

RECOGNIZING JEWISH SOCIAL
SERVICES OF MADISON**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jewish Social Services of Madison, which was founded 25 years ago, on February 9, 1978, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Jewish Social Services of Madison serves more than 800 individuals and agencies each year, and for a quarter century has served the entire community with its programs for seniors and individuals in need.

More than 400 people volunteer each year for Jewish Social Services of Madison. These volunteers help the organization continue its excellent social work, which includes sponsoring the largest weekly nutrition site in the country, offering services with specific attention to cultural and language sensitivity, and providing assistance to refugees and other émigrés. The Jewish Social Services of Madison has also been a participating agency of United Way of Dane County for 25 years.

This organization has excelled as a professional social work agency since 1978, and has truly provided help where help is needed for a quarter century. Wisconsin is fortunate to be home to such a dedicated organization as Jewish Social Services of Madison.

I congratulate Jewish Social Services of Madison on 25 years of extraordinary achievements, and I wish them good luck in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's historic Roe v. Wade decision.

That decision marked a cornerstone of equality and freedom for which American women had fought for generations. The decision empowered women to make their own decisions about their reproductive health and protected them from unwarranted government intrusion into their personal, private decisions.

I know firsthand how hard it was to secure the right to choose for women, and I know how hard we will have to fight to maintain this

right. I was active on this issue in 1973 when the case was decided, and I have continued to be so since coming to Congress in 1992. I fought to give military women the right to pay for abortions in military hospitals, and I have served on the board of Planned Parenthood of California, all in an attempt to keep secure the essential right of a woman to make her own choices about her reproductive health.

But, 30 years later, we still live in a time in which a woman's right to choose is in danger of being diminished or reversed. Anti-choice advocates now control the White House, the Senate and the House of Representatives and have indicated they intend to launch a legislative assault on Roe v. Wade. President Bush has made clear his intent to nominate anti-choice justices to all branches of the judiciary. And, the retirement of just one Supreme Court justice may tip the court from pro-choice to anti-choice; from protecting women's health to endangering it.

As such, it is now more important than ever for Americans to protect the rights that women gained as a result of Roe v. Wade. Freedom of choice is essential for women and their health, and as we work to make the number of abortions rarer through improved health education and family planning services, on this anniversary, it is important that we remember the struggles women faced before Roe v. Wade. Indeed, it is somewhat bittersweet that so many women today cannot recall the times in which abortions were not legal. Many do not know women who became ill or died from unsafe, illegal procedures. It is our duty to remind them of the danger of returning of that era.

I join my colleagues in urging Americans to fight to protect the right to choose, to uphold Roe v. Wade, and respect reproductive freedom for all women across the nation.

TO HONOR EL CHARRO RESTAURANT OF TUCSON, AZ ON ITS
80TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to one of Arizona's oldest family-owned and woman-run businesses, El Charro Restaurant. El Charro has become an institution in the City of Tucson and is celebrating its 80th anniversary.

The story and legacy of El Charro goes beyond decades of culinary excellence in serving fine Mexican cuisine. The restaurant has es-

tablished deep roots within the community. Dedication and vision have enabled its two owners, Monica Flin and her grandniece Carlotta Flores, to maintain a unique atmosphere and style, which have embraced by the community and kept the enterprise strong through many difficult economic times.

Founder Monica Flin, a native Tucsonan of French descent, was smart and resourceful and used her cooking talents to establish El Charro in 1922. That first restaurant opened with three tables and a small simple menu of tamales, chili and tortillas. Through the years, the restaurant continued to grow in size and reputation. The Tucson Citizen characterized Monica's charisma and colorful persona in 1952 when it wrote that: "El Charro is not a restaurant so much as it is an extension of Monica Flin's personality." Through its difficult beginnings, enduring the Great Depression and expanding the business, Flin exemplified the classy, independent and strong business owner in an era in which businesswomen were rare.

More than thirty years after establishing El Charro, Ms. Flin passed the business to remaining family members. Carlotta and her husband Ray Flores, Sr. were living in California at the time and returned to Tucson to assist family members with the restaurant. With no experience in restaurant operations, the couple decided to step in and revive El Charro. Carlotta carried the legacy of Monica's determination and passion for service and unique cuisine as the restaurant not only expanded, but also ventured into new venues. She began El Charro's catering businesses as well as a restaurant at the Tucson International Airport. Carlotta's vision to expand and improve business didn't end there, as she has established a second El Charro restaurant and acquired a food production/processing facility. Managing the family's restaurants and companies has truly become a family endeavor, as Carlotta's children are involved in the operations as well.

Eighty years ago, Monica Flin began a business in the small community of Tucson, Arizona. Its current guardians Carlotta Flores and her family have embraced her legacy. The restaurant and its operations have progressed and developed throughout the decades from the tiny restaurant on South 4th Avenue to a Tucson tradition renowned for its excellent Mexican food and warm environment. Therefore, Mr. Speaker I ask that you join me in honoring El Charro Restaurant, Monica Flin and the Flores family for their ongoing success and the examples they have set for businesswomen everywhere.