

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, March 8, International Women's Day, is an occasion marked by women around the world. On this day, women on all continents, despite cultural and political differences, come together to reflect on progress made while recognizing the continuing need to fight for equality, justice, and peace.

Today, I join with my colleagues in welcoming a delegation of Iraqi women in celebration of International Women's Day. Although these women represent a broad range of backgrounds, they all share a common goal of realizing their country's transition to democracy and the benefits of peace.

The Iraqi delegation is led by Nasreen Berwari, minister of Municipalities and Public Works, who has fearlessly worked to encourage the women of Iraq to seize political opportunities in the post-Saddam Iraq.

I have had the pleasure of meeting today with two remarkable women who are contributing to Iraq's future by serving in its government.

These women will have the opportunity to participate in a job shadowing program so that they might take back to their own country some of the experiences of women in government here in the United States as it embarks on the road to democracy.

During this historical moment for the country of Iraq, it is vitally important that women's equality and rights are assured. Every country that protects its women is a stronger country, and Iraq will be a stronger country if women are able to preserve their representation in the new Iraqi Government.

Because March is Women's History Month, it is my hope that the international community will recognize the struggles of women throughout history as well as the struggles women continue to face today while celebrating the contributions of women to the world. Despite many gains, women are still fighting against oppression and are still relegated to the status of second-class citizens throughout the world.

As a strong defender of international family planning, I am a longtime supporter of organizations, such as the U.N. Population Fund, that have been, and continue to be, leaders in the movement to stabilize global population and improve the status of women.

Statistics show that when the status of women is improved, the status of the family is improved and, in turn, the entire community flourishes. With this in mind, I will continue to fight to ensure the protection of women across the globe.

Even in the face of adversity, women throughout history have shown courage and determination in their fight for peace and equality. Today, on International Women's Day, we honor the legacy of those women who made great strides in the advancement of women's rights and recommit ourselves to the challenges ahead.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
ROSE NADER**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Rose Nader, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, community activist, author and dear friend and mentor to many. Her passing marks a great loss for her family and friends, and also for the people of Winsted, CT, whom she consistently inspired and served with the highest level of dedication and honor.

The great care and love that Mrs. Nader showered on her family extended throughout her community, where she carried the torch of advocacy on behalf of many social justice issues. She became deeply involved in many local, national and global issues, including active memberships in Peace Action, Co-Op America and the Women's International Relations Committee. Following a devastating flood in Winsted in the 1950's, Mrs. Nader organized a public gathering and refused to relent until U.S. Senator Prescott Bush promised to build a dry dam. The dam was built and the city of Winsted has been dry for half a century.

Born and raised in Lebanon, Mrs. Nader worked as a teacher of French and Arabic before emigrating to America with her husband, Nathra Nader. Together they raised four children, with family the central focus of her life. She instilled values of integrity, hard work and active citizenship within the hearts and minds of her children, gently guiding and always teaching. Mrs. Nader offered them gifts of experience and wisdom through song, proverbs and culinary traditions of her beloved homeland, infusing her wisdom and joy around the kitchen table, connecting the old world to the new.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Rose Nader, whose unbridled joy for life served as a source of love, inspiration and guidance for her family and friends and for the people of Winsted, CT. I extend my deepest condolences to her children, Claire, Laura, Ralph, and the memory of Shafeek; to her three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and also to her extended family and many friends. Mrs. Nader's infinite heart and unwavering focus on giving back to the community will forever live within the hearts of family and friends, and will forever illuminate the soul of Winsted, CT, and miles beyond.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KARL AND
FAYE RODNEY ON THEIR REC-
OGNITION FOR FOUNDING THE
NEW YORK CARIB NEWS**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Karl B. Rodney and Faye A. Rodney, publisher and president, respectively of New York Carib News on receiving the "Measure of a Man" award conferred by the New

York State Conference of NAACP in recognition of their work as entrepreneurs and journalists and to enter into the RECORD a Carib News story briefly describing the recognition.

During a Feb. 23 ceremony, the Rodneys were lauded by a cross-section group of distinguished New Yorkers for their service to the community in founding the newspaper a quarter of a century ago which today serves as a vital bridge between the Caribbean American community and the greater New York City area. The New York Carib News fulfills a responsibility in educating not only my constituents whom I proudly represent but myself as well, as I often am able to take away so much from the newspaper in terms of familiarity of ever-changing Caribbean socio-political affairs.

The New York Carib News was founded to fill a recognized void in communication of the growing Caribbean-American community. Carib News was designed to provide consistent, timely, accurate, and reliable information of the Caribbean region, and the Caribbean-American communities in the United States.

It has since flourished into the largest circulated publication serving the Caribbean-American community. Because of the pioneering efforts of the Rodneys, Carib News is now a recognized institution of the community playing a substantial role in projecting its importance and promise. Mr. Speaker, please join me once again in congratulating the Rodneys for their triumphs in journalism and writing of the challenges facing the Caribbean nations.

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NAACP NYS CONFERENCE HONORS RODNEYS
WITH "MEASURE OF A MAN" AWARD

NEW YORK.—On Thursday, February 23, the Metropolitan Council of the New York State Conference of NAACP invited a cross section of New Yorkers to join them in honoring Karl B. Rodney and Faye A. Rodney, Publisher and President respectively of New York Carib News, in recognition of their outstanding achievements as journalists and entrepreneurs.

The awards reception represented an Annual event under the theme "Measure of a Man", an excerpt from one of the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It was held at the New York Hilton & Towers Hotel and the Rodneys were honored for founding The New York Carib News, a weekly newspaper that has become a respected voice in the community and has served as a bridge between the Caribbean American and the community-at-large.

In the past, distinguished New Yorkers who have been similarly honored include David N. Dinkins, Rabbi Marc Schneier, Dr. Sandye P. Johnson, Principal of the Thurgood Marshall Academy and the Reverend Al Sharpton.

The Rodneys were commended for forty years of extraordinary public service and enduring commitment to the pursuit of equal opportunity for all.

As noted by Rabbi Marc Schneier, President of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, one of the attendees at the event: "I was honored to participate in this celebration and am pleased to note that the honorees have truly embraced the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who understood the principle that a people who are fighting for their rights are only as honorable as when they fight for the rights of all peoples.

The Rodneys have championed the civil and Human Rights for all ethnic groups."