue mistakenly that it has led to the disappearance of athletic opportunities for male athletes. While both sides of the debate over Title IX athletics policies agree that they should allow for gender parity and overall fairness in sports,