Player of the Year and streets have been named after him in both California and Texas. In addition to his tremendous professional success, Gene made time to be a teacher, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Throughout his professional career Gene was diligent in promoting the University Golf Program at every opportunity. Wherever you saw the name "Gene Torres", you would see New Mexico Highlands University right beside it. As a result, the New Mexico Highlands University golf course has been aptly named after Gene in a ceremony attended by more than 200 people, a testament to his involvement in the Las Vegas community and his contribution to New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, Gene Torres is a model athlete and educator. He exemplifies the qualities that make New Mexico great: dedication to education, devotion to family and commitment to community. Gene Torres has become a legend for not only his golf ability but his selfless giving in the Las Vegas community. I welcome this opportunity to honor his lifetime achievements and am proud that he calls New Mexico his home.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE LIFE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, more than 86,000 men, women, and children currently await life-saving transplants.

However, due to lost wages and increased medical expenses, the organ donation process is expensive, time consuming, and discouraging for many potential donors. Since so many Americans could benefit from the tremendous generosity of organ donors, I believe Congress should help make it easier for people to donate their organs.

Today, I'm introducing the "Living Organ Donor Tax Credit Act of 2005," which will provide a one time, tax credit up to $5,000 to help cover non-reimbursable expenses, including lost wages, incurred by living organ donors.

The National Kidney Foundation has endorsed this legislation, and I believe it is an effective way to encourage more Americans to serve as living donors. Today, I'd like to ask my colleagues to join me in providing tax relief to the millions of Americans who unselfishly serve as living organ donors.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11th.

TRIBUTE TO SIM EDWARDS STOKES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to tell my colleagues about a proud American and a beloved Dallas resident: Sim Edward Stokes. As family and friends fondly know him as "Simi," I would like to take a moment to acknowledge his energy and vitality to every undertaking. He is the king of networking, and his unabashed enthusiasm is irresistibly infectious. I do not doubt for a second that, he brings his skills from the NFL Champion Dallas Cowboys where he was part of the 1967–1968 team.

Anyone who has had the pleasure of working with Simi is immediately struck by his passion for education, and his belief that all children should be able to receive a top notch education, regardless of their economic standing. He is Vice Chair of the St. Paul Endowment Fund which provides grants for special programs for children, youth and adults. This fund enables them to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith and have the opportunity to receive scholarships and grants for the purpose of attending college and seminary to prepare for a church related vocation, and for funding for church camping, retreats and leadership conferences.

Mention his family and you'll see Simi burst with pride. He is married to the lovely Elnora Jean Stokes. He is also the father of four young lads, and one "princess" whom is a U.S. Army Major at the Pentagon.

Simi holds a MBA from University of Dallas. He has been member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity since 1965. He was also honorably discharged from the Texas National Guard in 1968.

We, in Dallas, are lucky that Simi left Alabama and adopted Dallas as his home and, in time, adopted each of us and shared his great love for his fellow man. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending my appreciation to Simi for over three decades of service to the people of Texas.

NIGERIA'S CONTINUING PRESENCE ON CAMEROON'S BAKASSI PENINSULA

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a continuing threat to the longstanding goal of the United States to diversify our energy sources. Nigeria refuses to return full sovereign control of the oil-rich Bakassi Peninsula to Cameroon. The International Court of Justice has confirmed Cameroon as the rightful owner of this territory. However, President Obasanjo has not withdrawn Nigerian troops from the peninsula, despite having promised to do so by September 2004.

Mr. Speaker, Nigeria's intransigence in Cameroon threatens to jeopardize the United States' energy security. I agree that Nigeria, despite its turbulent history, has been a valuable source of oil for the United States over the years. However, America's interests would be better served by Cameroon becoming another such source—a stable, independent source. Nigeria must return control of the Bakassi Peninsula to Cameroon.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF LOURMINIA CARINO SEN FOR HER OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO HER COMMUNITY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness regarding the recent passing of a leader in our community, Lourminia Carino Sen, known to all as "Mimi."

A 37-year resident of Davis, California, Mimi was born and raised in the Philippines where she received a bachelor's degree in food technology from the University of the Philippines. She also earned a bachelor's degree in food science, a master's degree from Oregon State University—where she met her husband, Arun—and a Ph.D. in agricultural chemistry and biochemistry from the University of California, Davis, where she was a National Institutes of Health Pre-doctoral Fellow.

Mimi had an illustrious career conducting research at UC Davis. In 1991 she began her service, working at the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture's Center for Analytical Chemistry. In 1996, CDFA Secretary Ann Veneman presented her with the Outstanding Performance Award for her efficient management of the laboratory. In 2001, Governor Gray Davis appointed Mimi as the Agricultural and Environmental Science Advisor to the California Department of Food and Agriculture; she was the first person to be appointed to this position.

Mimi dedicated her life to her family and the community of Davis. While raising her two daughters, she was active in the Davis School Arts Foundation, serving as president from 1987–88. She was active in Girl Scouts, Davis Ballet, the Davis Art Center and Habitat for Humanity. However, her most extensive volunteer work was on the board of the International House of Davis. Starting in 1986, she chaired the Philippines conference and eventually became vice president in charge of programs. An excellent cook, Mimi initiated the ethnic and Thanksgiving dinners that brought people together from all over the world. During that period she also cochaired a China conference, Japan conference, Sunday brunches and international teas. Over the years the Sen family hosted more than 40 foreign exchange students. Mimi's volunteer work at I-House led to her being honored with the city's Brinley Award for outstanding contributions to an organization.

Mr. Speaker, Mimi's dedication to others inspires us all. In her personal life, her volunteer life and her professional life, Mimi Sen was continually promoting respect and appreciation for all peoples and cultures. It is appropriate that we celebrate and honor her life. Mimi will be missed in our community but her dedication to international relations and her life example will be cherished forever.