

However, Tony's truest love remained his lovely wife, Barbara, with whom he enjoyed traveling to secondary homes in Kauai and Indian Wells. He is also survived by his daughter, Gina Goldberg; sons Robert and Michael; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, today, I join with Tony Musolino's family, friends, and community to commemorate his life of hard work, good citizenship, and family commitment. May he rest in peace.

CONGRATULATING DR. RONALD M. BENSON

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Dr. Ronald M. Benson as he ends his term as chairman of the Board of Professional Standards of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Benson received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School. He also graduated from the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute and is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in both general and child psychiatry. After completing his residency and fellowship, Dr. Benson served as chief of Child Psychiatry and Outpatient Services and Mental Health Clinic at Sheppard Air Force Base, where he received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal. Dr. Benson also held several teaching positions at institutions, including the University of Michigan, Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute, and Wayne State University. He published both his own book and videotapes, and wrote chapters in many other books, as well as articles in numerous distinguished scientific journals.

Dr. Benson contributes immeasurably to his southeast Michigan community. He served as a consultant to programs such as the Boys' Training School, the Child Psychoanalytic Study Program at the University of Michigan, the Detroit Psychiatric Institute, and the State of Michigan Bureau of Health Services. In addition, Dr. Benson served on several committees within the International Psychoanalytic Association, American Psychoanalytic Association, and the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute. Dr. Benson continues to contribute to his field and community through his private practice, which he has run since 1970, and active participation in both the International and the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institutes.

Dr. Benson is a highly esteemed doctor in the field of psychiatry. He deserves great recognition for his dedicated service to his community and his country. Southeast Michigan should be proud to have Dr. Benson as a member of our community. I hope Dr. Benson and his family will be both happy and prosperous in the years to come.

NAMPA AND MERIDIAN
IRRIGATION DISTRICT

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, we in Idaho place a high value on our water, and we understand the critical role that water delivery has played in making the arid West bloom. With that in mind, I am honored to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District on the occasion of its centennial, marking 100 years of service to the Treasure Valley on March 9, 2004.

The Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District is the largest entity of its kind in the Treasure Valley, delivering irrigation water to 64,000 acres of farmland and providing water to pressurized urban irrigation systems serving more than 9,500 parcels of land, including residential lots, parks, and commercial areas. The district supplied 177,000 acre feet of water to water users in its system in 2003. Economists estimate the water brought a direct agricultural economic return to the Treasure Valley of approximately \$10 million.

On this historic occasion, it is important to pay tribute to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District and the people responsible for its maintenance and operations for their countless contributions to water users. But I also want to express my gratitude to the district for the cultural, social, and economic contributions it makes to the broader community, to the Treasure Valley, and all of Idaho.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
ROSE MERRY MYERS DARDEN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Rose Merry Myers Darden, who died on February 20, 2004. Ms. Darden was a lifelong community activist and defender of less fortunate citizens. She was married to William (Boone) Darden, former police chief of Riviera Beach, Florida. Her husband, the first black man to become police chief of a major Florida city, preceded her in death.

After her husband's passing, Rose threw herself entirely into community work. A caring and compassionate individual, she sold her jewelry and her automobile to raise the necessary funds to open St. Matthew's House, a shelter for homeless veterans. It later became St. Matthew's Safe House for Women, where many former drug abusers sought refuge and respite from their troubles while they worked to turn their lives around.

A person of principle, Rose Darden gave up an opportunity to receive a \$250,000 federal grant for expansion of St. Matthew's because she felt the guidelines would restrict her efforts to assist the women. She commented at the time, "If we can't do the job the way it should be done. . . . I don't feel we should take the money." I agree wholeheartedly with her sentiment.

I always had the greatest respect for Ms. Darden and her late husband. Her passing

leaves us all poorer, and I challenge everyone who knew and loved her and the many whose lives she touched to continue the wonderful work she did.

I offer my sincerest condolences to her family. We can all take comfort in knowing that her spirit will guide us always.

HONORING ROBERT ANGELL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Robert Angell, who has received the 2003 Volunteer of the Year award for exemplary volunteer service with the Friends of The Sunshine Place. He will be awarded at a reception on April 22nd in Modesto, California.

Mr. Angell is involved in numerous volunteer activities. His most recent activities include facilitating a Dual Diagnosis group, which helps people with substance abuse problems and mental illness. Robert is also a member of the Mental Health Board and the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Quality Improvement Committee. Amongst his volunteer accomplishments, Mr. Angell has returned to college with the goal of working in the mental health field so that he can continue to assist others.

The Sunshine Place is a socialization/recreational drop-in center that is run under the patronage of the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. They offer recreational opportunities for a variety of populations, ranging from chronic mentally ill adults and the physically disabled, to the homeless in their community. They operate with a minimal staff and depend on volunteers for all of their day-to-day functions. The Volunteer of the Year is selected by the people who donate their time to The Sunshine Place, and this year Robert's peers selected him for this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert Angell, The Sunshine Place's 2003 Volunteer of the Year honoree. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Robert many years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING VAN
APPLEGATE

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Van Applegate, a senior at Jefferson County High School in my district. Van, this week, will become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting.

The Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, which I proudly represent, is home to a great deal of history. Van restored and rededicated the gravesite of Private Luke Quinn, who was killed during John Brown's raid of 1859. Brown's raid was a significant event in our Nation's history, and in the history of eastern West Virginia. Van is to be congratulated for his hard work in restoring this piece of Civil War-era history.

Van cleaned the gravestone and installed a Marine Corps flag as part of his project. He then staged a reenactment of Quinn's funeral, drawing nearly 100 residents to take part in the educational event.

In addition to scouting, Van is editor of his school newspaper, sports editor of the yearbook, executive producer of the student-run television station, and vice-president of the Jefferson County High Student Government Association.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Van Aplegate for his commitment to historical preservation in West Virginia and congratulate him on becoming an Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY OF HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of the American Legion Family of Hudson post #48 in New Hampshire. The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion successfully hosted their Sixth Annual Halloween Haunted House to raise money for the community and to collect non-perishable items for local food baskets. Numerous volunteers bonded together over the course of 800 hours in efforts to successfully horrify all of the 787 "victims" who turned out for the event. Those who dared to enter were also able to munch on snacks and sample a taste of the witch's brew.

Proceeds for the Haunted House exceeded \$1,500 and will go directly back into the community for a variety of programs, ranging from scholarships for local students to cleaning area highways. They were also able to collect over 200 non-perishable items that will be distributed in food baskets for those less fortunate. Although the evening was cloaked in fright and horror, the kindness and thoughtfulness of a caring community shone through.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Hudson American Legion Family. Their dedication and devotion to helping their community is an example we can all be proud of.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR H.R. 3213, THE COMMISSION ON THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND REVIEW OF FEDERAL AGENCIES

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 3213, the Commission on the Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies (CARFA) Act.

The use of hard-earned taxpayer dollars on duplicative, inefficient, and failed federal agencies and programs is a serious problem facing our Nation today. Over and over, we see programs that are authorized by Congress become institutionalized; and then, though no longer necessary, they become a permanent

fixture receiving more tax dollars year after year. If we could cut out unnecessary programs, we would make a strong statement that we are serious about controlling government spending.

On October 1, 2003, Congressman TODD TIAHRT introduced the Commission on the Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies Act. This legislation would establish a presidentially-appointed commission to review domestic agencies and programs, making recommendations for the elimination of unnecessary programs. Congress would subsequently take an up-or-down vote on these recommendations.

As a strong supporter of eliminating wasteful spending, today I rise to add my support to this proposal by cosponsoring this important legislation. If enacted, the Act will help to ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability in the federal government. While Congress should always be dedicated to ensuring the maximum benefit of every tax dollar that comes to Washington, now more than ever Congress must take steps to assure taxpayers that their hard-earned money is being well spent.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting passage of the Commission on the Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies Act.

RECOGNIZING FRANK DEL OLMO

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following on behalf of myself, Ms. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. DENNIS CARDOZA, Ms. GRACE NAPOLITANO, and Ms. LINDA SÁNCHEZ. We stand to recognize the life of Mr. Frank del Olmo, a hero in the Latino community who recently passed away. He was not only a leader for Latinos in the State of California, but also an exceptional human being who exemplified the best in American journalism.

Mr. Del Olmo was an Associate Editor and columnist for the Los Angeles Times. An award-winning and nationally recognized writer, he wrote passionately about Latino issues in California for almost 34 years. More than an Editor and columnist, he was a politically driven activist whose powerful penmanship made him an innovative voice for Latinos, immigrants, and the less fortunate. He paved the way for other journalists and was highly revered by his colleagues for his pioneering work on the Latino community and the City of Los Angeles.

Representing a city with a large but much ignored Latino population, Mr. Del Olmo gained recognition for educating readers throughout the nation about issues affecting Latinos. He was honored with the Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious Public Service in 1984 for the L.A. Times series "Southern California's Latino Community." He was a Nieman fellow at Harvard University in 1987 and was inducted into the National Association of Hispanic Journalists' Hall of Fame in 2002. In 1972, he was a founding member of the California Chicano News Media Association. And in 1975, he won an Emmy Award for writing

The Unwanted, a documentary on illegal immigration.

Del Olmo was a bitter opponent of Proposition 187, a controversial California initiative in 1994, which denied basic government benefits to undocumented immigrants. Introduced by then Governor Pete Wilson and widely regarded as a discriminatory initiative, Mr. Del Olmo wrote a strong editorial piece, denouncing Governor Wilson and calling Proposition 187 "the mean-spirited and unconstitutional ballot initiative that would deprive 'apparent illegal aliens' of public health services and immigrant children of public education." He also helped correct injustices in Los Angeles County by uncovering corruption in municipal governments and touched the lives of countless families through his heart-felt columns on his son's battle with autism.

Born in Los Angeles in 1948 and a graduate of California State University, Northridge, Mr. Del Olmo suffered a heart attack and died on February 19, 2004. His wife, Magdalena, a daughter, Valentina, and his son Frankie survive him.

He will always be remembered for both his powerful voice and creative ability in depicting the best and, at times, the worst in today's society. Frank del Olmo will forever live in the hearts of L.A. Times readers, will forever be a hero in the Latino community, and will forever be a role model for future Latino leaders. We will miss Frank dearly and may he rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO MS. PATRICIA E. CLARK

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a constituent of mine, Ms. Patricia E. Clark, and commend her on her diligent and faithful 50-year-long service to the Federal Government.

Ms. Clark began her government career with the Department of the Navy, Washington, DC, in April 1954. Nine years later, in April 1963, she transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration and started work at the Boston Air Traffic Control Center, located in Nashua, New Hampshire, on the day it opened. She has worked at Boston Center continuously since that time. Currently she is the lead Aviation Assistant and works directly for the Air Traffic Manager.

Her outstanding work ethic and dedication to the FAA has earned Patty awards from the FAA Administrator, the Director of Air Traffic, and the Regional Air Traffic Division Manager. For the past 41 years, Patricia Clark has been an integral member of the Boston Center team.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Patricia E. Clark for her devoted service. Her dedication and commitment continues to provide safe and efficient air traffic service to the United States.