

Quintessentially popular mariachi performances have included the legendary Los Camperos de Nati Cano, Sol de México de José Hernandez, Las Reinas de Los Angeles, Mariachi Mujer, Mariachi Divas, and Mariachi Champaña. Other diverse artists included Latin jazz great, Tito Puente, the romantic trio, Los Tres Reyes, famed folklorists Tlen Huicani (Veracruz), and the brilliant Ballet Folklorico del Pacifico. The famous pop artist, Vikki Carr graced Sinfonia's portfolio, as did Alicia Juarez (widow of José Alfredo Jimenez), Lalo Guerrero, Mayor Judith Valles, sopranos Maria Luisa Tamez and Florencia Tinoco; tenors Alejandro Guerrero, Pedro Rey, Raul Hernandez, Dennis Meade, Daniel Hendricks, and the West Coast debut of tenor Daniel Rodriguez performing with a symphony orchestra (the former New York police officer who awed the nation with his rendition of "God Bless America" in the aftermath of 9-11). Sinfonia endeavors to help promote the musical careers of local young aspiring artists such as Elizabeth Quintero and Desiree Flores. Sinfonia supported the very first youth mariachi in the region, Mariachi Estudiantil and founder Lou Herz, whom Sinfonia sponsored for several years, and supported the debut of the region's first all-girl, Mariachi las Princesas.

Sinfonia is now organized as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and yet maintains its volunteer-driven mission to foster the awareness of Mexico's symphonic musical masterpieces, and educate the public of the fine music and culture of Mexico. The board of directors and staff invite interested members of the community to become involved in Sinfonia Mexicana programs.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MARIANO RIVERA

HON. JOSÉ E SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Mariano Rivera, as he is awarded the 2004 Latino MVP Relief Pitcher of the Year Award by Latino Sports and the Latino Sports Writers & Broadcasters Association (LSWBA).

Rivera made his major league debut with the New York Yankees in 1995. Since 1997 he has served as the team's closer and has blown away his competition. Rivera is arguably the most effective closer in postseason baseball history, recording final outs in three Yankee world title seasons (1998, 1999 and 2000). He also owns the Major League record for most postseason saves with 32, as well as most World Series saves with 9. Rivera also established the longest scoreless innings streak in postseason play with thirty-three innings pitched and was named as the World Series MVP in 1999 and the Most Valuable Player of the American League Championship Series in 2003. He currently leads the Yankees as the club's all-time saves leader with 366 and boasts an incredible Earned Run Average below 1.00 in postseason play.

Mariano Rivera was born on November 11, 1969, in Panama City. The son of a fisherman, he grew up poor and played baseball as a kid using a glove fashioned out of a cardboard box. He has been described by many as being a deeply religious man, and says that he would one day want to move back to his

native Panama to become a Priest. While fans of opposing teams dread to see Rivera on the mound, all will agree that he is a class act. Never one to boast or brag about his incredible gift, Rivera comes to work and does the job better than anyone. He is fearless yet humble, a combination that we seldom see in today's athletes.

When the game is on the line, great athletes always rise to the challenge. Jordan, Montana and Pelé all separated themselves from the pack with their ability to overcome their fears and anxiety and play with a high level of confidence. With his ability to shut down opponents at the end of a game Rivera has earned a place among these elite competitors.

Mr. Speaker, Mariano Rivera is proof of the great contributions Latinos continue to make to this country. While I am proud of the many championships Rivera has helped to bring to the city of New York, I am more proud of the fact that he has helped to improve the lives of many young people in the South Bronx. Whether he knows it or not, Rivera's attitude towards the game of baseball provides all who watch him with a model of how to approach life—hard work and determination.

Mariano Rivera exemplifies the idea of an athlete as a role model. For his unyielding competitive spirit and positive impact on the lives of all Americans, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Mariano Rivera as he is awarded the 2004 Latino MVP Award.

RECOGNIZING THE SPRING HILL NATIONAL DIXIE YOUTH AAA BASEBALL TEAM

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the members of the Spring Hill National Dixie Youth AAA baseball team on their recent victories at the State championships and world series.

The Spring Hill Nationals are made up of 9- and 10-year-olds who have worked tirelessly for their successes. The 13 members of this extraordinary team have demonstrated through their victories the traits of sportsmanship, dedication, loyalty, and discipline.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the following members of the Spring Hill team: Gabe Abbadessa, Mason Arroyo, Drue Brooks, Brandon Brosher, Alex Martin, Danny Gendusa, Derek Newman, Nic Pasarella, Nick Ramirez, Drew Dessa, Brad Smith, Evan Webster, and Joey Wright. Their manager, Dave Smith, and assistant coaches, Bob Pasarella and Dave Newman contributed to their successes.

The Spring Hill National Dixie Youth AAA baseball team is Florida's team. I am honored that these fine young gentlemen are from my district and am proud of their accomplishments.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ANASTASIA "ANNIE" SAIZ, OF BELEN, NM

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in loving tribute and memory of my sister Anastasia "Annie" Saiz, who passed away over the August congressional recess.

Beloved wife of Seferino Saiz, beloved sister of Florenio, Maria "Lupe" Napier, Morris, Tanny, Raymond, Joe, and Theresa Perez, and the late Abiflio Baca, beloved mother and mother-in-law of Robert Saiz and Lisa; Elsie Giron and husband, William; Sefer Saiz Jr. and wife, Liz; Dorothy Johnston and husband, Johnny; Lorraine Marquez and husband, Carl; and Charlie Saiz and wife, Rose, all of Belen. She is survived by 16 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

Annie lived life to the fullest, reaching the mark of 78 years young. She and Seferino had just celebrated their 60th anniversary with a family dinner at their home on August 5. They were married in 1945 in La Joya.

Annie was widely admired by family, friends, and colleagues. She was hard working, dedicated, committed, disciplined, loving and supporting. She was everything one would want in a sister, daughter, mother, wife, grandmother, and great grandmother.

She was employed by the Los Lunas Hospital and Training School, working with mentally challenged children. She had a big heart and compassion for the less fortunate. She would bring home children during the Easter holiday to enjoy the picnics; she couldn't see them being alone.

She was a devoted Catholic, and active in our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, and she volunteered at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She participated in civic causes, volunteering her time, getting up at 7 a.m. to drive voters to the polls. When she believed in a cause, she would work her heart out.

She loved to shop. During the holidays she always gave out presents to strangers and her friends. She enjoyed listening to Mariachi music, going dancing at the senior citizen dances with Seferino and friends. She enjoyed listening to Jennifer sing Mariachi songs. When we would visit she was always so thoughtful and kind to give me and Barbara and my children a little gift. We will always remember her kindness and love for family.

Annie enjoyed spending time with her family. She always supported her children and grandchildren, cheering them on at baseball games; she was their No. 1 fan. She defended her family, as she stood by their side. She was all about "familia." On her children's birthday, she would call the local DJ and dedicate songs to her children. She would tell them to turn on the radio, and there is a special song, chosen from her heart.

She was a great cook. Everyone would go to her house, and even if you were not hungry, she would make sure that she gave you a plate and made you eat. The food was always so delicious, how could you refuse. We loved her tortillas and atole. She had special Mexican food remedies for our colds.

Annie's life was dedicated to family, friends, and community. Her memory lives on in our

thoughts and prayers. We say, "Goodbye. God bless you, we love you, and we miss you." We all loved her with all our hearts. She is now in a better place with her heavenly Father and at peace.

CONGRATULATING IRVIN "BUZZ"
CAVERLY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, since 1933, Baxter State Park has been one of the most important natural and recreational places in the state of Maine. From an initial purchase of 5,960 acres, the park has grown to 204,733 acres that welcome more than 100,000 visitors each summer from all parts of the United States. Baxter State Park is special for its role as home to many of Maine's most beautiful mountains, lakes, and rivers and as the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail.

Throughout Baxter State Park's history, no man or woman, besides Governor Percival Baxter himself, has been as important to the park as Baxter State Park Director Irvin "Buzz" Caverly. Buzz Caverly began his career at Baxter State Park as a ranger in 1959 and by 1981 had risen to the rank of Park Director, where he has ably and enthusiastically managed the park since.

Buzz recently announced his retirement. Through the years, Buzz earned a well-deserved reputation for thoughtfulness, fairness, and dedication to the legacy of Percival Baxter and to Baxter State Park.

Growing up in the Katahdin region of Maine, Baxter State Park has always been my backyard, and I know that Buzz has continued the proud traditions of conservation and recreational access on which Baxter State Park was founded and which the people of the Katahdin region and all of Maine deeply value.

It can truly be said that Buzz knows Baxter State Park better than any man or woman alive, and his absence will be felt for years to come at the park. Indeed, Buzz's legacy will be remembered not only by those of us that love the park, but by the countless thousands of people who had the good fortune to meet him throughout the years and enjoy his own infectious love for Baxter.

On behalf of the residents of Maine's Second Congressional District, and for myself personally, I would like to thank Baxter State Park Director Irving "Buzz" Caverly for his hard work and dedication to Baxter State Park and for protecting an area that will remain a special place for all future generations of visitors from throughout Maine and away. Buzz, thank you and congratulations.

RECOGNIZING JOSH COOLEY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Mr. Josh Cooley of Pasco County, Florida, a Purple Heart recipient from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

A deputy in the Pasco County Sheriff's office since 1998, Mr. Cooley enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in July of 2003. A third generation Marine, Lance Corporal Cooley was deployed to Iraq in December 2004.

While on patrol in Iraq, Mr. Cooley was the victim of a roadside blast. Following the attack, Mr. Cooley has required several head surgeries to remove pieces of scrapnel, some as large as a credit card. He currently remains in a local hospital recovering from his wounds sustained in early July.

While at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, Mr. Cooley was presented his Purple Heart by President George W. Bush. An emotional and brief ceremony with Mr. Cooley's family was a fitting tribute to his and their sacrifices both on the battlefield and back here in Florida.

In addition to the support from his coworkers and family, the entire Pasco County region has helped the Cooley family. Volunteers have hosted fundraisers to help defray the costs of his medical bills, and have even reroofed his house. We are all proud to know that the good people of Pasco County have come together to support those who defend our freedoms and liberties in the United States Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, true American heroes like Josh Cooley should be honored for their service to our Nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to present Mr. Cooley and his family with this proclamation and let them know that America is grateful for the sacrifices of Lance Corporal Josh Cooley and that we truly consider him one of America's heroes.

REGARDING THE POEM "A
SOLDIER'S REFLECTIONS"

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, on July 12, 2005 I read a poem on this Floor entitled "A Soldier's Reflections." At that time, I inadvertently gave credit to the wrong author. I apologize to its author Mr. George L. Skyeck and ask that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD be amended and the appropriate correction be made to credit the author.

RECOGNIZING JOHN FEDYSZYN

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Mr. John Fedyszyn of Lady Lake, Florida, a Purple Heart recipient from the Vietnam War.

A native of Dunkirk, NY, Lance Corporal Fedyszyn was a proud member of C Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. Mr. Fedyszyn served as a forward-observer radioman who fought in savage exchanges with North Vietnamese Army artillery units north/northeast, west, and south of Dong Ha throughout his deployment with the 12th Marines in Vietnam.

Many times, out-gunned and out-ranged, the 1st Battalion 12th Marines continued to return fire rather than give any quarter to North Vietnamese artillery units. Lance Corporal Fedyszyn earned his Purple Heart when he was wounded by the enemy during an attack on May 9, 1968. He was first presented the Purple Heart by the Commanding General of the 3rd Marine Division.

Mr. Speaker, true American heroes like John Fedyszyn should be honored for their service to our Nation and for their commitment and sacrifices in battle. I am honored to present Mr. Fedyszyn with his long-overdue purple heart. He is truly one of America's greatest generation.

CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST
RESIDENTS REACH OUT TO VIC-
TIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the 17th District of California, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The devastation wrought on Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama is unimaginable to most Americans but we on the Central Coast of California want our fellow Americans on the Gulf Coast to know that we stand shoulder to shoulder with them to rebuild their lives and communities.

The epicenter of the 1989 Lorna Prieta earthquake occurred in the Santa Cruz Mountains 10 miles from my congressional district. It was 7.1 on the Richter scale and was the first major quake in northern California since 1906. Since that time, residents on the Central Coast have experienced many federally designated natural disasters including mudslides and flooding.

We Californians understand all too well that Federal disaster assistance has to be immediate and sustained. The \$10.5 billion in emergency funding approved on September 2 is the start of what must be a long-term Federal effort to assist the residents of the Gulf Coast communities to rebuild their lives and communities. There is no price tag on the emotional and spiritual healing for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, but it may be a small comfort to know that millions and millions of Americans are contributing in many ways to your future well-being and that you are not alone.

RECOGNIZING EDWIN BOMBLY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of Mr. Edwin Jerome Bombly of Hernando, FL. Born in Hamtramck, MI, Mr. Bombly moved to Hernando, FL in 1978. An Army Veteran and the owner of a local insurance company, Mr. Bombly was very involved in local philanthropic activities and social organizations.

Mr. Bombly was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus, chairman of