

Chamber with an iron fist and demanded his fellow Senators live up to higher standards.

Mr. Speaker, Senator Heflin commanded respect from his colleagues, and made the least among us feel as important as anyone else. He was a friend to me during and after his time in Washington. He will be missed by all who knew him.

On behalf of everyone in North Alabama, I respectfully rise to honor and pay tribute to a great American leader.

FREEDOM FOR THE PEOPLE OF
TIBET

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with indignation over the situation in Tibet. In 1949, Tibet was invaded and occupied by The People's Republic of China. In the course of the invasion and occupation, an estimated 87,000 Tibetans were arrested, deported to labor camps, or killed.

The situation has not much improved over the past sixty years. Tibetan freedom of choice is still not tolerated by the People's Republic of China and harsh punishments await any who diverge from Chinese mandates.

Each year thousands of innocent people are thrown in prison or killed under a corrupt and cruel system. Even peaceful opposition is met with exacting penalties. In fact, Buddhist monks and nuns are regularly shipped to detention for exercising their religion.

The people of Tibet live in constant fear they will be imprisoned, tortured, or killed for peacefully expressing their political and religious beliefs, or in the best case scenario, they will simply disappear in the dark of the night.

We must help the Dali Lama and the people of Tibet in their quest to live free from oppression. We must all work towards a peaceful resolution to this situation so not one more Tibetan is carried off by the night.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARY ELLEN
SHEETS OF LANSING, MICHIGAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mary Ellen Sheets of Lansing, Michigan, who recently was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the International Franchise Association.

Mary Ellen Sheets, founder/CEO of Two Men And A Truck, is the first businesswoman to be honored with this prestigious award which has an illustrious honor roll of recipients, including Tom Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza Inc., and J. Willard Marriott of the Marriott Corp., as well as leaders in other franchise organizations such as Subway, Jiffy Lube International, Pizza Hut Inc., and Holiday Inn Inc.

Mary Ellen's teenaged sons started a moving business with a pickup truck in the early 1980s. After the boys left for college, cus-

tomers kept calling so in 1985, this creative mother paid \$350 for an old moving truck and officially opened Two Men And A Truck.

When she first sketched the now-famous company logo, a simple graphic of two stick men in a truck cab to catch readers' attention, Mary Ellen never guessed it would lead to such phenomenal entrepreneurial success. From that simple beginning, her business was catapulted into a vibrant, growing franchised company with 152 locations in 26 states.

While becoming a successful entrepreneur, Mary Ellen Sheets never forgets about her community. This very successful businesswoman also makes time to serve on the boards of Lansing Community College, Michigan Freedom Foundation, Michigan Law Abuse Watch, and Edward Sparrow Hospital. She chaired the 2004 United Way Campaign in Lansing, and has been recognized numerous times, including as one of Michigan's Top 25 Women Business Owners, and Lansing Business Person of the Year.

Mary Ellen Sheets epitomizes the American dream. She rose from a small beginning to become a very successful businessperson who believes in giving back to her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this very special woman and community leader, who is truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL ROGERS

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Mr. Paul Rogers, who recently passed away following an extended illness. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and community. The following is a brief biography of Brother Rogers and some of the accomplishments of his long and fruitful life:

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. His father, Andy W. Rogers, was a Deacon at the West End Church and Trustee for the purchase of the Central building in 1941. The Rogers family were charter members at Central (McMinnville). It was here Paul received his early training and encouragement to enter the ministry.

Upon receiving his baccalaureate degree from David Lipscomb University in Nashville and master's degree from Harding Graduate School of Religion in Searcy, AR, he embarked on a long and fruitful career in the ministry. Brother Roger's first sermon was delivered at Central Church of Christ in Birmingham. He began preaching in November, 1952 every Sunday at the Old Jefferson Church of Christ in Smyrna, Tennessee and preached there until graduation from Lipscomb in 1956. He worked as Associate Minister at Church Street Church in Lewisburg, Tennessee 8 months in 1956 and moved to Centerville Church of Christ in January 1957.

Brother Rogers was the Minister of the Centerville Church of Christ, Centerville, Tennessee for more than 48 years. No preacher in the fellowship of Churches of Christ has a longer tenure at his congregation and at no rural church quite as large as the Centerville church according to Jim McInteer, president of

21 st Century Publishing, a book publisher affiliated with the Churches of Christ. In these years, worship attendance has grown from 350 to 700; annual contribution from \$19,000 to \$600,000.

The congregation has built a new church building, new church camp valued at \$1,000,000; off-street parking for 300 cars; \$200,000 Outreach Center for benevolence and senior citizens work; a 75-unit, \$2,500,000 apartment complex, Tulipwood for senior citizens, and a new \$1,200,000 Educational and Fellowship Complex recently constructed. He has also conducted over 800 funeral services in Hickman County, Tennessee.

He was the first president of the Centerville Elementary PTA, past Chairman of Hickman County Library Board, served on Bluegrass Regional Library Board, chairman of Centerville Beautiful Commission, former President of Centerville Kiwanis Club, served on City Industrial Board, served on the Board of Trustees at Clover Bottom Developmental Center for the Retarded in Nashville, Tennessee, and served on Board of First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Centerville, Tennessee. Brother Rogers was awarded Honorary Membership in Hickman County Jaycees for service to the community, selected as Alumnus of the Year in 1975 at Harding Graduate School of Religion, voted Centerville Man of the Year for 1978, selected as Alumnus of the Decade at David Lipscomb College in 1982, received the Distinguished Christian Service Award from Harding University 1988, honored by Tennessee State Legislature in 1983 for long ministry and service in Centerville, honored by Tennessee House of Representatives in 1992, honored in 1997 by Tennessee State Senate on 40th Anniversary with the Centerville Church for the longest full-time tenure among churches of Christ in Tennessee history, selected in December 1999 by the Gospel Advocate as one of "100 Trailblazers of the 20th Century" among Churches of Christ, and in 2004 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Hickman County Chamber of Commerce to name a few.

Brother has given lectures at David Lipscomb University, Faulkner University, Freed-Hardeman University, Abilene Christian University, Oklahoma Christian University, Harding University, Harding Graduate School of Religion, Western Christian College, Blue Ridge Encampment, Training for Service Series in Chattanooga, North Alabama Training for Service Series in Florence, Alabama, Training for Service Series in Memphis, Training Series in Evansville, Indiana. Yosemite Bible Encampment, Yellowstone Bible Encampment. He served on the Board of David Lipscomb University 1986-2003 and was secretary of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation at David Lipscomb University.

His minister includes; touring Israel and studying archaeology there in 1969, working on the London, England Campaign in 1963, and preached in India in 1975. He also traveled and preached behind the Iron Curtain in 1977, made three trips to the Holy Land, and frequent mission trips to the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Brother Rogers was the author of the following books and booklets: My God and My Service; My God and My Marriage; Things Surely Believed Among Us (4th printing in 2004); Let the Earth Hear His Voice; When Freedom is Gone; Comments on Revelation;

Building Up The Church In A Small Town; God Give Us Christian Homes. His most recent books are I Have Much People In This City (depicting 125-year history of the Centerville Church); and These Forty Years (a biography of his ministry with the Centerville Church).

He accomplished all these things in life while at the same time being a loving husband to the former Judy Johns and father to four children and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Paul Rogers today. His dedication and selflessness to his community are examples to all who wish to lead. All the honors and awards that Brother Rogers has received in his life still do not do justice to recognize the contribution this man has made to his community and the world. Paul will be missed very much by all who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO MARY RITA TAMAYO

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Rita Tamayo for her service to troubled young people in Sonoma County. Ms. Tamayo passed away in July of 2003 at the age of 85. On April 17, 2005, Social Advocates for Youth in Sonoma County will announce the new transitional housing facility in Santa Rosa—the Tamayo House—to commemorate Mary and Jose Tamayo's contributions to the community. The Tamayo House will provide 24 young men and women, who are aging out of the foster care system, with a place to live.

Born in 1918 in Kansas to Mexican immigrant parents, Mary was raised a devout Catholic. She moved with her husband, Jose, from Nebraska to California in 1977 to open a family owned Mexican restaurant. Husband and wife co-founded the restaurant La Tortilla Factory Mexicantessan.

Not only did Mary provide employment opportunities and support youth organizations, but she also encouraged teenagers to complete their education. Her biggest regret in life was never finishing high school, but she made sure her five sons graduated from college.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Mary Tamayo, whose kindness and generosity exemplify the best that a person has to offer. Her commitment to Sonoma County's youth population is an inspiration to immigrant families and to all of us who care about our community. She is already missed, but the opening of Tamayo House will keep her memory alive for generations to come.

BROOKLYN CENTER LIONS CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVING MINNESOTANS

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, Lions Club, which has served the great City of

Brooklyn Center and all of Minnesota for 50 years with extraordinary excellence.

The Brooklyn Center Lions Club rose from humble beginnings a half century ago, with early membership in the single digits, scrap drive projects and the purchase of a single pair of eyeglasses for a needy child. The Lions Club has now grown to over 70 members, who organize projects that shape the community and better the lives of thousands of people.

Membership has been strong and growing over the past 50 years, but only Lion Larry Roen remains as an original charter member. Congratulations Lion Roen!

Mr. Speaker, the Brooklyn Center Lions Club also has the distinction of producing five District 5M5 Governors over the last 50 years: Frank Erwin, Bill Legler, Richard Risley, Thomas Shinnick and Orlander "Ole" Nelson, each of whom represented the finest Lions Club tradition of public service to help those in need.

The Lions gave generously 36 years ago when they built beautiful Lions Park in Brooklyn Center. Their generosity didn't stop there, as they later added a fantastic picnic shelter to the park.

Through the Quest Youth Outreach program, which emphasizes drug abuse prevention, community service, education, environment, health, recreation and service-learning, the Brooklyn Center Lions have reached out to three school districts with their important public service.

Mr. Speaker, the Brooklyn Center Lions serve people through many important programs like Campaign Sight First, Hearing Dog and Leader Dog. The Brooklyn Center Lions are also active in the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and the Children's Eye Clinic and Hearing Foundation. Additionally, the Lions sponsor the Earle Brown Days Parade, one of the largest parades in Minnesota, as well as numerous Halloween parties. The Brooklyn Center Lions are also active in Boy and Girl Scouts.

Deeply involved in diabetes research, the Brooklyn Center Lions, with the help of other 5M5 District Clubs, have raised \$20,000 for this important cause.

Mr. Speaker, in keeping with the true spirit of the Lions' motto, "We Serve," the Brooklyn Center Lions have served the people of Brooklyn Center very well for 50 years. We thank them for their service, which they have performed with pride and distinction. Congratulations, Brooklyn Center Lions, on your 50 years of service!

IN HONOR OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OF NORTHERN DELAWARE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc., an organization that has served on the front lines of the battle for fairness in housing. Through their advocacy for equal opportunities in the sale, rental, or leasing of housing, they have made invaluable contributions to my district. On April 4, 2005, Housing Opportunities

of Northern Delaware will enjoy their 22nd Annual Proclamation Ceremony, marking their continued commitment to a housing environment devoid of discrimination.

For 37 years, millions of Americans have achieved the dream of home ownership under the auspices of the Federal Housing Act. With April 2005 designated as Fair Housing Month, I believe this recognition is especially appropriate, and ask that we continue to follow in the footsteps of this landmark legislation.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I applaud the efforts of Housing Opportunities of Northern Delaware, Inc. and commend the cause which they hold so dear.

HONORING POLLY ANN GONZALEZ

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 28, 2005, my community of southern Nevada lost one of its most outstanding citizens. Polly Ann Gonzalez was taken from us in a highway accident, a tragic event that shocked the community. Southern Nevadans by the thousands have expressed their sense of loss and their loving memories of Polly through their e-mails of condolence, their attendance at memorial services, and their contributions in support of Polly's daughters, Sabrina and Gabriella.

The passing of Polly Gonzalez is a heart-rending instance of the good dying young, far too young. In her mere 43 years, Polly attained the highest levels of accomplishment, both as a newswoman and as an advocate for people in need.

Polly first earned the reputation as a top-notch television investigative reporter in northern California, exposing the social and economic injustices faced by agricultural workers and by revealing the growing threat of gang violence, among other important stories she brought to light. Honored with an Emmy Award, Polly moved on to Las Vegas, where she quickly established herself as one of the area's most popular, admired, and energetic television news anchors.

Polly's passion for bringing truth to the public through her reporting was matched by her commitment to public service. She established herself as a most effective advocate for the advancement of the Latino community and for the less advantaged. She went beyond the call of duty to be involved in community organizations and events, accepting myriad requests for her time, her talent, and her energy to support the people of the Las Vegas area.

As was stated on KLAS-TV8, where Polly worked for 10 years, she "always was . . . standing up for people whose voices might not have carried as much weight as hers." She was a preeminent role model for young women, whom she showed, "if they put their mind to it they could accomplish anything."

Polly's passing has brought an overwhelming and nearly unprecedented outpouring of emotion from those who knew her personally or knew her only through her newscasts. I join all southern Nevadans in mourning the loss of a great friend, a great newswoman, and a great contributor to the building of a community with opportunity for all. I miss you, Polly, and I thank you, my