

Business and Professional Woman of the Year, and to proclaim October 18–22, 2004 National Businesswomen's Week.

Working women now number 62.7 million strong in America's workforce and strive to serve their communities, their states, and their nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities. In particular, I acknowledge the significant contributions of the Business and Professional Women of Buckhannon, West Virginia, to their city, state, and nation.

Women-owned businesses account for over one-third of all firms in the country and employ one in four American workers. Major goals of business and professional women are to promote equality for all women and to help create better conditions for businesswomen through the study of social, educational, economic, and political problems.

All of us are proud of women's leadership in these many endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Valerie Williams as Buckhannon Business and Professional Woman of the Year and in proclaiming October 18–22 National Businesswomen's Week.

IN HONOR OF THE PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Presidio of Monterey and its historic status for our nation, and for the State of California. This month the Sons of the American Revolution will be honoring the Presidios of San Diego, Monterey, Santa Barbara and San Francisco as historical sites for their role in the American Revolution.

Indeed, many of our fellow citizens are unaware of the role of Spain in our founding as a new nation, but it was an important part of the global politics of the time. On June 21, 1779, King Carlos III declared war on England in support of the American colonies, a declaration that affected not only the Iberian Peninsula, but also the Spanish colonies in the New World. Monterey was one such colony.

In order to assist the militias and people of the united colonies, King Carlos requested that all citizens and residents of Alta California donate money to the struggle. These donations, when gathered together by Father Junipero Serra, totaled 2,683 Spanish silver dollars, a sizable amount that no doubt greatly assisted the funding and financing of this new nation. Besides the local assistance provided by the residents of the Presidio and surrounding missions, Spain's contributions to the fight for independence were of vital importance in bringing about the eventual defeat of the British army and the Treaty of Paris.

Mr. Speaker, most of my constituents already know the Presidio of Monterey well, because it is still an operating military base today. While the fact that it is still a major training center for today's military may mask its historical importance overall, it is recognition such as this month's presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution that keep that history alive. I commend them for their work in highlighting this important institution, and thank them for continuing to remind us of how important our national history is to us all.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KEN REYHER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ken Reyher, colorful storyteller, author, and performer from Olathe, Colorado who educates his fellow citizens about the history of the America's beginnings in the West. Ken is an excellent teacher who stimulates his listeners interest in our Nation's history, and it is my privilege in recognizing his service and passion for history before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Ken is an avid historian, and former school-teacher who reenacts the Western lifestyle by hiking the old trapper trails in authentic clothing from the 1830's. He shares his experiences and understanding of Western Colorado in a couple of performances every month, including using his own cowboy poetry and costumes. Additionally, Ken has published several books and magazine articles on the subject. Growing up on a cattle ranch in Southeast Colorado as a kid, Ken has always had a passion for the West and believes that it is important that history is passed on from generation to generation.

Mr. Speaker, Ken Reyher is a man who has developed his passion into a wonderful learning tool for children and adults of all ages that yearn to discover the mysteries of the American West. I am honored to recognize such a dedicated teacher and storyteller before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thanks for your passion and your service to Colorado, Ken, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

VALIANT HEROES

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, as we come together as a nation to celebrate Veteran's Day, I would like to honor two American patriots who are receiving long-overdue medals commemorating their service to our country. The sacrifices that these heroes made to protect our country and defend freedom will never be forgotten.

Mr. David Matthew Bielski, a Vietnam War veteran from Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been awarded with the Silver Star and the Army Commendation Medal. From April 25th to April 26th, 1968, in the A Shau Valley of Vietnam, David gallantly fought enemy soldiers, and located trapped and wounded American troops. During his service, David was wounded three times, which he received the Purple Heart. In addition to these two high honors, David has also been awarded with the Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Miland W. Bills, a World War II veteran from Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been awarded with the POW Medal. During his service to our country, Miland was a POW in Germany from December 31, 1943 to May 3, 1945. In addition to the POW Medal, Miland has also received the Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal,

American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, World War II Victory Medal, and the Honorable Service Lapel Button, WWII.

The sacrifices that these two individuals gave to our country are immeasurable—they both answered their country's call to serve with great honor. I wish I could have been present to celebrate these awards with both Mr. Bielski and Mr. Bills. However, on behalf of the Sixth District of Michigan, I would like to extend my greatest wishes and tribute to these valiant heroes.

COMMEMORATING JUDGE WILLIAM M. MARUTANI

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of the Honorable William M. Marutani, who recently passed away at the age of 81. He will be fondly remembered for his contributions to civil rights and social justice issues, and for his tenure as a distinguished Judge. I am honored to stand before Congress to recognize his significant accomplishments.

During World War II, Judge Marutani and his family were among the numerous U.S. civilians of Japanese descent who were wrongfully forced into internment camps in 1942. Following his incarceration, he and his two younger brothers served on the U.S. Military Intelligence Service.

In the landmark case *Loving vs. Virginia* (1967), Judge Marutani became the first Japanese American to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court. Representing the Japanese American Citizens League as an amicus curiae petitioner, Judge Marutani urged the reversal of the anti-miscegenation laws in 17 states. As a result of *Loving vs. Virginia*, the 17 states were forced to reverse their laws, and interracial marriages became legal.

Judge Marutani was a practicing attorney in Philadelphia until his appointment as a Judge on the Common Court of Pleas. He was appointed by Governor Milton J. Shapp of Pennsylvania in 1975, and was elected for a full ten year term in 1977. He served as the first Pennsylvania Judge of Asian American descent.

In 1981, Judge Marutani served as a Presidential appointee and sole Japanese American commissioner on the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The Commission's recommendation prompted Congress to pass the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which issued a formal apology as well as symbolic payments to surviving individuals incarcerated during the war. In this victory and throughout his career, Judge Marutani was instrumental in fighting for the civil rights of Japanese Americans.

Earlier this year, the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley commissioned a portrait of Judge Marutani, which is displayed in Philadelphia's City Hall. This honor was conferred for his dedication to the Asian American legal community, ensuring that its voice was heard and well-represented.

Judge Marutani's passion for human rights and the advancement of social equality in our

nation will not be forgotten. As a proud advocate of civil rights, he serves as a role model to the local and national communities on whose behalf he selflessly served. I am honored to pay tribute to his distinguished life of dedication, kindness, generosity, and wisdom.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Judge Marutani's family and friends. Please join me in honoring Judge William Marutani, a truly exceptional individual who dedicated his life to the service of others.

FULL CIRCLE: TURNING LIVES AROUND

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the work of the Full Circle Life Enrichment Center (FCLEC) located in the Bronx, New York.

Founded in 1999 by Derek Suite, MD, the FCLEC serves as a non-profit faith-based community mental health education and training center. The center is dedicated to destigmatizing attitudes towards mental health problems, increasing access to mental healthcare and helping to empower families that deal with life's challenges. Problems such as depression, anxiety, unemployment, domestic violence, trauma, marital conflict, drug use, HIV/AIDS, asthma, diabetes, racial disparities, homelessness, and unemployment have become steadily more pressing over the past decade. This organization has contributed valuable resources to the Bronx community and has set an exceptional example of service.

Full Circle has again and again demonstrated its commitment to compassion by offering over 50 workshops in 2003 that addressed some of the most troubling trends in urban communities such as the rise in depression, domestic violence, marital conflict, drug use, HIV/AIDS, asthma, heart diseases, diabetes, racial disparities, homelessness, and unemployment. These seminars bring together leading urban health care experts and educators who share a strong belief in a spiritually-sensitive approach to tackling the most pervasive of inner-city concerns.

Full Circle has positively affected over 10,000 lives, and its impact has spread hope in people's lives. Once again, let us as a body commend the efforts of Full Circle and acknowledge publicly the contribution of this organization.

TRIBUTE TO COACH WILLIE JEFFRIES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazer, an athletic legend and a dear friend—Coach Willie Jeffries. Coach Jeffries has dedicated much of his extraordinary career to my alma mater, South Carolina State University in Orangeburg,

South Carolina. But his impact has been felt far beyond that campus.

Coach Jeffries is a man of humble beginnings. He was born in Union, South Carolina. His widowed mother raised him in a two-room house in this segregated Southern town. Earning money by working various jobs at the local white-only country club, he got to see how the other side lived.

He graduated from South Carolina State University with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a Master's degree in guidance and counseling. Having played football and baseball for the historically black college, Coach Jeffries secured coaching jobs at segregated high schools in Lancaster and Gaffney, South Carolina. After compiling a six-year 65–7–2 record with three consecutive state AAA championships, North Carolina A&T came calling with an assistant coach's job, which started Coach Jeffries in college coaching. He was next lured to Pittsburgh as an assistant coach. There he tasted coaching against big-time college football schools such as Florida State, UCLA and West Virginia.

But when his alma mater sought him out, the 36-year-old Coach Jeffries jumped at the chance to come home and lead his beloved Bulldogs. In six seasons as his alma mater's head coach, he compiled a 50–13–4 record and became a hot prospect for other head coaching positions. It was an offer from Wichita State in Kansas that enticed Coach Jeffries to leave S.C. State. It was historic. Coach Jeffries became the first African American to serve as the head football coach of a predominantly white university. At Wichita State, he led a team that had lost 14 of its last 15 seasons to an 8–3 season after four years of rebuilding. After five years, he left the program, which later folded, and became the head coach for Howard University, where he spent another five years.

In 1989, another tug from S.C. State brought Coach Jeffries back to the place where his love of football began. He coached another 13 years, before retiring following the 2001 season to become the Director of Athletic Fund Raising for the Bulldogs. During his 29-year coaching career, Coach Jeffries amassed a 179–132–6 record. This tremendous record included six Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships, two national titles, several post-season appearances, and numerous coaching awards. He holds the title for the most wins of any S.C. State coach and the most MEAC victories.

Coach Jeffries has been inducted into the South Carolina State University Athletic Hall of Fame, the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame and the MEAC Hall of Fame. He has been honored with South Carolina's Order of the Silver Crescent, the state's highest award for community service. He has received the Black Coaches' Association with a lifetime achievement award and is enshrined in the Palmetto State's Black Hall of Fame. Since 2002, he has served on the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Coach Willie Jeffries for his extraordinary contributions and courage. His is a legendary football coach that has touched many lives on and off the playing field. He is an inspiration to young people who aspire to rise above their current circumstances and even break barriers. This humble man from humble beginnings is a role

model, a resilient leader, and a renowned motivator. In short, Coach Willie Jeffries is a national treasure.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD HONORING THE MEMORY OF DOLORES "DELL" A. RAUDELUNAS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to honor the memory and legacy of Dell Raudelunas, former Chief Executive Officer for the United Way of Union County.

When Dell passed away on October 12, 2004, she left behind a lifetime of achievements to her family, community and the United Way. As a pioneer in leadership for social services, Dell exhibited great courage and served as a role model for many women and United Way professionals. She was a true leader who has been described as being dynamic, professional, insightful and determined.

In addition to her role as CEO for the United Way of Union County, she helped to launch United Way organizations in Hunterdon and Sussex Counties. She served on the United Way's National Task Force for Development of Women and the National Professional Advisory Council. In their first Annual Tribute to Women, the Boy Scouts honored her for being an exemplary role model. As an advocate for education, she served as a member of the Union County College Board of Governors where she chaired the nominating and auditing committees.

As Dell is remembered during a Memorial Service on October 23, 2004, many will recall her caring of others and the impact she made in the community. Her vision for the social and economic development of Union County led to her being a founding member and chairperson of the Union County Alliance. Dell also served on other Councils and Boards where her membership was valued.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in letting Dolores "Dell" A. Raudelunas' family, friends and associates know that her memory will always be honored and cherished.

TRIBUTE TO MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Maranatha Fellowship Church in Saint Albans, West Virginia, and their celebration of twenty-eight (28) years of service to the Kanawha Valley and surrounding area.

On October 13, 1976, Pastor James R. Wright, Jr. held a service in the living room of a home in Dunbar, West Virginia. Twenty-eight (28) years later, Maranatha and Rev. Wright minister to a loving, caring congregation of over 3,000 people from every walk of life.

In particular, I acknowledge Dr. James R. Wright, Jr., Pastor of Maranatha Fellowship