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Past Member, American Bar Association Law School Accreditation Team (1988). Formerly Contributing Editor on Family Law for the South Carolina Educational Television Network;

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Former Chairman of the Family Law Section of the S.C. Bar.

Former Chairman of the S.C. Trial Lawyers Family Law Section. Program Participant, "Negotiations" American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1983;

Producer-Moderator of the First Family law CLE program in South Carolina (1975) at the request of the SC Supreme Court;

Former member, Long Range Planning Committee and Scope and Correlation Committee, ABA Family Law Section;

Former Public Information Representative, ABA Family Law Section;

Frequent Family Law Faculty at: ABA National Institutes, Annual and mid-winter conventions and S.C. Mandatory Judicial C.L.E. programs. Frequent Lecturer on Family Law at USC College of Law, USC College of General Studies, Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary, CLE program speaker in: Atlanta, Connecticut, D.C., Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin Bar Association programs. Past Chairman of the Paternity Committee of the ABA, Family Law Section (1978-1981).

Recipient of the 1978 "Certificate of Outstanding Contribution" of ABA Family Law Section;

Participant, with Lawrence Stotter, Esq., in the "Great Custody Debate of 1980" presented by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, Illinois;

Former Special Judge appointee in Richland County, S.C. Juvenile-Domestic Relations Courts, County Civil Jury Courts, County Criminal Jury Courts (1965-1975);

Elected to the Debate Hall of Fame, University of South Carolina (1977);

Former Editor in Chief, S.C. Law Quarterly (1954);

Elected to Order of Wig and Robe. Legal Scholarship Society (1954);

Former Drama Critic, the State Newspaper, Columbia, South Carolina (1983-1987);

Past President, Congregation Beth Shalom, Columbia, S.C. (Two terms);

Co-Founder and Director, Workshop Theatre of South Carolina (1965-1981);

Co-Founder of Columbia City Ballet Company, Columbia, South Carolina (1962), Board of Directors (1962-1988).

U.S. Air Force Korean Combat Zone (1950-1952).

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARGRET MERGELMAN

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Margret Mergelman, a dedicated leader and 4-H activist from Gunnison, Colorado. For over sixty-four years, Margret has volunteered to better her community, and I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize her service.

Margret earned her elementary education degree in 1943 from Western State College

and that same year married Warren Mergelman, whose family has ranched the Gunnison area for generations. Margret accompanied her husband on the long cattle drives for local area ranchers. After the couple started a family she focused her attention on homemaking skills, especially cooking. When the kids became active in 4-H, she started a cooking club, in addition to sewing, gardening, and square-dancing clubs. She herself was a 4-H leader for ten years. Margret's cooking is legendary and her open-house lunch after the Cattlemen's Days parade has drawn more than one hundred people in the past. Today Margret is still active in the rural community, donating cash gifts to the local 4-H and annually sponsoring the Mergelman Family Award to competitors of the Round Robin Showmanship. She has also been a member of the Eastern Star for sixty-two years.

Mr. Speaker, Margret Mergelman, is a dedicated individual who devotes her free time to aiding members of her Gunnison community and works to preserve Colorado's western style and heritage. Her level of enthusiasm and commitment is commendable and I am honored to stand here before this body and recognize the efforts of such a selfless and benevolent woman. Thanks for all your service Margret, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

#### RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR REBECCA AARONSON

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a constituent in the 6th District of New Jersey. It is with great pleasure that I introduce my friend, the Honorable Rebecca Aaronson, Deputy Mayor of Manalapan, N.J., who is being honored by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

Rebecca Aaronson was born in Laredo, Texas to Mexican parents. Her father was born in Monterrey, Mexico and her mother was born in Mexico City, D.F. She grew up in El Paso, Texas and attended the University of Texas at El Paso for one year. Rebecca met and married Richard Aaronson in 1972. She is the proud mother of two sons, Scott, 27 years old, who recently married Julie, and Glenn, 22 years old, a senior at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut.

Rebecca returned to school and graduated from Brookdale Community College in 1997 with an Associates Degree in Humanities. She volunteered at the Women's Center of Monmouth County (now 180) in the shelter program for victims of domestic violence. She became involved with the community because she always felt that no one has the right to complain if they are not willing to do something about it. She was concerned with the over-development of her town, Manalapan, and felt that the builders, not the Planning Board, were making all of the decisions.

In 2002, she was elected Mayor of Manalapan Township. Presently, she is in her second term and serves as Deputy Mayor. In 2001 she was the Democratic candidate for

Monmouth County Freeholder. Presently she serves as the Vice Chair of Monmouth County Democrats.

She believes that she and her colleagues have made a difference in Manalapan. Her philosophy has always been that we are all obligated to leave our mark somehow and politics has given her the opportunity to do so. She carries that philosophy to her personal life and is always seeking a way of making a difference in people's lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing Deputy Mayor Rebecca Aaronson, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors her for her unfaltering dedication to the Latino community.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO RABBI LEVIN

#### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take the time to recognize Rabbi Moshe Levin, the spiritual leader of Congregation Ner Tamid in the Sunset, San Francisco. Rabbi Levin is being honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for his contributions to worker justice and worker rights.

Rabbi Levin came from San Francisco to San Diego, where he served as the Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth El in La Jolla for 15 years. Two years ago, he was named Rabbi Emeritus of that prestigious congregation, and began commuting to San Francisco to serve the people of Ner Tamid.

Rabbi Levin was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the central pillar of Conservative Judaism in the United States. He served as an Air Force chaplain for the first 2 years of his rabbinical career, and was stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. His pulpit experience spanned 30 years, including 2 years on the Island of Curacao in the Dutch West Indies.

Rabbi Levin was born in Brooklyn, NY, graduated from Brooklyn College and spent 2 years at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, majoring in economics and philosophy, and studying the Bible with the famed Nehama Leibowitz and archeology with Yigal Yadin. At the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Levin was privileged to study with such giants of the last century as Abraham Joshua Heschel and Chancellor Louis Finkelstein.

Over the course of his career, Rabbi Moshe Levin has been active in Zionist causes, social action projects, interfaith activities, as well as furthering the creative continuity of American Jewish life. He is a founding member of the Palestinian-Jewish Dialogue of San Diego, which has been featured in the Christian Science Monitor, and has served on numerous boards, most recently the American Jewish Committee and the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice. In 1992, he was named Civil Libertarian of the Year by the San Diego and Imperial Chapters of the ACLU.

Rabbi Levin's writings include: the Ethical Orgins of Kashrut, Near- Eastern Birthrights and the Eassau Jacob Narrative, Sexuality in Jewish Law and Tradition, and the Rabbinate for the 21st Century. It is a privilege to honor Rabbi Moshe Levin.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANDREW  
GULLIFORD

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Andrew Gulliford, the Director of the Center for Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College in Grand Junction. Andrew has dedicated his life to preserving Western heritage and culture and I am honored to stand here today with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this Nation and recognize his accomplishments.

Andrew grew up in Southwest, Colorado attending high school in the town of Lamar. He earned his bachelor's degree in American history and master's degree in teaching at Colorado College. Andrew applied his new knowledge as a fourth grade teacher in Silt, Colorado where he also taught American History at the Rifle branch of Colorado Mountain College before going on to complete his doctorate in American Culture and history at Bowling Green University in Ohio. After teaching, Andrew served as the Director of the Western New Mexico University Museum where he arranged for several donations of Navajo weavings, Mimbres pottery, Southwest art, and Hispano Folk Art.

Andrew did not abandon teaching completely and returned to be a professor and director of the Public History and Historic Preservation Program at Middle Tennessee State University for 10 years where he directed one of the oldest and largest public history and historic preservation graduate programs in the Nation. In 2001, Andrew was selected by Fort Lewis College to become their Director of the Center for Southwest Studies where his national reputation as a scholar, a public historian and developer and manager of several academic centers have contributed to the shining success of the center in Fort Lewis. Andrew is also an accomplished author and photographer and he is supported by his wife Stephanie Moran, and their two children Tristan and Duncan.

Mr. Speaker, Andrew Gulliford is a dedicated scholar, and it is through his many hours of devotion that we are able to have such a vivid picture of Western history and culture in Colorado and I am honored to recognize his efforts before this body of Congress. Andrew, thanks for all your hard work and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF MARIA ANN  
CRESPO-RODRIGUEZ

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to Mrs. Maria Ann Crespo-Rodriguez, who is being honored by the Latino American Association of Monmouth County, Inc., as they celebrate their Eleventh Annual Awards Banquet.

Maria was born at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch and raised in Red Bank,

NJ, where she attended the Red Bank Public School System, and graduated from Red Bank High School in 1974. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education/Spanish from Monmouth College, and received a Masters degree in ESL from Kean College.

Maria has been teaching in the Long Branch Middle School for the last 26 years. During that time, her energy and enthusiasm have manifested themselves both in and out of the classroom, where she became involved in a number of volunteer agencies and services. She has been a board member of Hispanic Affairs and Resource Center of Monmouth County, spent 5 years as a tutor in Stay Smart University helping children in a pediatric ward, many of whom were terminally ill. She was a member of the Pearl Chaney Memorial Scholarship Fund for 10 years, as well as a member of the Long Branch School District's Puerto Rican Disaster Relief Fund, President of the S.T.P.O. of Elberon School (1997–1998), and a speaker at the National School Board Association in 1997, 2003, and 2004. As the co-founder of the B.B.I.P., which started as the Bilingual/Bicultural Intervention Program, later changed to Basic Belief in All People, she has helped hundreds of students with academic as well as behavioral problems to succeed.

Maria has been awarded Teacher of the Month in the Long Branch Middle School two times, once in 1992 and again in 2003. She was District Teacher of the Month in 2003, and was nominated for the Long Branch Middle School Teacher of the Year.

For her service as co-founder of BBIP and its co-moderator over the last 12 years, she served in the roles of teacher, mentor, friend, counselor and surrogate mother, she earned many justly deserved awards. She received recognition from HARC's youth organization, "Almas Latinos". She is the recipient of the NJ State Department of Education P.R.I.D.E. Model Program Award (BBIP), the PRIDE pin for Programs of Inclusion, and is an Equity Hall of Fame Member, NJ State Department's "Best Practices" award. In 1996, she was recognized as a Hall of Fame Member of the "A+ for Kids" Teachers Network, and presented the award on a television show on WWOR, Channel 9 by Jerry Orbach (Law and Order). She has been recognized for the program by Governor Christine Todd Whitman as well as movie actor, Edward James Olmos, and most recently was featured in an Asbury Park Press "School Scene" article (February 27, 2003) entitled "School program offers students a little nudge."

Maria resides in Tinton Falls with her husband, Carlos, and two children, Roberto and Gabriella.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing, Mrs. Crespo-Rodriguez, as the Latino American Association of Monmouth County honors her for her dedication to the educational advancement of Latinos and her commitment to the Long Branch Public School System.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR  
WILLIE E. MANLEY

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Pastor Willie E. Manley of the Greater Life Baptist Church of San Diego, California as he is honored by the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice for his advocacy for worker rights and worker justice.

He was born in Stephens, Arkansas, and has presided over the Greater Life Baptist Church for over 30 years.

Pastor Manley has contributed to the community by spending several years in the offices of both the City Council and Congressional offices in San Diego. He has ably led the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for several terms. Pastor Manley has served in numerous leadership roles with the Baptist Ministers Union and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. He is a very strong advocate for voter registration and education in his community. On many civic and safety matters, many residents in the San Diego community without fail call on Pastor Manley for answers and solutions.

Pastor Manley was recently honored with the very prestigious Ambassador of Peace Award that is given to an individual that has promoted goodwill among all peoples without respect to one's race, creed, color, religion, or national origin. He has traveled extensively across the United States and around the world promoting spiritual and religious harmony. As part of his worldwide missionary travels, Pastor Manley ministered before large embracing crowds in West and South Africa. Pastor Manley also points to his trip to the Holy Land as the fulfillment of a life-long dream.

A dynamic leader and a willing servant to his community, I am proud to honor Pastor Willie E. Manley and congratulate him for his outstanding work in support of his church, his community, and his country.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TERRI GIRD

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 6, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Terri Gird, a dedicated public servant who has devoted countless hours of her spare time assisting citizens in the Grand Junction community. Recently, Terri was awarded the 2004 Volunteer of the Year Award by the Grand Junction Safehouse for her work with the Grand Junction Police Department Victim's Advocate program and I am honored to stand here today with my colleagues before this body of Congress and this nation and recognize her accomplishments.

Terri has worked with the Grand Junction Police Department Victim's Advocate program since 2001. During her tenure she has volunteered over 2,000 hours to the program and assisted on over two hundred cases. The vast majority of the cases were domestic violence