

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN TO UNITED STATES AND BENEFITS OF WORKING TOGETHER WITH INDIA

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 352, I strongly support this resolution which honors the contributions of people of Indian origin to the United States and declares that Congress is committed to working together with India to promote peace, prosperity, and freedom among all countries.

As the largest democracy in the world, India has shown a genuine commitment to improving its economic ties to the United States, and the U.S. and India have formally committed to work together to build peace and security in South Asia, increase bilateral trade and investment, meet global environmental challenges, fight disease, and eradicate poverty.

There is no doubt that the close relationship between the U.S. and India is crucial to world stability and to the economic futures of both countries. India's long-term economic potential is tremendous, and the U.S. is already its largest trading and investment partner.

I am hopeful that we will foster an even closer relationship in the coming years by working together to tackle new and existing challenges.

CELEBRATING GIRLS INCORPORATED OF THE ISLAND CITY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th Anniversary of Girls Incorporated of the Island City in Alameda, California. Girls, Inc. of the Island City held a successful 5th Annual Celebration of Excellence luncheon on May 1, 2004, in conjunction with their milestone anniversary.

Forty years ago, a group of Alameda citizens established a program for girls which was incorporated as Alameda Girl's Club, Inc. Kaye van Valkenberg, served as its first Board President (1964–1967) and together with other local civic leaders inspired what is now called Girls Inc. of the Island City. Over 300 girls currently participate in Girls Inc. of the Island City programs.

The mission of the organization is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold through innovative programs, activities, and advocacy. The goal of its Activity Centers is to provide quality services to children and families, to encourage and support children's growth, and assist families to meet economic needs and family goals.

Girls Inc. of the Island City is a local member organization of the national Girls Inc. organization offering programs focused on helping girls of all races, ethnicity, economic and social backgrounds avoid violence, drug addiction, and teen pregnancy; teaching girls literacy in economics and the media; and en-

couraging girls to pursue careers in math, science and technology, and become community leaders.

Six program areas—careers, and life planning; health and sexuality, leadership and community action, sports and adventure; self-reliance and life skills; and culture and heritage are the foundation of Girls, Inc. of the Island City.

Girls, Inc. of Island City continues to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold and to have confidence and be safe in the world. I applaud its forty years of exemplary service and join the city of Alameda in appreciation for this organization's efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of girls.

REMEMBERING BILLIE ERLINE THORNTON

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor a dedicated and successful woman from Van Alstyne, Texas—Billie Erline Thornton, who passed away on March 17, 2004.

Billie was a successful businesswoman. After graduating from Anna High School and attending Draughn's Business College, she worked for the First National Bank in Dallas and the First National Bank in Anna. She finished her career as the manager of the Hurricane Creek Country Club, where she worked for nineteen years.

While she was a dedicated businesswoman, she was also a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was married to her husband, Bob Thornton, for fifty-eight years and she helped raise their three daughters. She is survived by her husband, her daughters and their husbands, Sheryl and Walt Priest of North Little Rock, Arkansas, Brenda and Wayne Baggett of Friendswood, Texas, and Linda and David Wood of Van Alstyne, Texas. She was also the proud grandmother of Brian Priest and his wife Amanda, Stewart Priest, Emily Baggett and her husband James, Trevor Wood, and Tyler Wood. She also had one great-grandchild, Gabriella Hess. Her son, Bryan Norwood Thornton, preceded her in death, as did her parents, Bernie Reed and Effie Smith Bryan, one sister, Jimmie Wolfenson, and one brother, Richard Bryan.

Billie's warm smile and good heart will be missed throughout the community of Van Alstyne. On behalf of her family and friends, I want to take this opportunity in the House of Representatives to pay our last respects to this beloved woman—Billie Erline Thornton.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF LEMUEL M. PROCTOR, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY, 2004

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a man who has dem-

onstrated that one person can make a difference in the lives of millions of people. If you are proud of the Metrorail system, you can thank Lemuel M. Proctor, who is the Chief Operating Officer for Rail Service at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Today, I honor the almost-thirty years of service that Mr. Proctor has given to millions of citizens of Maryland and the Washington region.

A lifelong resident of Mitchellville, Mr. Proctor received his education and training in Prince George's County schools and the U.S. Air Force. From his modest beginnings as an electrical mechanic in 1974, Mr. Proctor steadily rose through the ranks to become one of the highest-ranking African-American executives at WMATA.

Mr. Proctor's credibility with rank and file employees has been critical to his success, particularly on September 11, 2001. On that day, Mr. Proctor had just overseen a busy morning rush hour, and many operators were returning to their home bases. After the morning's terrorist attacks, Mr. Proctor's task was to convince railcar operators to turn their trains around and transport passengers home safely. Mr. Proctor ensured that his employees had protective gear and sent them out to the system, where they performed their duties without hesitation. On that day, Metrorail transported passengers into and out of the region on back-to-back rush hours without incident.

With his energy and intelligence, Lem Proctor could have been a success in any line of work he desired. With the world at his feet, Mr. Proctor chose to make public service his vocation, and for that, we should all be grateful. I wish him the very best in his new endeavors.

IN HONOR OF CUYAHOGA SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Cuyahoga Special Education Service Center (CSESC), as they enter into their thirtieth year of services and support focused on thousands of children with special needs and their families residing throughout Cuyahoga County. The staff of CSESC has provided priceless educational tools to enhance learning and discovery for countless children—enhancing their hopes and creating new dreams.

CSESC offers a variety of programs and services to more than 23,000 children and youth with disabilities throughout Cuyahoga County. The mission of CSESC is to provide outstanding educational opportunities for all children with disabilities aged 3–21, to elevate the academic achievement of these children, and to ultimately dissolve the divide that separates these special children from the mainstream. Moreover, this vital support serves to enrich every facet within the life of a child who faces these challenges on a daily basis.

From birth through adulthood CSESC offers comprehensive programs focused on the individual needs of every child and her family. Some of the main services provided by the

compassionate professionals at CSESC include instruction in Assistive Technology, Early Childhood Services, Vocational Services, Professional Development, Family Services and Consultation/Assessment Services.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Cuyahoga Special Education Service Center. This exemplary organization has uplifted the lives of thousands of children—from toddlers to young adults, who reflect courage, grace, brilliance and tenacity despite their personal challenges. The level of commitment from the staff at CSESC is equaled only to that of these children and their families—a commitment to hope, to dream, to believe, to achieve—to make a positive difference within our corner of the world and beyond.

A VISION FOR GENERATIONS

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to three generations of the Abelson/Lasker families and Dr. Emil and Mrs. Erika Jacoby. All of these remarkable people will be honored at a special Adat Ari El dinner on May 16, 2004, appropriately themed, "A Vision for Generations."

Irv and Marcia Abelson, their children, and now their grandchildren have assumed key leadership positions and worked hard to build, support and improve Adat Ari El and the Jewish community. They have also provided critical support for a myriad of Jewish institutions both in Los Angeles and around the world, including Camp Ramah, the University of Judaism (UJ), the New Community Jewish High School, L.A. Hebrew High School, Heschel Day School, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel and the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Both Marcia and Irv have proven to be an indispensable part of the Adat Ari El community in so many ways. In addition to serving as Adat Ari El's Sisterhood President, Marcia worked with members of the Torah Fund for the Jewish Theological Seminary and the UJ.

Their daughter Jill was the second woman to ever become President of Adat Ari El. She was Vice President and Chairperson at the University of Judaism and served on various UJ committees for many years. Her husband, Marty Lasker, blows shofar—not an easy task—every year for the High Holy Days. He serves on several important Boards for organizations such as the New Community Jewish High School, Hebrew High School and Adat Ari El. My family and I are proud to call ourselves neighbors and friends of Jill and Marty.

The Laskers' children, Zachary and Jodi, continue in their parents' and grandparents' tradition of involvement and service. Zachary starred in several United Synagogue Youth (USY) plays and was President of the USY Chapter while in high school. Jodi worked at the Temple and was a USY Director during high school. Zachary has a masters degree in education from the UJ and Jodi holds an MBA and masters degree in education from the Uni-

versity. Both Zachary and Jodi have worked at Camp Ramah in California for many years in a variety of leadership positions. Currently Zachary is the assistant director for the camp and Jodi teaches at the Heschel Middle School in Northridge.

The Humanitarian Award recipients, Emil and Erika Jacoby, have also made invaluable contributions to Adat Ari El and are role models for all of us. Dr. Emil Jacoby worked in the Underground during WWII to help save Jews in Nazi-occupied countries. After the war he helped relocate displaced Jews to Israel. For many years he headed the Temple's religious school and served as Head of the Bureau of Jewish Education. He has a doctorate in education from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and was director of education for 16 years at Camp Ramah during the summer months and was also an adjunct professor at the Teachers Institute at the UJ.

Erika Jacoby taught in Adat Ari El's nursery school and served on many synagogue committees. She chaired the Holocaust Remembrance Committee which resulted in the dedication of a Holocaust Memorial Pillar. Erika also gives generously of her time and energy to speak with school children about her experience as a Holocaust survivor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in saluting these incredibly accomplished and impressive people who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to Adat Ari El and a longtime commitment to public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 154, on agreeing to H. Res. 622—Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day, I was present on the House floor but failed to vote. Had I voted, I would have voted "yes."

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, on May 17, 2004, the Library of Congress will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*. This celebration will include an exhibit as well as a panel discussion on school integration. In conjunction with this celebration the Library's Leadership Development Program class of 2003–2004 sponsored a poster contest in the District of Columbia Public Schools. Children in three grade categories, grades 3–4, 5–6, and 7–8, were asked to submit posters which expressed the theme, "How has the case changed our schools?" The three winners of the poster contest are: Maria Oliva, age 9, Shepherd Elementary School, Teacher: Dee Dee Chambliss; Canaisha Vaughn, age 11, Hamilton Center, Teacher: Leslie Milofsky;

and Nathan Johnson, age 13, Kramer Middle School, Teacher: Mary Jackson.

Congratulations to these three winners and to all students who participated in celebrating the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

CONGRATULATING MR. ROBERT J. ANADELL ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. Robert J. Anadell on his retirement from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 697. Bob has spent nearly 40 years dedicating his life to the interests of Local 697 as well as his community in Northwest Indiana. His career at Local 697 has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people. In honor of his gracious service to Local 697 as well as his community, there will be a celebration of his accomplishments on June 4, 2004, at the Avalon Manor Banquet Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

Bob Anadell has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. Before joining Local 697 as a Journeyman Electrician in 1972, Bob admirably served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War until his Honorable discharge in 1968. After becoming a Journeyman Electrician, Bob faithfully served Local 697 on the Apprenticeship Committee and Executive Board. He served as President of Local 697 from 1985–1991 and again in 1993, and he also served as the Business Manager/Financial Secretary from 1966–2004.

Not only has Bob Anadell had many positive accomplishments throughout his career at Local 697, he has also actively contributed to his community through participation in various programs aimed at improving opportunities for the people of Northwest Indiana. He has been a powerful member of the Northwest Indiana Building Trades, Secretary Treasurer of the IBEW State Conference, Vice-President of the Indiana State AFL–CIO, Trustee of the Lake Area United Way, Board of Directors of Trade Winds, Member of the Lake County Integrated Services Delivery Board, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Investment Committee, and Executive Committee of the Legacy Foundation, as well as Co-Chairman of the Heroes Committee of the American Red Cross.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. Bob Anadell is an outstanding example of the quintessential tradesman. He has mastered his trade and has consistently performed at the highest level throughout his career. Bob has demonstrated his loyalty by his outstanding service to Local 697 and his community through his hard work and self-sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Anadell has given his time and efforts selflessly to the people of Northwest Indiana throughout his years of service. He has taught every member of Local 697 and his community the true meaning of service to all members of the Northwest Indiana community. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in