

blades, string and gloves—personal hygiene kits—sanitary napkins, soap, laundry detergent, dental supplies—reestablish maternal health services, prevent and treat cases of violence against women and youth, offer psychological support and counseling, and promote access of unaccompanied women to vital services. Each of these issues is a serious problem in the region and will go a long way toward helping save the lives of thousands of women and their children.

These people have suffered enough. We must do everything we can to help them. This is why I ask support from my colleagues for the Women, Children, and Infant Tsunami Victim Relief Act of 2005.

HONORING JACKIE ROBINSON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate April 15—no, not Tax Day—but that memorable day in 1947 when Jackie Robinson officially broke the color barrier of Major League Baseball by donning a Brooklyn Dodgers uniform.

In the face of great adversity and knowing that the hopes of African-American athletes in all sports rested on his shoulders, Jackie Robinson provided inspiration to all of America in his courageous pursuit of racial equality.

By simply putting on his spikes, wearing his Dodgers uniform, and taking the field on that great day, Jackie Robinson forever changed the landscape of the American sports scene; indeed, he fueled a change in the hearts and minds of our great Nation.

Jackie Robinson stared bitter opposition and oppressive racism in the face, all while achieving unparalleled success. He was named the National League Rookie of the Year in 1947 and earned National League Most Valuable Player honors in 1949. In 1962, Jackie became the first African-American to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Known for his gifted batting, blinding speed around the bases, and strong but steady temperament, Jackie Robinson won the respect of teammates and opponents alike. He led the Dodgers to six pennants and their first World Championship as a member of the famed "Boys of Summer" in 1955.

Although he played in New York, Jackie Robinson was actually a southern California local. He grew up in Pasadena, CA, and was a star athlete while attending the University of California at Los Angeles. Jackie's long-standing commitment to Dodgers heritage and his strong Southern California roots make us proud and endear him to Dodgers fans from Brooklyn to Los Angeles and everywhere in between.

Jackie Robinson's sacrifice on and off the field has had a lasting impact on our nation. An athlete, businessman, and civic leader, Jackie helped blaze a trail for the civil rights movement in the years after his career as a player had ended. He conquered countless

steep barriers with faith, dignity and grace, and he stands as a noble symbol of change in creating a more just American society for all.

Jackie Robinson's spirit is still with us today. Jackie's life and principles are the basis for the Jackie Robinson Foundation, which keeps his memory alive by providing children of low-income families with leadership and educational opportunities. Perhaps Jackie Robinson himself said it best: "A life is not important, except in the impact it has on other lives."

To honor Jackie for his countless and valuable contributions, Major League Baseball declared in 2003 that on April 15 each year, all Major League clubs will recognize this remarkable athlete and man. That same year my colleagues and I passed legislation honoring Jackie Robinson with a National Day of Recognition and awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by Congress. Almost 58 years after Jackie Robinson trotted out to first base in a Brooklyn Dodgers uniform, the President today will present the Congressional Gold Medal to Jackie's wife Rachel, daughter Sharon and son David, along with other members of the Robinson family.

I can think of no better tribute than to proclaim April 15 "Jackie Robinson Day." Jackie's contributions and sacrifices not only changed a sport, but touched a nation. No athlete may have had a greater long-term impact on his sport or society than Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride and honor to ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting Mr. Jackie Robinson as the recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal and as a great American most deserving of his National Day of Recognition. Jackie Robinson's contributions have truly helped to make America "one nation."

RECOGNIZING ROBERT HARRISON GLAZE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert (Bob) Harrison Glaze. Bob Glaze served honorably on the City Council of San Leandro, California from 1984 to 2004. He was the youngest Vice Mayor in the city's history.

Bob Glaze was born in Oakland, California, and moved to San Leandro in 1963. He is a graduate of Chabot College and Marina High School, where he served as Athletic Commissioner and Curriculum Council member.

Alameda County and the San Leandro community have benefited from Bob's activism and commitment to make a positive difference. During his tenure on the San Leandro City Council, he served on a variety of Council Committees, including Finance, the Cherry Festival, Quality of Life, School Liaison, Revenue Sharing, Long Range Fire Planning, School Safety, Technology and Policy.

Bob is an Alameda County Fire Commissioner and an alternate member of the Ala-

meda County Transportation Committee, Alameda County Waste Management Authority, Association of Bay Area Governments and the Congestion Management Authority. He is a member of the governing board of the Associated Community Action Program and the Alameda County Training and Employment Program.

His community service extends far and wide. He continues to be active in all areas of Scouting, serving as Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, District Committee Member, District Finance Chairman, District Chairman as well as Exploring North Commissioner. He was 1993 Scout Jamboree Selection Chairman. Other organizations that have benefited from Bob's leadership include Washington Home Owners Association, Washington Manor Lions' Club, San Leandro Human Resource Commission and the Optimist Club of San Leandro.

Bob Glaze is truly an involved and model citizen. His commitment is exemplary. I join the citizens of San Leandro who will pay tribute to him on his retirement from the City Council and thank him for his countless contributions.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER H. SHORENSTEIN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished American, Walter H. Shorenstein, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday, March 4, 2005.

Walter H. Shorenstein served our nation as a Major in the United States Air Force. He is an extraordinary American who has made enormous contributions to our communities and our country. He began his career in real estate in 1946 and has built the Shorenstein Company into one of the largest and most highly respected real estate firms in the nation.

Walter Shorenstein has been a valued advisor to Presidents, a generous philanthropist, a noted lecturer and an ardent supporter of education. His numerous sponsorships, board memberships and honors reflect his dedication to art, culture, education, government and philanthropy.

Walter Shorenstein's life has been enriched by his family. His daughter Carole is a producer of Broadway shows, his son, Douglas is President of the Shorenstein Company, and his grandchildren Walter, Gracie, Brandon Jona, Sandra Joan and Daniella are great blessings to him. His lifelong partner in life, Phyllis, died in 1994, and their beloved and brilliant daughter Joan died in 1985.

It is a special privilege for me to honor Walter Shorenstein and to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this good and great American, this outstanding citizen and national treasure. As Mr. Shorenstein celebrates this important milestone, the gratitude and respect of the entire House of Representatives are extended to him.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 44TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS AND IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Peace Corps Week and to congratulate the 7,700 Peace Corp Volunteers—including 30 of my constituents—who are serving their country today in 72 countries around the world.

More than 178,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 138 countries since the organization's inception in 1961. Every year, thousands of selfless volunteers share their time and talents by serving as teachers, business advisors, information technology consultants, health and HIV/AIDS educators, and youth and agriculture workers.

Over 3,100 volunteers work directly or indirectly on HIV/AIDS prevention and education activities throughout the world, and support efforts in 10 of the 15 focus countries in the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

I praise our nation's Peace Corps volunteers who serve their country and the world as humanitarians, devoting themselves to transferring life-changing knowledge and skills to the people of other nations.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the hundreds of thousands of men and women of this nation who have selflessly served abroad as Peace Corps Volunteers. On this 44th Anniversary of the Peace Corps, I am especially proud to represent 30 such volunteers and I offer them my sincere gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF BROWARD COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MS. JASMINE DEBOO

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jasmin Deboo, who was awarded Broward County, Florida's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Deboo has dedicated her life to her 5th Grade students at Deerfield Beach Elementary School for the last 11 years.

Ms. Deboo's dedication to her students is quite apparent. She has gone above and beyond the average duties of a teacher by taking on the roles of a surrogate parent and that of counselor helping children deal with personal problems. This style of leadership has allowed Ms. Deboo to become a role model for not only her students, but also for other teachers at her school. Ms. Deboo is a person who has had a positive impact on all those lucky enough to be around her.

Today, we recognize Jasmin Deboo for her accomplishments and her dedication to the students of Broward County, Florida. I congratulate Ms. Deboo on being named the 2005 Broward County Teacher of the Year.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF PASADENA

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena, California. During the months of February and March, the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

The church began in 1905 and was led by Founding Pastor Dr. John W. Goodwin with 54 members that met in each others' homes. As the congregation grew, the church moved to Mary Street in 1906, then Raymond Avenue, Mountain Street, and finally Sierra Madre Boulevard, where it resides today. Today the church has over 2000 members, which includes a congregation with nine different cultural backgrounds.

First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena had several notable Pastors, including Pastor James Dobson, Founder and Chairman of Focus on the Family, and his wife Shirley, who were members for over thirty years. Other Pastors were J.W. Ellis, Earl G. Lee, H.B. London, Dr. Stephen Green, Dr. Jeff Crosno and the current Pastor, Jay Ahlemann.

The church has many programs that serve the community. The Compassionate Ministries program consists of: Helping Hands—a food and clothing facility on the church campus, Church in the Park—service to the homeless on Sunday mornings, El Centro Trabajo—an advocacy organization for day laborers, and a South Central Los Angeles food distribution center. Compassionate Ministries fed and clothed more than 22,000 people last year.

Other programs include PrimeTime which provides fellowship for seniors and Loveline, a phone ministry for homebound seniors. In His Image serves families of special needs children on a weekly basis, providing Sunday School classes, parent connections and support groups, respite events for the parents, an all-inclusive sports program for the entire family, and special events like the Special Olympics Unified Basketball event, San Gabriel Valley Region. Parent Education Seminars, Support Groups through the Recovery Ministries, Sunday School, Sunrise Preschool and Academy of the Arts are also among the many services that the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena offers to its members and the community.

I am proud to recognize the First Church of the Nazarene of Pasadena for its 100 years of offering a place of loving care and joyous worship to the people of the San Gabriel Valley and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the congregation for their remarkable achievements.

HONORING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating

Rotary International on celebrating its 100th anniversary. On Saturday, February 26, the Rotary Clubs of Genesee, Shiawasee and Lapeer Counties will celebrate this milestone with a Centennial Gala to be held at Genesys Banquet Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary Clubs located in 166 countries. In Rotary Area Seven, which includes my district, there are almost 600 members making the commitment to address community and international issues.

Rotarians are committed to the motto "Service Above Self" and to "The Four-Way Test" of business ethics, a philosophy that encourages truth, fairness, goodwill, and mutual benefit in all professional actions.

The Four-Way Test:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all Concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

They support efforts to provide educational opportunities and to meet basic human needs because these efforts are essential steps to greater world understanding, goodwill, and peace. The founding of Rotary International encouraged the creation and expansion of service clubs in the 20th century, and these service clubs generated a formalized spirit of community volunteerism throughout the United States and the world.

The PolioPlus program, created by Rotary International to fight the dreaded disease, has helped to vaccinate more than two billion children. They are the only nongovernmental organization to join in partnership with the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to achieve the goal of the total eradication of polio in 2005. Their work is an outstanding and noteworthy humanitarian effort by a nonprofit organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Rotary International on celebrating its 100th anniversary. As a Rotary Club fellowship beneficiary, I can attest to the unwavering support they give to the community and applaud their involvement in the State of Michigan and beyond.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA AND SAMUEL RICHARDSON DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to take part in the celebration of Black History Month by recognizing distinguished civil and human rights leaders from the state of Minnesota: Virginia and Samuel Richardson.

Samuel Richardson was born in Longview, Texas where he lived until he enrolled in Morehouse College. He moved to Minnesota in 1950 and immediately joined the local branch of the NAACP.