

TRIBUTE TO THE CENTER FOR
YOUTH CITIZENSHIP FOR SERV-
ING THE SACRAMENTO REGION

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to an organization with a great record of service to the Sacramento Region. For the past two decades, the Center for Youth Citizenship has worked tirelessly and successfully to enhance the significance of citizenship and the importance of our laws and institutions to the young people of the local region. I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting the Center for Youth Citizenship (CYC), one of Sacramento's most important and respected community organizations.

Founded in 1984, the Center for Youth Citizenship has sought to have young people respect one another, our institutions, and laws; have a working understanding of citizenship, its requirements and responsibilities; appreciate the foundation and privileges of democracy; and have the skills and character to be engaged and informed participants in everyday community matters. To achieve these goals, CYC has worked with a diverse group of school and community partners on award winning and recognized school and community programs such as the Gordon D. Schaber Mock trial & Moot Court Competition, Laws for Youth and Families, and California Conflict Resolution and Youth Meditation Project.

Through its partnerships with a broad-based group of government, business and education leaders, CYC has recently initiated the program, With Liberty and Justice for All, designed to connect the generations and groups in the local communities and recommit to the collective pursuit of equity, justice, and character.

In recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision, CYC, on April 22, 2004, in partnership with the California and Sacramento County Bar Association, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., 100 Black Men of Sacramento and the Sacramento County Office of Education, along with various school districts and organizations, came together to commemorate the historic anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision by bringing students together with corporate, community, and education leaders to view the highlights of the Emmy Award winning film, Separate but Equal. This unique and important educational experience was made possible by CYC's program model, With Liberty & Justice for All and the hard work and dedication of the entire CYC staff.

CYC has worked diligently with Sacramento County of Education; San Juan Unified School District, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, California Department of Education, California Teachers Association and various school districts and organizations to make local school board members, administrators and teachers aware of the Brown v. Board of Education 50th Anniversary. Through the great work of the CYC staff, many school board adopted resolutions and conducted student events to recognize the important Supreme Court decision.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Center for Youth Citizenship. I would like

to especially thank CYC's Executive Director, Dr. Joe Maloney, and his great staff for their commitment and hard work. I am confident that the Center for Youth Citizenship will continue to yield tremendous benefits for the people of Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing the Center for Youth Citizenship continued success in all its future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MILES CONRAD
OWENS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the members of the United Auto Workers (UAW) International Union and UAW local 651 to pay tribute to Miles Conrad Owens who is retiring from the position of UAW International Union Staff Representative.

Miles Owens was born October 19, 1942 in Cairo, Illinois. He graduated with honors from Beecher High School in 1960. Upon graduation he enrolled at the General Motors Institute (GMI), located in Flint, Michigan. With his enrollment came employment within GM's Flint Assembly Plant. Miles studied at GMI until he transferred in 1962 to Mott Community College. He graduated from Mott College in 1967. While studying at Mott he acquired a position with A.C. Spark Plug as an experimental model-maker apprentice and journeyman.

Miles' career within the UAW began in 1962 as a member of UAW Local 651. As a member of the union he held positions as an alternate, district, and shop committeeman from 1968–1981. In 1981 he was elected President, and in 1983 he attained the appointed staff representative position with the UAW International Union, from which he will retire on July 31, 2004. Miles is a strong positive role model for his fellow members and the community. Throughout his career he has made significant, long-term contributions to improving the lives and working conditions of the men and women who build America's automobiles.

In addition to being a strong leader amongst the workforce, Miles is a member of several community boards and organizations. He serves with the Flushing Board of Education, United Way, American Heart Association, Boy Scouts of America, Insight, Greater Flint Health Coalition, and Hurley Hospital HHS Board to just name a few. Miles has achieved much in his lifetime. Some of those milestones include, but not limited to, Explorer Scout, Representative of the Decade from 1960–1970 in the Decades of Education Ceremony for Beecher High School, recipient of the Walter Reuther Award, selected to hold the post of Worshipful Master of Flushing Masonic Lodge #225 in 1991, attained the title of 32nd Degree Mason, and is a member of the Shriners.

Miles is also a devoted husband to his loving wife Shirley Ann and supportive father to their wonderful son Miles.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I consider it my duty and my privilege to protect and defend human dignity and the quality of life for our citizens. I am extremely grateful to have a person like Miles Conrad Owens who shares these beliefs, and has made it his life's

work to see this task achieved. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Miles, and wishing him the best in future endeavors.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE COMMUNITY RE-
SOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT
LIVING

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) headquartered in Hayward, California. CRIL has been providing exemplary services to individuals with disabilities for the past 25 years.

This outstanding organization was inspired by a group of individuals' awareness of the diverse unmet need for services in their communities to assist the disabled. Through the work of such individuals as longtime Executive Director Johnnie Lacy, CRIL was able to establish itself by occupying and purchasing its own office building in Hayward, California in 1979. Since then, CRIL has expanded its presence by opening its Tri-Cities office in Fremont and its Tri-Valley office in Livermore.

In the years since its founding, CRIL has helped to represent the disabled community by advocating tirelessly for both their rights and needs. As a result, they have helped to eliminate societal barriers to participation, empowerment, and independent living. CRIL has also taken a central role in co-sponsoring the creation of housing for people with disabilities. In particular, CRIL is responsible for the creation of the Olive Tree Plaza and EC Magnolia Court Apartments in Hayward and the Redwood Lodge in Fremont.

For over two decades, CRIL has become a resource for thousands with disabilities. It is my honor to recognize their tireless commitment and hard work to the disabled community and I am confident CRIL will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of the disabled population for years to come.

I join the community in expressing my good wishes to CRIL on its 25th anniversary and sending best wishes for continued success.

HONORING STANLEY W.
ROSENKRANZ

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Stanley W. Rosenkranz, a remarkably accomplished and generous citizen whose dedication to his profession, faith and family earned him the respect of the Tampa Bay community.

Stanley always strived for excellence. After becoming a CPA and serving in the Army, he went on to graduate Cum Laude from the University of Florida Law School and first in his class from the New York University's Masters in Law, LL.M. program. Stanley was extremely supportive of the University of Florida, and its football team, through all his years.

Stanley practiced law in Tampa for over 40 years and earned the high respect of his colleagues in the Bar. He was Of Counsel with Akerman, Senterfitt and a partner at Shear, Newman, Hahn & Rosenkranz, PA for 15 years, 10 of which he was president of the firm. Stanley was named to Best Lawyers in America for the 20 years of the publication's existence.

Teaching and mentoring were two other areas in which Stanley excelled. He formerly taught in the graduate LLM Tax program at the University of Florida. Stanley was currently an adjunct professor in Tax at the Stetson College of Law and also had taught Business Law and accounting at the University of Tampa.

However, Stanley always made time to serve others. Stanley was active in Tampa's Jewish community, serving as president of Congregation Schaarai Zedek, president of the Tampa Jewish Federation, president of the Southeast Region of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of URJ. He also served on the boards of Florida Blood Services and the Children's Home and contributed as a leader of many other civic and charitable causes.

Stanley's family and friends will remember him for all of these things, his rare personal qualities and so much more. On behalf of the Tampa Bay community, I honor Stanley for his service and shining example to us all and send my deepest sympathies to his loved ones.

HONORING LAWRENCE DENARDIS,
PH.D. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding leaders, and my good friend, Lawrence DeNardis, as he is honored by family, friends, and colleagues for his 13 years of service as President of the University of New Haven. Larry has dedicated a lifetime of service to the community and we are certainly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of his unparalleled compassion, generosity, and commitment.

For over a decade, Larry has been at the helm of the University of New Haven and under his leadership and direction the University has truly prospered. I have often spoke of our Nation's need for talented, creative educators, willing to help our young people learn and grow—Larry is just that kind of teacher. Larry has spent most of his professional career in higher education. For 16 years he served as Associate Professor and Chairman of Political Science at Albertus Magnus College, Visiting Professor of Government at Connecticut College, Guest Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars of the Smithsonian Institution, and seminar instructor at Yale University. His good work and diligent efforts to provide a quality education to his students has touched the lives of thousands of young people—going a long way in providing them with a strong foundation on which to build their futures.

Larry's outstanding record of contributions to education has been recognized both locally and nationally. Immediately prior to his appointment as President of the University of New Haven, Larry served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Connecticut Policy and Economic Council and was appointed by former Governor Lowell Weicker as Chair of the Connecticut Board of Governors of Higher Education. Larry was also selected by former President George W. Bush for an appointment to the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, a group which oversees the accreditation of institutions and associations in higher education.

In addition to his distinguished career in education, Larry has also served in public life where he demonstrated a unique commitment to public service. He served five terms in the Connecticut State Senate as well as one term as the United States Representative for Connecticut's Third Congressional District. After his term in the United States House of Representatives, Larry went on to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the United States Department of Health and Human Services. He was also appointed by former President George W. Bush as a member of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine—a position which he held for four years.

It is not often that you find an individual who so willingly dedicates himself to the betterment of his community. In addition to his professional contributions, Larry has worked with numerous local business and service organizations aimed at providing a better quality of life for the residents of the Greater New Haven area. Our communities would not be the same without people like Larry, who give their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of others.

Through his contributions, Larry has left an indelible mark on our community. For all of his good work, I am proud to rise today to join his wife, Mary Lou; his four children Larry, Jr., Gregory, Mark, and Lesley; family, friends, and colleagues in extending my thanks and appreciation to my friend Lawrence DeNardis. My very best wishes for many more years of health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS ROBINSON GREER

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to legendary civil rights attorney Douglas Robinson Greer. On July 15, 2004, California lost one of its most respected and accomplished advocates for civil rights when Douglas Greer passed away. As we remember and pay tribute to Douglas' many wonderful contributions to his friends, family, and fellow citizens, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting this exceptional man and my good friend, Douglas Robinson Greer.

A native of Los Angeles, Douglas was born on January 27, 1916 to Henry Douglas Greer and Leonie Robinson Greer. In 1920, the Douglas family relocated to Sacramento. Douglas was an accomplished student at William Land and Newton Booth Elementary

Schools, and later, Stanford Jr. High and Sacramento Senior High School.

Douglas joined the U.S. Armed Services in 1942 and was stationed at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. After two years of service, Douglas enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley. Douglas received a Bachelor's degree in 1948.

Disheartened by the racism that surrounded him, Douglas made up his mind that he was going to play an active role in improving the lives of minorities. Douglas earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco in 1952. A year later, Douglas opened the office of Douglas Greer, Attorney at Law. In doing so, Douglas became only the second African American to establish a full-time law practice in Sacramento's history.

As a lawyer, Douglas was a trailblazer and an ardent defender of civil rights and civil liberties. Doug fought hard to challenge unfair housing and discriminatory hiring practices. Many of his early clients could only afford to pay meager fees, or often none at all. But, Douglas remained undaunted.

Douglas was once quoted as saying that he was anxious to "get into court and get fighting." In of his cases in the late 1950s, Douglas demonstrated his commitment to justice and equality when he took on a case involving an African American couple that was prevented from buying a house in Sacramento because of their skin color. Douglas filed a malicious interference suit. The suit was then and remains the first such suit filed on the basis of race in California.

Throughout his illustrious career, Douglas showed a deep commitment to stand for justice and take on established entities such as Harrah's Casino, the Greyhound Bus Lines and the Home Loan Bank Board. Douglas gave it his all to test public accommodation laws and other acts of discriminatory practices. In many of his cases, Douglas triumphed in successfully lowering barriers of discrimination and the unfair treatment of minorities.

In addition to his status as one of the area's most well respected attorneys, Douglas was also active in the community. From 1953 to 1957, Douglas served with great distinction as the President of the Sacramento Chapter of the NAACP. Douglas was an icon of hope for many minorities. Douglas often urged young lawyers to challenge "unjust laws and racist systems." Throughout his life, Douglas' quiet courage, fighting spirit and his unwavering pursuit of commitment served as an inspiration to many who looked to his leadership and example. The Observer Newspaper recently recognized Douglas for his countless achievements and contributions by naming him one of Sacramento's "African American Legends."

Douglas was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Leonie Greer, and his sisters, Lucy Amerson and Portia Henderson. He is survived by a niece, Leonie Craddock, a nephew, Gilbert Craddock, three great nieces and a long list of professional associates, friends, and admirers.

Mr. Speaker, as Douglas Greer's family and friends gather to pay tribute to his wonderful life, I am honored to express my respect and gratitude to one of Sacramento's finest citizens. It was truly a privilege for me to count Douglas Greer as a friend. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Douglas Greer's remarkable life.