

from the U.S. Navy. He has served his country with honor, enthusiasm and great concern. I wish him all the best in the future.

HONORING UNITED CEREBRAL
PALSY OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
50TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE
FANSLER FOUNDATION 20TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Central California in celebrating 50 years of compassionate care and for honoring the Fansler Foundation's 20th Anniversary as well. In recognition of these milestone events, UCP of Central California will be hosting a Starlight Fantasy Ball on Saturday, March 27th in Fresno, California.

UCP of Central California is a non-profit, voluntary health agency that was incorporated in 1954 and is affiliated with state and national UCP Associations. The mission of UCP is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of persons with disabilities. UCP of Central California serves seven counties in the San Joaquin Valley including Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare; serving over 500 children, adults, and family members everyday. The core purposes of UCP are to advocate on the behalf of children and adults with cerebral palsy, autism, mental retardation, Down Syndrome, head trauma, and muscular dystrophy. They seek to create local, as well as national, awareness of programs and services available to children and adults with disabilities while raising revenue to support program services they provide.

UCP of Central California is honoring the Fansler Foundation for its support of the community. The Fansler Foundation is a non-profit foundation established in 1984, by David (Paul) Fansler, Sr. Paul's primary vision was to assist developmentally challenged youth and aid other qualified charities working with children who do not have the opportunity or support to get ahead. The dream was to help provide for these charities in the Fresno County Area; the Fansler Foundation has supported such groups as the American Lung Association, the Marjoree Mason Center, Break the Barriers, and UCP of Central California to name a few. The Fansler Foundation has given over six million dollars of support to numerous organizations over the last 10 years alone. Since Paul's death, Marlene Fansler continues the dream that Paul began 20 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I commend United Cerebral Palsy of Central California and the Fansler Foundation for their continued dedication to those who have disabilities. I urge my colleagues to join me in praising them for their years of establishment and hard work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNA
SAUGER

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my heartiest congratulations to Anna Sauger, a beloved mother, wife, and citizen who was born a century ago on April 4, 1904.

Born in a coal mining town in Portage, PA, Anna often speaks of the hard life for the family of eight boys and three girls. The family kept two cows for milk, two pigs and some chickens for fresh eggs.

Her father, brothers and other coal miners fought for an 8-hour workday, better safety in the mines, and ultimately formed a Union, only to face a lockout in this company town, and were forced to leave their homes.

Ultimately, the company settled; Anna continued her education in a one-room school house and married John Sauger, a young miner. They lived in a small house in an area known as "Whiskey Row" until they moved to Detroit in 1925, where she raised a family of six boys and three girls.

During WWII, Anna was one of many working women who helped build the arsenal of democracy. She worked at the old Packard plant helping build Packard-Merlin engines used in the P-51 Mustangs. Her other jobs included factory work at Bundy Tubing and Glo-Tone cleaners.

Then tragedy struck and Anna lost John, her partner and best friend, in 1971. John was also her means of transportation, taking her from place to place. At the young age of 70 years old, Anna secretly took driver's training and got her driver's license. She became the proud owner of a driver's license and a green Dodge Scamp.

Last year, when Anna was honored with a visit to her home by Governor Jennifer Granholm, she presented her with a hand-made pillow and blanket, made on her 1956 Pfaff sewing machine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding and honoring Anna Sauger on the wonderful occasion of her 100th birthday. I am pleased to join her many friends and family in paying tribute to a new centurion and a life that represents so very well the challenges and opportunities of our great country.

IN HONOR OF SIAS INTER-
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY,
ZHENGZHOU, CHINA

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the Sias International University of Zhengzhou, China, on the occasion of its fifth anniversary. Founded in 1998 by Dr. Shawn Chen, the Sias International University has been recognized as the first American-owned university in China.

Sias International University has a mission to educate professionals and help them gain an in-depth understanding of international business theory and practice. Its unique blend

of Western and Eastern culture creates a truly international learning environment to better prepare its students for today's global market. This dual-culture educational environment also fosters greater understanding between the United States and China.

One of the fastest growing universities in China, Sias International University has a student population now exceeding 7,000 and offers over 30 different majors, including business, engineering, art, sciences, languages, and liberal studies. Its unique partnership with Fort Hays State University in Kansas enables Sias International University to offer dual degree programs in many majors. Through Fort Hays State University's virtual campus and on-line courses Chinese students learn first hand about American educational values.

Dr. Chen's vision of international cooperation through academia has established Sias International University as a model for future education in China. As we speak, the partnership between Sias International University and Fort Hays State University is educating future leaders in government and industry from both the United States and China, all the while strengthening ties between our two nations.

The establishment of an institution like Sias International University could not be timelier. At a time when countries are threatened by terrorism and the national reflex worldwide is to close borders, we must remember that our economies, our people, and thus our nations are intertwined in this world. We must continue to resist reactions of fear and isolation and work instead towards forging relations with our international neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, as students, faculty, board members, university leaders, and the community gather to celebrate the accomplishments of Sias International University on the occasion of its fifth anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations and best wishes for continued growth and prosperity to this thriving institution.

IN HONOR OF LEEANN O'TOOLE'S
DEDICATION TO THE BURBANK
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate LeeAnn O'Toole for 34 years of dedicated service to the Burbank Unified School District.

LeeAnn began her employment with BUSD on June 1, 1970, in the Division of Special Services as Secretary to the Senior Psychologist and Supervisor of Individual Guidance. At that time, this office was a combination of what we now know as the Special Education and Pupil Services departments. After a few months, she was transferred to Instructional Services, and served as Secretary to the Curriculum Coordinators and the Supervisor of Music. She worked there until April 1973, when she took maternity leave. Subsequently, she decided to resign her position to become a full-time stay at home mother.

LeeAnn returned to the District part-time in May 1979 at McKinley Elementary School as a health assistant. In September 1980, she transferred to Jordan (Junior High School

then) as a full time Counseling assistant. In April of 1982, she transferred to the Division of Instruction as a full-time Secretary to the Elementary Curriculum Coordinator. In May of 1984, LeeAnn moved to the Superintendent's Office as a Secretary. She left briefly in 1989 to take a position as Secretary to the Superintendent in the La Canada Unified School District where she was quickly promoted to Director of Administrative Services. The following year, she decided personnel work was not her true calling. Upon the retirement of the Secretary to the Superintendent in Burbank in 1991, she was rehired to fill that position where she has served ever since. Over the years, the job title has changed. She is now known as the Assistant to the Superintendent.

LeeAnn is a shining role model and irreplaceable BUSD employee. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating LeeAnn O'Toole for a truly exemplary professional and public service career, and for her immense commitment to the city of Burbank and its residents.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL S. CHAN

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Daniel S. Chan. On March 22, 2004, the city of Sacramento and northern California lost one of its most respected and honorable business leaders when Daniel S. Chan passed away. As his friends and family gather to remember Daniel's remarkable life and many outstanding contributions to his friends, family, and community, I ask all my colleagues to join with me in saluting this exceptional citizen and my dear family friend, Daniel S. Chan.

A native of Sacramento, Dan was born on June 9, 1915. Dan was a graduate of Sacramento High School, Class of 1933. During the same year, Dan's father, Chan Tai Oy, who immigrated from Canton, China to Sacramento in the early 1900s, started a new business venture; General Produce Company. At the age of 18, Daniel would join his father and two brothers, Tom and Eddie, and cousin, Davis Sun, and embark on what will be an illustrious six-decade long career with General Produce Company.

As an owner, Dan was chief buyer and salesman for General Produce Company. Dan's dedication to the company and his work ethic were legendary. Dan worked seven days a week for over 60 years. Through Dan's outstanding business acumen and hard work, and his collaboration with his brothers Thomas and Eddie, General Produce Company would become one of Northern California's largest wholesale produce distributors. In addition to General Produce Company, Dan and his brothers also started one of the first department stores in Sacramento in the late 1950s and he also became involved in real estate, developing commercial and residential properties in the South Land Park Area in the 1950s and 1960s.

I came to know Dan and his family through my father's, Yasuji, employment with General Produce Company, where he was a top salesman. Dan and my father would have lunch together everyday. Dan was an owner who truly

cared about the best interests and well being of his employees. Over time, our families became very close. Dan and his wife Kitty, head of a loving family that included children; Deborah, Terrie, and Daniel. I have always had the utmost respect for the kindness and decency of the Chan family.

In addition to possessing great knowledge in buying and selling virtually every commodity General Produce Company handled, Dan was also a man of many other interests. An avid baseball player in his younger days, Dan was a big baseball fan who regularly attended San Francisco Giants baseball games: A voracious reader, Dan would read four newspapers on a daily basis. Dan was also a man who enjoyed building things. Dan used his precious free time to build his children a tree house and decorative garden accessories for the enjoyment of his friends and family. After his retirement in the mid-1990s, Dan took up fishing and enjoyed golfing well into his later years. Dan and his wife, Kitty, traveled to many places, both domestic and overseas.

Dan was preceded in death by his wife Kathleen "Kitty" Chan and siblings, Thomas, Eddie, and Marjorie. He is survived by his children; Deborah Chan of Hong Kong, Terrie Chan of Orinda and Daniel Chan of Sacramento. Dan was the loving grandfather of Ian Lee, Taylor Lee, Tyler Chan and Collin Chan.

Mr. Speaker, as Dan Chan's family and friends gather to pay tribute to his wonderful life, I am honored to express my respect and gratitude to one of Sacramento's finest citizens. It was truly a privilege for my family to count Dan Chan as our dear friend. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Dan Chan's remarkable life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during rollcall votes 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, and 117. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 96, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115, and 117. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 97, 107, 113, 114, and 116.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3550) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

Mr. BACA. Mr. Chairman, I reluctantly support this transportation reauthorization.

While this bill includes important projects for my district, it does not adequately fund our nation's transportation priorities.

A population boom in the Inland Empire has created a desperate need for federal funding.

Commuters and emergency vehicles must be able to access our highways safely and efficiently.

In name of homeland security and economic vitality we, in the Inland Empire, must improve our infrastructure.

The average commute time in our district is 30 minutes to an hour. This is outrageous for an exurb community.

Last year my district grew by approximately 60,000 people.

Sixth in the nation for population growth.

These are thousands of Californians that deserve better investments in transportation infrastructure to correspond with the population growth.

I am not happy that this legislation will further condemn Californians to subsidize the transportation spending of other states.

I am not happy that this administration believes that deficit spending for millionaire tax cuts is necessary, but federal spending for job-creating transportation improvements is wasteful.

By limiting funds well below the Senate highway bill, Republicans are missing a prime opportunity to begin job creation and recover some of 3 million private-sector jobs lost under the Bush Administration.

That is why I will enthusiastically support the Davis amendment. This alternative increases the funding in the bill to the Senate-passed level of \$318 billion.

This would create about 1.8 million more jobs than the House GOP leadership bill without adding to the deficit.

This Democratic amendment would create about 1.8 million more jobs and \$235 billion more economic activity than the House GOP leadership bill without adding to the deficit.

The increase for highway and public transit over the House bill is fully paid for by cracking down on abusive corporate tax shelters and companies that move off-shore to avoid paying U.S. taxes.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed a \$318 billion compromise measure by a vote of 76 to 21 on February 12.

Mr. Chairman, that is why I reluctantly support the reauthorization, but ask my colleagues to please enthusiastically support the Davis amendment to create jobs, fix our roads, and invest in the future.

COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with other women Members of Congress to honor the contributions and landmark efforts of women. As we look back on March, Women's History Month remains an important time to reflect on and commend women for their lifelong efforts to our country. Women have been the cornerstone of this country, so it is difficult for me to honor just one today, but after thought and reflection, I've decided to honor the life's work of a mentor and long time role model of mine, Ms. Betty Shabazz.