

age discrimination statutes, I would have voted "yea", and on rollcall 459, on the Norton Amendment prohibiting Federal Employee Health Plans from offering high deductible plans that do not require at least a 3-year minimum enrollment, I would have voted "yea".

PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF
STAFF SERGEANT DONALD N.
DAVIS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of SSG Donald N. Davis upon the death of this outstanding soldier.

SSG Davis was a member of the 660th Transportation Company, U.S. Army Reserve, Zanesville, Ohio serving our great Nation in the country of Iraq. He was a determined man and a loving husband. SSG Davis did his best to make his country a better place to live.

SSG Davis will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of SSG Donald N. Davis.

HONORING STEVE McNAMARA OF
MILL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve McNamara of Mill Valley, California, for his 39 years as editor and publisher of the award-winning and innovative weekly newspaper, the Pacific Sun. Steve purchased the paper in 1966, and developed it into a newsweekly known for its quality writing, environmental advocacy, commitment to journalistic integrity, and strong relationships with the communities it serves.

The Pacific Sun, under Steve's leadership, set a national standard for how local newspapers can influence the fabric of a community. The paper told stories about local people and took positions on important social issues, fulfilling its mission "to cover events of ongoing significance with clarity, intelligence, style, and wit."

The Sun was an influential player in opposing unfortunate environmental projects such as building a nuclear power plant at Bodega Bay on the San Andreas Fault and filling in Richardson Bay for Los Angeles style marinas. Steve also promoted the creation of Point Reyes National Seashore, preserving the beautiful Marin county coast as a jewel of the national park system rather than home to thousands of commercial and residential sites. He successfully championed the building of a new civic center designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, now the pride of Marin County, and

was prophetic, though unsuccessful, in encouraging development of a solar village at Hamilton Air Force Base.

Steve has always believed that the written word should be celebrated. More importantly, he has always stuck to the notion that ideas and activities should be reported on what he calls the "human scale"—focusing on small, tangible issues and activities to which people can relate. During his career at the Sun, he was passionate about reporting local events, local politics and social issues, and local people. Steve was able to bring these elements together, and by doing so, he helped make up the fabric of the community.

Prior to purchasing the Sun in 1966, Steve was the Sunday editor of the San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle. He had also been the executive sports editor of The Examiner, a writer covering Grand Prix auto racing in Europe for Car and Driver Magazine, and a reporter and editor at The Miami Herald and Winston-Salem Journal. Steve became the first president of the National Association of Alternative Newsweeklies (now AAN), which has nearly 130 member papers and was a founding president of the California Association of Alternative Newsweeklies (Cal-AAN), president of the California Society of Newspaper Editors and a member of the board of the California Newspapers Association. After 50 years in journalism, 39 of them at the Pacific Sun, Steve made his decision to sell the Pacific Sun and move on to other projects at the age of 70.

Steve is proud to have been a resident of Mill Valley for so many years. His five children, and especially his wife Kay, all had an active role in the paper at some point in their lives. With his family's help, Steve made the Pacific Sun a success, its reputation as the conscience of Marin County often contrasting with the area's daily newspaper.

Mr. Speaker, Steve McNamara's record social activism, ethical reporting, and community leadership embodies the idea of living and working on the human scale, and as a result, Steve has become an important part of so many lives in the North Bay. I have enjoyed working with Steve and wish him luck in his new endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SAN DIEGO LOCAL
HEROES

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which commemorates the extraordinary contributions that Latinos have made to our country throughout history. During this one-month period of celebration and tribute, we honor the culture and achievements of the Hispanic community, all of which have played a historic role in our Nation.

I am proud, honored and privileged to represent California's 53rd district in Congress. My district is extraordinarily diverse and home to many citizens who are of Latino background.

To commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month 2004, I would like to highlight the remarkable accomplishments of six San Diego residents

who have been named local heroes as part of the Union Bank of California and KPBS Hispanic Heritage Month Local Hero Awards, a program honoring outstanding members of the Hispanic community.

These individuals were selected for their exceptional commitment and contribution to San Diego through community activism, the arts, business, education and social services.

The 2004 honorees are Sylvia Galvez, Jovita Juarez, Beatrice Fernandez, Mario Aguilar and Beatrice Zamora Aguilar, and Lupe Ortega.

Sylvia Galvez: Sylvia Galvez opened a group home in 1995 to help troubled female teens who had no place to stay, and is now operating two six-bed, 24-hour licensed treatment facilities in San Diego. Sylvia was inspired to help these girls because she felt she could relate to them. She herself dropped out of high school when she was 16 and pregnant with her first child. By the age of 21, she had given birth to three children and was working as a painter for both the Navy Public Works Department and the painting company of Mr. Willie Davis. It was Mr. Davis who helped her return to school at the age of 28. She graduated from City College in 1991 with an A.A. in Liberal Arts and transferred to National University where she earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in Human Behavior. Recently, she and her husband purchased an eight-unit apartment complex to help foster teens after they turn 18 years old.

Jovita Juarez: Jovita Juarez is a Prevention Specialist and Community Organizer for the North City Prevention Coalition and an activist working with SAY San Diego. She uses her leadership skills to provide guidance for new prevention professionals, helping them become more productive and successful. Jovita is also the chairperson of two countywide prevention efforts: the statewide organization Latinos and Latinas for Health and Justice, where she is the Southern Chair, and the San Diego Cinco de Mayo Con Orgullo Coalition, where she has been chair for the past four years. Jovita has volunteered with many organizations throughout the years, including the National Council on Alcoholism & Drug, Hispanic Advisory Council-MADD Pass Las Llavas and Youth Access to Alcohol Policy Panel, to name a few. She is now writing a book, God's Transforming Power, which will provide a framework for early leadership development.

Bea Fernandez: Bea Fernandez has worked for San Diego City Schools for 20 years. She is currently the program coordinator for the San Diego District's San Diego Parent University, a four year program designed to help parents become involved in their children's education as academic coaches. Fernandez was also the Chair of the Board of MANA, a National Latina Organization. She began her service in 1995 in the San Diego chapter of MANA, the largest chapter in the nation, and was named MANA Member of the Year in 1995 for her activism, community service and commitment to the organization. Fernandez was born in Calexico, CA and the first in her family to graduate from college, earning a B.A. and M.A. in Education, and an administrative credential from San Diego State University.

Mario Aguilar and Beatrice Zamora-Aguilar: Mario Aguilar is Assistant Director of the Early Academic Outreach Program at University of California, San Diego. Beatrice Zamora-

Aguilar is Interim Dean of the School of Counseling and Personal Development at Southwestern College. In 1975, Mario became involved with the ancient indigenous dance tradition called Danza Azteca. In 1980 he and Beatrice were married and together they formed their own dance circle, Danza Mexicayotl. Their dance circle was recognized on December 12, 1980 in Mexico City at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe at a traditional dance ceremony. Since that time, Mario and Beatrice have consistently offered free dance classes to the communities of San Ysidro and Sherman Heights. Danza Mexicayotl has gained status as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and has as its mission, "To preserve and teach the indigenous traditions of Mexico and the Southwestern U.S." Danza Mexicayotl has become an active and well established dance tradition known throughout San Diego, California, the United States and in Mexico. Under the leadership of Mario and Beatrice, many other dance groups have formed throughout California and the Southwestern United States. Together, these groups help proliferate the songs, dance and spiritual movement of this ancient tradition from Mexico.

Lupe Ortega: Lupe Ortega is the Business Manager for O'Day Consultants, a civil engineering firm in North County, where she uses her bicultural background and bilingual skills as assets in her job. She is also a licensed real estate agent operating under Lupe Ortega Enterprises/PMT Companies, a public notary and member of the San Diego Association of Realtors. Ortega strongly agrees with giving back to the community and she donates her time, talents and skills by serving as a director on a number of boards and committees. She is also a skilled photographer and had some of her work published in Photographers Forum Best Photography Annual 1999.

Today, with an estimated Hispanic population of over 39 million in our country, we must also recognize that our efforts to commemorate Hispanic culture should not be limited merely to a one-month period. This is an outlook that each of the six San Diego Local Heroes embodies. These community leaders have used their skills and experiences to empower others. Their time and efforts are truly changing the lives of those around them.

I hope you, Mr. Speaker, and all of my colleagues will join me in honoring these unsung heroes and their accomplishments for the Latino community.

HONORING DIANE REHM FOR 25 YEARS OF RADIO BROADCASTING

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Diane Rehm, who today enters her 25th year of hosting her WAMU radio show, The Diane Rehm Show. Her show is a true public service and she deserves our thanks and recognition for her efforts.

In this era of 30-second soundbites, style over substance, and reporters interviewing other reporters, The Diane Rehm Show offers two hours per day of thoughtful, balanced examination of the issues. In fact, 1.4 million lis-

teners on NPR and Sirius satellite radio enjoy Ms. Rehm's refuge from the typical talking head radio hosts who don't listen.

While she has hosted the biggest names in public life, some of Ms. Rehm's most fascinating conversations are with callers or guests who are being interviewed for the first time. As she says, "It's crucial we hear not only the voices of policymakers and experts, but that everyone has a chance to offer their opinions and ask questions." Topics on the show range from the war in Iraq to the art of landscape design.

Ms. Rehm is also part of a tradition of public figures who turn adversity into a public service. In 1998, her career nearly came to a halt because of a mysterious speech problem. She took a leave of absence from the show until she was diagnosed and treated for spasmodic dysphonia, a neurological disorder. Not one to be defeated, she returned to the show and made a point of bringing attention to the condition by writing a book and speaking out about her disease. Shortly after her return to radio in 2000, she interviewed President Clinton and became the first radio talk show host to interview a sitting President in the Oval Office.

I'm sure I join many of my colleagues and the American public in thanking Ms. Rehm for 25 thought-provoking years. Again, we congratulate her and we look forward to many more years of The Diane Rehm Show to come.

2004 TEXAS HONOR SCHOOL BOARD FOR LEWISVILLE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate one of my hometown school districts for its outstanding achievements and recently being named the 2004 Texas Honor School Board by the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Among the factors that resulted in the recognition of the Lewisville School Board were its vision, commitment, and leadership as policy makers; commitment to the improvement of student performance and evidence of academic achievement; evidence of strong community support for the district; cooperation among board members and the superintendent; and evidence of successful school-business partnerships.

Congratulations to the following members of the Lewisville district school board: Mark Shaw, Fred Placke, Carol Kyer, Anita Nelson, Tom Kim, Mike McDaniel, and Tom Ferguson for the honor.

I am delighted that your award-winning performance has garnered you this recognition. Your work is greatly appreciated.

The Lewisville school district has a history of outstanding distinction throughout the state of Texas and continues to pursue educational excellence. Every member is vital to the overall goal and performance of the board.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JARED BLOOM

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Jared Bloom has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Jared Bloom has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Jared Bloom has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jared Bloom must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Rayland, the entire 18th Congressional District, Jared's family and friends in congratulating Jared Bloom as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING TYLER HAMILTON'S GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN'S CYCLING TIME TRIALS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a constituent of my district, Tyler Hamilton, who won the gold medal in the Men's Cycling Time Trials in Athens last month. Tyler finished the time trials with a time of 57 minutes and 37.74 seconds.

Many of you in this chamber may remember Tyler in last year's Tour de France, when he finished fourth after he broke his collarbone in the first stage of the race. However, Tyler's athletic career did not begin with cycling. He began skiing competitively with the University of Colorado ski team in the early 1990s. However, after a mountain biking injury ended his ability to continue to ski competitively he turned to cycling. Within a year Tyler became the NCAA cycling champion. He has continued to compete in a series of stage and one-day races, including becoming the first American to win the Liege-Bastogne-Liege, an annual 165 mile race held in Belgium.

Tyler is also actively involved with the Tyler Hamilton Foundation which works with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Junior Cycling. His foundation helps to provide care management for people affected by MS as well as promotes ways for people with MS to relieve social isolation and provides tools to live a fulfilling life while living with the disease.

Tyler is also working to promote the sport of cycling in the United States so that young aspiring cyclists can make it over the many hurdles to reach success in the sport. His foundation is working to broaden exposure to the sport of cyclists and expand organized cycling for the youth of America.

Tyler has made more than just a name for himself in the cycling world; he has made a name for the sport of cycling in the United States. I am sure I join many people in our