

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

Nation as I express pride and appreciation for all Tyler has done for the sport of cycling and particularly his admirable representation of our nation in the 2004 Summer Olympics Games.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF GREGORY
MOORE OF EMMETT TOWNSHIP, MI

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a good friend. Mr. Gregory Moore of Emmett Township, Michigan, was recently elected the Chairman of the Calhoun County, Michigan Board of Commissioners.

A Western Michigan University alumnus and graduate fellow of the prestigious Michigan Political Leadership Program, Greg has accomplished many good deeds with his extensive local, civic and political involvement. For 14 years, he worked in the Radiology Department in the Battle Creek Health System. He also co-owned and operated a small recycling business in Calhoun County. Greg is currently serving his third term on the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners and his 10th year as a member of the Emmett Township Planning Commission. He is a former neighborhood council president and George Award honoree for outstanding service to the community. Greg currently serves on a number of local boards and committees including: Character Unlimited, International Festival of Lights, Battle Creek Area International Relations Committee and the Substance Abuse Council of Greater Battle Creek, just to name a few. He has also been a Congressional District Director for five years.

He has been married for 15 years to his wonderful wife, Becky. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Greg Moore a great American.

MY ANGELS IN ADOPTION:
ANTONIO AND MARTHA GOMEZ

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two residents of my Congressional District, Antonio and Martha Gomez, who I have selected as my nominees for the sixth annual Angels in Adoption Award.

The Awards are an opportunity to honor dedicated constituents for their efforts in helping children, as well as an opportunity to raise awareness about adoption. Members of Congress are asked by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute to select an individual, couple or organization from their district who has made a difference in the lives of children, either through adoption, foster care or child welfare advocacy.

I selected Antonio and Martha as my Angels in Adoption because for the past eight years, they have provided a safe and loving home to a dozen foster children, ranging in age from 2

weeks to eighteen years. Their entry into the world of foster parenting was inspired by their daughter who had a friend who was a foster child. Because of her interest, Antonio and Martha decided to become foster parents, and they have never looked back.

Two years ago, they adopted one of their foster children who is now a happy five-year old who loves and is loved by his family, including the biological children of his parents—his 16 year old brother and 23 year old sister.

Besides being a foster parent and adoptive parent, Antonio has served as President of the Imperial Valley Foster Parents Association, and he is currently serving as Facilitator, arranging weekly training meetings for the foster parents in Imperial County, California. Martha is now President of the Association which works in cooperation with Imperial Valley College and the State Department of Social Services.

A celebratory banquet is being held tomorrow evening, Thursday, September 23rd, to honor all the nominated Angels in Adoption. Attending the celebration will be actress Jane Seymour, PGA golfer Kirk Triplett, and General Manager and Senior Vice President of the Orlando Magic, Pat Williams. My Angels, Antonio and Martha, will be joining me in attending the banquet, with travel arrangements the courtesy of Southwest Airlines and Pardee Construction Company.

I am sincerely proud of Antonio and Martha, because they have given of themselves for the benefit of the lives of so many children. Through their example, they are an inspiration to other foster and adoptive parents in the community in which they live.

It is an honor to recognize their significant contributions and to designate them as my Angels in Adoption.

OAK GROVE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Oak Grove Union School District on the occasion of its 150th anniversary. Established in 1854, the school district is the second oldest continuing school district in the state of California.

Wm. M. Rider, the first teacher FOR whom records are available, in 1857 had a daily attendance of 18 students. By 1858, attendance grew to 32 children. Currently, the district has over 650 students in grades K–8 supported by the two schools in the district: Oak Grove Elementary and Willowside School.

For one hundred and fifty years, the Oak Grove School District has educated numerous generations in Graton. This excellence would not have been possible without the support and efforts of the teachers, parents and community.

The community supports and benefits from the environmental friendly program at the Oak Grove School. The school has reduced its landfill waste by nearly 90 percent. Students

enjoy fresh vegetables and fruit grown from their own classroom gardens prepared by a volunteer teacher.

The Oak Grove School District is integral to the community. The community shares in the learning experiences of the students as they test new ideas and understands that we must all work together to prepare our students to be our nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Oak Grove School District for its commitment to extend education beyond the classroom and into the community for one hundred and fifty years.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MS.
NICOLE HARDESTY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Ms. Nicole Hardesty is a student at Utica High School in Utica, Ohio; and

Whereas, Ms. Nicole Hardesty is the recipient of the Best Buy Scholarship, a nationwide program that awards students on the basis of exceptional community service and solid academic performance; and

Whereas, Ms. Nicole Hardesty must be commended for her dedication and devotion to her community and academia; and

Whereas, Ms. Nicole Hardesty has demonstrated a willingness to be a leader and a role model for the students of Utica High School.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Ms. Nicole Hardesty and the Best Buy Children's Foundation for her outstanding accomplishment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I was out of town on official business yesterday, and missed Rollcall Vote numbers 457, 458, 459, and 460. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 457, "no" on rollcall 458, "no" on rollcall 459, and "no" on rollcall 460.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 15, I was unable to vote on the Hefley amendment (rollcall 455) and on the Moran amendment (rollcall 456) to H.R. 5025, the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on both amendments.