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# RECOGNIZING SUE HOLMAN AND SUSAN WEEKS

## HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two extraordinary women who have jointly been named the City of Sonoma's 2004 Alcaldesas, or Honorary Mayors.

For more than 10 years, Sue Holman and Susan Weeks have volunteered countless hours to Sonoma Valley's Meals on Wheels program. They work five days a week preparing two gourmet meals for housebound residents. A typical weekly fare is pork chops in mushroom sauce, spicy lamb logs, linguini and clams, tamale pie and roast beef. Over the past 10 years, they calculate that they have prepared a quarter of a million meals.

In addition to all of the food preparation, they prepare the menus, shop for groceries, do all of the baking, maintain inventory control and supervise the 90 volunteers who package and deliver the food and assist in the kitchen.

They recognize that many of the people they serve live alone and try to make each day special. Each holiday has a theme meal. Each client receives a personalized present or two at Christmas or Hanukkah and on their birthday plus a split of wine or champagne.

They are able to maintain a high quality of fare and bolster the spirits of the people they serve while running the only all-volunteer Meals on Wheels program in the State of California.

In recognition of their contributions, the City of Sonoma designated them "las dos Alcaldesas," following a 28-year-old tradition of selecting someone in the community who works selflessly on behalf of others. The Alcaldes/Alcaldesa reflects the town's Spanish and Mexican heritage and the "Honorary Mayors" will preside at all ceremonial functions on behalf of the city.

Susan Weeks settled in Sonoma 18 years ago following an international career that took her to Jerusalem, South Africa and Washington DC. In addition to Meals on Wheels, she has also been active in public safety and infrastructure issues, and works with the Verano Springs Association and the Sonoma Valley Citizens Action Committee.

Sue Holman is a retired investment banker who has been in Sonoma 11 years. An animal lover, she was one of the driving forces in the establishment of Sonoma's only dog park.

Mr. Speaker, Susan Weeks and Sue Holman provide an invaluable service to their community, and it is appropriate that we honor them today as Sonoma, California's 2004 Dos Alcaldesas.

# SUPPORT FOR A DEMOCRATIC UKRAINE

## HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. HINCHEY. I congratulate all Ukrainians in the United States and throughout the world

on the 40th anniversary of the unveiling of the Taras Shevchenko monument. Taras Shevchenko was the hero of the national liberation struggle and an inspiration to many generations. He freed himself from serfdom and opened his mind to the vision of an independent Ukraine, free from Russian imperialism.

A democratic Ukraine in the midst of other European monarchies was Shevchenko's goal. He inspired the Ukrainian nation to take pride in its heritage and continued struggle for sovereignty and independence. His poetry and political activities were almost exclusively devoted to this goal and his work has ignited the hearts of Ukrainians for almost two centuries. His words inspired the people of Ukraine to persevere, attain independence and rebuild a prosperous and democratic Ukraine.

Four decades ago, the Ukrainian American community gathered before his monument to celebrate its unveiling, but more importantly, to inform the world of the horrific crimes that were being committed against Ukrainians. For the first time, the world heard the truth about the genocide inflicted on the Ukrainian nation by the totalitarian Moscow regime in 1932–1933, which claimed the lives of 7–10 millions of innocent people. Ukrainian Americans stood united in their cause to expose the truth and help their brethren in Ukraine lift the yoke of Soviet oppression.

Today, I welcome the initiative to unite the Ukrainians American community in order to help Ukraine make a final step toward true democracy. In light of the upcoming presidential elections, which will determine the future course of development in Ukraine, the Ukrainian Americans once again join together to send a clear message to the Government of Ukraine: the world is watching the pre-election campaign in Ukraine and expecting the government to ensure free and fair elections. Ukraine needs this final impetus to break with its totalitarian past and ensure a path toward democracy and a realization of Shevchenko's dream.

# IN RECOGNITION OF THE ARC OF CAPE COD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

## HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Arc of Cape Cod. The Arc of Cape Cod was established in 1954, by a small group of dedicated parents with special needs children as a voluntary, non-profit organization to help improve the lives of Cape Cod residents with developmental disabilities and their families. The Arc of Cape Cod was an outgrowth of a wave of parent-sponsored organizations across the United States, banding together at the state and national levels to advance the quality of life of their children with special needs.

From its founding, the Arc has played an important role in advocating for changes to improve and enrich the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. For the past 50 years, the Arc of Cape Cod has been an invaluable resource to individuals with disabilities and their families through its mission of empowering Cape Cod residents to identify,

choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work and play.

The Arc has an active adult social program that involves approximately 200 individuals every month in a wide range of activities of their choosing. The Arc also provides case management, skills training and other services that assist more than sixty individuals to live independently as active members of their communities across Cape Cod. In addition, the Arc of Cape Cod is a constant source of helpful information, referrals to services, and support for Cape Cod families.

In appreciation of their 50 years of devoted service, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in Congress to join me in honoring the Arc of Cape Cod.

# RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

## HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on the 40th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, let those who lived through that time recall and celebrate its powerful role in changing our lives and the life of our Nation by sharing that knowledge with those who came after. As we do so, let us remember that a major impact of that law was to give strength to ordinary people so that they might do extraordinary things to change the way the nation worked, responding with smoother voices and firmer advocacy for the civil rights of everyone, bringing about a broad expansion of equal opportunity across the life of the nation.

# IN RECOGNITION OF DR. C.O. GRINSTEAD

## HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. C.O. Grinstead, who will celebrate his 35th year as pastor to the congregation of Trinity Baptist Church, in Oxford, Alabama, on June 27, 2004.

During these 35 years, Dr. Grinstead has participated in evangelistic meetings and revivals in 43 countries around the world and served as music evangelist for the Tom Williams Evangelistic Ministries. He was moderator of the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, and he is now on the board of the Alabama Christian Education Association. Dr. Grinstead was instrumental in beginning Trinity Christian Academy, a Christian school of over 300 students, and two Christian radio stations reaching 24 counties.

Dr. Grinstead was born in Gary, Indiana, and in 1962, graduated from Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He received his doctorate from Florida Bible College in 1989, and then served as Associate Pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida for over seven years before moving to Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the congregation of Trinity Baptist Church as they

honor Dr. Grinstead for his commitment to their church and its congregation.

RECOGNIZING LT. COL. ELIZABETH J. MAGNERS

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Elizabeth J. Magners for her 60 years of exemplary service with the Civil Air Patrol.

Elizabeth Magners, born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, graduated from the Civil Air Patrol National Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in 1969. She furthered and completed her training at the Air University Extension Course Institute program for Civil Air Patrol officers at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama. On June 20, 1944, Elizabeth Magners joined the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and thereby commencing what is now 60 years of service. She served in the volunteer civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force in various capacities, including commander of the General Carl A. Spaatz Squadron of Boyertown, Pennsylvania. She was a Public Affairs Officer of the Pennsylvania Wing and served on projects and assignments at Northeast Region and National Headquarters levels where she attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Elizabeth Magners has received numerous awards and honors during her six decades of service, including the CAP's Distinguished Service Award, the Exceptional Service Award, the Meritorious Service Award and numerous Commanders Commendation certificates. In addition to her service awards, she was also honored by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania for her 24-year radio show entitled "Wings Over Boyertown" and her unit publication, "The Question Mark."

Elizabeth is a past president of the Lehigh Valley Chapter 274 Air Force Association, a life member of the U.S. Naval Institute, member of the Reading Chapter of the U.S. Navy League and a member of the 148th Fighter Squadron of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Auxiliary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Lt. Col. Elizabeth J. Magners for her 60 years of outstanding and dedicated service to her community, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the nation.

CONGRATULATING DICK AND JOANN LOSEE ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate two wonderful people and long-time family friends from the Honorable Chris Cannon's district in Utah, Dick and JoAnn Losee, as they celebrate their 50th anniversary on the Fourth of July.

Dick was born on Christmas Day in 1932 in Los Angeles, California. At the age of ten Dick

and his family returned to their original hometown of Salt Lake City, Utah. It was there where young Dick developed a passion for music that became a prominent part of his life, actively participating in school bands and parades, and, after graduating from Jordan High School, accepting a job at Daynes Music Company in Provo, Utah.

In Provo, Dick became involved with a band that performed in dance halls and private parties, leading him to the love of his life, JoAnn. Searching for the best dance band around for her junior prom at Provo High School, JoAnn was introduced to Dick. The momentous meeting marked the beginning of beautiful things to come.

Like many young men of his generation, Dick was drafted into the U.S. Army to fight in the Korean war. Before heading overseas, Dick obtained an overnight pass and married his sweetheart shortly after midnight on the Fourth of July, 1954, at Fort Ord, California.

Instead of being sent to Korea, Dick was stationed in Germany, where JoAnn joined him in March, 1955. In Germany, Dick was assigned to the 2nd Armored Tank division and assigned to be in charge of the Army Dance Band in Western Germany.

In February, 1956, the happy couple returned to Provo, where Dick studied music and business at Brigham Young University, while JoAnn joined her mother in opening Bullock's Jewel Box that same year. On July 17, 1956, they were blessed with their first born, Richard. Six years later, on September 20, 1962, their beloved daughter Vanessa was born. Their children and grandchildren are a source of great pride and love for the couple.

After a short time selling life insurance, Dick joined JoAnn and his mother-in-law in the jewelry business, starting Bullock and Losee Jewelers. After 30 successful years, the original business was sold in 1985. However, Alard and Losee jewelers was later established in Provo, Alard being Vanessa's married name.

Dick and JoAnn have incorporated service into every aspect of their lives. Their dedication to their community is truly outstanding, actively participating in the Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Freedom Festival, Scouting, the Miss Utah Pageant, Kiwanis Club, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Additionally, the Losees are deeply committed to Utah Valley State College (UVSC), where JoAnn received the first UVSC President's Medallion, in honor of her highly commendable activity in community and civic affairs.

Mr. Speaker, Dick and JoAnn's dedication to each other, their family and community is admirable and inspiring. On the eve of their 50th Anniversary, I wish them nothing but the best in the years to come.

RENEWING THE DREAM TAX CREDIT ACT

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, as we mark June as National Homeownership Month, it is imperative that we look for ways to help more of our citizens to achieve the American Dream of homeownership.

Home ownership is the cornerstone of the American Dream. For millions of American families, this dream is still just out of reach. This is especially true for families living in economically distressed neighborhoods, where the costs of renovating existing buildings or that of new construction frequently exceed the market value of homes in the community, making it impossible to obtain mortgage financing. This leads to further deterioration in declining neighborhoods, and forces families to look elsewhere for the opportunity to own their own home.

My friend ROB PORTMAN and I introduced H.R. 839, the Renewing the Dream Tax Credit Act, which would provide a tax credit for single-family home ownership. Modeled after the successful low-income rental housing tax credit, this proposal would allow states to allocate federal tax credits to developers and investors who provide single-family homes for purchase by qualified buyers in qualified areas. The program will also help stabilize troubled urban neighborhoods, while spurring new construction and rehabilitation in rural areas targeted for economic development.

The bill would allow states to provide developers or investors tax credits up to 50% of the combined costs of acquiring, building, and renovating properties for sale to qualified buyers. The tax credits would be carefully targeted to areas in need of economic growth incentives, and to families who need help buying a home. States will have flexibility in allocating the tax credits. The available tax credits under the program are capped at \$1.75 per capita, with no state to receive less than \$2 million in credits.

This proposal has the support of a broad coalition of groups with substantial expertise in the housing industry, including the National Association of Home Builders, the National Conference of State Housing Agencies, the National Association of Realtors, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and a number of non-profit organizations, including the Enterprise Foundation, the Local Initiative Support Corporation and Habitat for Humanity International.

H.R. 839 could open the door to affordable homeownership for as many as 50,000 families annually. It would not only provide affordable housing, but is expected to create up to 120,000 jobs annually. H.R. 839 enjoys broad bipartisan support, with 288 co-sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives. House passage of H.R. 839 would be a fitting tribute to National Homeownership Month, bringing the American Dream home to tens of thousands of working American families.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS VICTOR SEMOS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute to the life and the memory of Chris Victor Semos. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, a lawmaker, a humanitarian, and a leader in the community of God and the community of mankind. He was unflagging.

It was my privilege to serve with Chris Victor Semos in the Texas State capitol in Austin.