

Noal and the proud grandfather of two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Throughout his life, he was dedicated to serving his fellow citizens as a leader in both his profession and his community, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his priceless contributions. I will be forever honored by his friendship.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to Jay's family, and gratitude for all he did to make the world a better place.

HONORING RETIRING COUNCIL
MEMBER DORIS RODRIGUEZ

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to Council Member Doris Rodriguez, who is retiring from the Hayward City Council at the end of her term on April 6, 2004. Ms. Rodriguez will leave a legacy of 27 years of dedicated service to the city of Hayward, California.

Her initial service was on the City of Hayward Citizens Advisory Commission from 1977 to 1984, followed by an appointment to the city's Planning Commission, where she served a seven-year stint. Rodriguez was first appointed to the City Council in 1991 and was elected in 1992 and has served consecutive four-year terms.

The city of Hayward has benefited from Rodriguez's tireless contributions as a city council liaison on the Airport Committee, Commercial Center Improvement Committee, Citizens Advisory Commission, Downtown Revitalization Committee, Public Agencies Committee and the Route 92/880 Interchange Citizens Advisory Committee. Serving as the council's liaison, Rodriguez has been the city's vital link to the community. She has garnered wide-ranging respect with all segments of the community. Her intellect, her sound judgment, her calming personality, her sincere interest in Hayward issues and its citizens, and her ability to work with myriad organizations have benefited Hayward immeasurably.

Rodriguez is an integral part of Hayward's fabric. She is a member of numerous organizations. Her name is not merely listed on the membership rosters but she is intricately involved in the heart of the organizations to make a positive contribution to Hayward. These organizations, who continue to benefit from Rodriguez's experience and commitment, include Friends of the Hayward Library, Hayward Area Planning Association, Hispanic Elected Local Officials, Southgate Home Owners Association, League of Women Voters, and Sun Gallery.

On March 19, 2004, the City of Hayward will host a farewell dinner to thank Council Member Doris Rodriguez for her tireless efforts on behalf of Hayward and its citizens. I join the fine citizens of the city to thank Doris for a job well done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LUCY
MEYRING

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to the historic achievement of a remarkable woman from my home state. Lucy Meyring of North Park, Colorado was recently chosen as the next president of the Colorado Cattleman's Association. What makes this more special is the fact that the Cattleman's association is the oldest in the country and Lucy will become its first female president. I join with my colleagues to congratulate Lucy on this remarkable achievement.

Lucy has spent her entire life as a cattlemaster in Colorado, and has a deep love of ranching and the cattle industry. As the newest leader of the Colorado Cattleman's Association, Lucy hopes to educate our youth on the importance of agriculture and the origin of such staples as milk and meat. While Lucy recognizes that she will have an extensive travel schedule over the next year, she believes that doing so will provide a unified voice for all cattlemen throughout Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the achievements of Lucy Meyring. Throughout her life, Lucy has been a devoted cattlemaster and earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues, friends and fellow citizens. It is a great honor to rise before this body of Congress to congratulate Lucy on her achievements. I wish her all the best throughout her tenure.

CONGRATULATING MR. PORTNOW
AND THE RECORDING ACADEMY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share remarks made by Recording Academy President Neil Portnow at the 46th Annual Grammy Awards on February 8th, 2003. Mr. Portnow worked on behalf to the Recording Academy in a variety of volunteer leadership roles for over 20 years before being selected as President by the Board of Trustees in September of 2002.

In his first two years as President of the Academy, Mr. Portnow has used his creative talents in marketplace development and his many years in the entertainment industry to advocate on behalf of the Music and Arts community, especially in the area of Music Education funding.

I know I am joined by my colleagues in the House of Representatives in congratulating Mr. Portnow and the Recording Academy on their success in fostering, supporting and promoting a myriad of music-based education and community programs throughout the country.

To follow are the remarks presented by Neil Portnow, President, Recording Academy, on February 8th, 2004 on the occasion of the 46th Annual Grammy Awards:

Thank you for joining as we celebrate the 46th Annual Grammy Awards.

Tonight, you've seen some remarkable performances that span the spectrum of recorded music, with musical icons joining wonderfully talented young artists to demonstrate that we are all one family.

But our family extends beyond the boundaries of the artists nominated tonight for Grammy Awards. You, the music fans, are the most important part of our family for whom all of us in this creative community give our all. We are inspired to create and make our music so that you can hear and enjoy it. After all, music uplifts the very fabric of our daily lives.

As in all families, there are times when we must all come together as one. Tonight is one of those times.

Many of our music family have arrived here on this Grammy stage because they had the benefit of exposure to music and the arts in school. Proposals for dramatic cuts in funding for the arts mean that our children will be denied that vital opportunity. We cannot sit idly by and allow this to happen. If our leaders spend our resources to search for something, it ought to be for tools of mass education and cultural enlightenment in our nation.

The Recording Academy recognizes your hunger and passion for music. We also represent the music-makers and many others involved in the creative process whose livelihood depends on your support. And tonight we are asking for that support.

We have spent the past year researching and examining the complex issues created by the digital world and this evening, we are announcing a national program designed to educate and inform music lovers everywhere about the serious issues and alternatives surrounding digital downloading of music. We encourage you to visit our new Web site, What's The Download.com, and learn about legal downloading and the ethical choices you can make about how you get your music.

The coming months and years will be a critical time for all of us who bring you the music. Our industry will emerge from what has been a perfect storm. And we will reinvent and renew that which requires change, providing more choices and options to discover and enjoy music.

Just as you would respond to one of your family members seeking your help, we ask you to help us keep music strong and alive for this and for generations to come. You can be sure that we will continue to do our part; we're counting on you to please do yours.

A TRIBUTE TO JUDGE LENARD D.
LOUIE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to an extraordinary man and an excellent judge who has dedicated his life to the people of San Francisco. Judge Lenard D. Louie currently presides in the San Francisco Superior Court.

Born in San Francisco, Judge Louie attended both the University of San Francisco and Hastings School of Law. Upon graduation, he passed the bar and began his public service career as a Deputy District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. During the sixteen years that Judge Louie was a prosecutor he proudly points out that he "handled

everything from the most Mickey Mouse of cases to the heaviest of homicides," experiences that would later serve him well when he became a Judge.

Mr. Speaker, after sixteen years of tireless public service as a prosecutor for the City and County of San Francisco, Lenard Louie was appointed to a seat on the San Francisco Municipal Court by then Governor Deukmejian. After serving admirably on that bench for three years, Governor Deukmejian then appointed Judge Louie to a seat on the San Francisco Superior Court, a position he continues to hold to this day. At the Superior Court Judge Louie utilizes a tough but fair approach, described by many as politely banging heads, in handling cases. In fact, he is often described as the Emperor of Settlements for his ability to squeeze both sides into agreement.

In addition to his public service in the judicial system, Judge Louie is an active participant in the Chinese American community. He is a past National President of the Chinese American Alliance, a member of the Board of the Chinese Times Newspaper Association and an active member of the Louise Fong Kwong Family Association.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Judge Lenard D. Louie for his tireless hard work and exemplary service to the people of San Francisco and extending our best wishes to his wife Lily, his daughters and his grandchildren.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GEOFFREY ZARAGOZA

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you today to pay tribute to the short but inspiring life of a citizen from my district. Geoffrey Zaragoza from La Jara, Colorado passed away recently at the young age of nineteen. Geoffrey was a beloved son, friend and sportsman who will be missed by all and I think it is appropriate that we take the time to recognize his remarkable young life here today.

Geoffrey will be remembered for his love of the outdoors. He always looked forward to casting his line upon the many fishing spots throughout the state. Geoffrey was also an accomplished track athlete whose speed mesmerized the crowds cheering on the Alamosa track and cross-country teams. Those in the community who knew Geoffrey will remember his devotion to always do his very best. He will certainly remain an inspiration to the entire La Jara community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life of Geoffrey Zaragoza. Geoffrey was a beloved young man who made a tremendous impact on his community in his short life. He was a loving son, a devoted fisherman, track athlete and a loyal friend to many. The La Jara community and State of Colorado will truly miss him. My heart goes out to Geoffrey's loved ones in this difficult time of bereavement.

TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL KONECNY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and an outstanding citizen; I am proud to recognize Samuel Konecny in the Congress. His recent death was a great loss to his community, his family, his state and this nation.

As a third-generation farmer and a member of the Arkansas State Plant Board, he was proud of his efforts to preserve the Grand Prairie. His desire to conserve was highlighted when he allocated 53 acres of virgin prairie to the Department of Arkansas Heritage and received the Arkansas Conservationist of the Year award.

Mr. Konecny served his country with distinction as a retired captain in the Arkansas National Guard and served as company commander for the local unit. He and his unit were deployed throughout the Central High School crisis and helped break the stranglehold of segregation when he escorted "The Little Rock Nine" safely to school.

An avid churchgoer, Mr. Konecny was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Stuttgart. He was a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and helped initiate the Slovak Oyster Supper.

Maybe most importantly, Mr. Konecny was a man of great generosity both with his money and his time. He was instrumental in persuading Riceland Foods and Producers Rice Mill to encourage members to donate rice to the food program to feed the hungry. He spent many hours of his life helping people in need and performed many acts of charity throughout his church and community.

A devout public servant, he served as a supporter and legislative liaison to former Governors Bill Clinton and Jim Guy Tucker and was a long-time sergeant at arms for the Arkansas State Senate. Sam Konecny was a man of honor, religion and compassion. On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to his family, and gratitude for all he did to make the world a better place.

HONORING DR. JACOB EAPEN, RECIPIENT OF MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A CALIFORNIA PHYSICIAN

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacob Eapen, M.D., a Frerfront, California pediatrician, who is the recipient of the first Physician Recognition Award from the Medical Board of California. The California Medical Board, which licenses physicians throughout the State, created a Physician Recognition Task Force last year to begin an annual program to recognize physicians for outstanding service.

On January 30, 2004, Dr. Eapen received the award in recognition of his career devoted to improving public health for the underserved

worldwide, as well as for his current work as a pediatrician for Alameda County Health Services, where he reaches out to poor children in East Bay communities and children being held at Juvenile Hall in San Leandro, California.

He has been the commissioner of public health in Alameda County for more than four years.

A native of India, Dr. Eapen graduated from the Tivandrum Medical College at Kerala University and traveled to Africa, where he worked as the director of the pediatric unit in Agha Kahn Hospital in Tanzania. He also worked and taught in Nigeria.

While he was working in a Nigerian hospital, Dr. Eapen saw hundreds of children die from diseases because of malnourishment. Since then, he has dedicated his career to pediatric services for the underprivileged. He has also served as a United Nations' health adviser in the Philippines.

Dr. Eapen earned a master's degree in public health in 1984 from the University of California, Berkeley. He completed a second residency in 1992 from Stanford University, which allowed him to practice in the United States. He has been honored by Stanford Medical School as one of the 40 outstanding Stanford Medical alumni from among 7000 graduates of the last sixty years.

Dr. Eapen has embraced Public Health Services in an explicit attempt to foster more appropriate and effective policies and practices to benefit poor, underserved patients. He devotes his time and energy to working in the county health system to improve public health.

After receiving his award, Dr. Eapen told the Medical Board of California that epidemics have no borders, and he also spoke against the potential closure of clinics in Alameda County, California, because of costs.

Dr. Eapen epitomizes the essence of the award he received from the Medical Board. He is indeed dedicated to improving public health care and is working daily to usher in real changes in the lives of people. To quote Dr. Eapen: "There's so much to be done."

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR WARREN ZIMMERMANN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, last week a prominent thinker and actor in American foreign policy passed away. Ambassador Warren Zimmermann died on Tuesday, February 3, from pancreatic cancer. He was a career foreign service officer, who later taught at both Johns Hopkins and Columbia universities.

I had the honor and privilege of working with Ambassador Zimmermann in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Our collaboration began when he was chosen to represent the United States at the Vienna Follow-Up Meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. At the time, I was Chairman of the Helsinki Commission. Under his leadership, State Department officers and Commission staff together formed the basis of the U.S. delegation. Ambassador Zimmermann recognized the talent, expertise and political support offered by the Commission and ensured that bureaucratic hurdles would not jeopardize its integration and effectiveness.