

A TRIBUTE TO PAT MAGUIRE
FREEMAN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Pat Maguire Freeman, of San Gabriel, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women.

Pat was born in San Francisco in 1940. Since her father was a career army officer, she was raised throughout the world, including the Philippines and Germany, where she attended high school. After attending the University of California Berkeley, she married Lee Freeman in 1961 and they moved to San Gabriel in 1965, where they currently reside. The Freemans have 3 children, Noel, Amber, Roger, and Dawn Myers, their foster daughter and seven grandchildren.

Ms. Freeman has been active in many different community organizations. Some past activities include being an Adult Leader for Methodist Youth Fellowship, a Camp Commissioner for Methodist Camp Sturtevant, and a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader. Formerly active in several Parent Teacher Associations, PTAs, for the San Gabriel Unified School District, SGUSD, she has received SGUSD's Golden Apple Award and 3 PTA awards over the years. Pat was a Leader and Steering Committee Member of 4 separate successful School Bond Measures for SGUSD in 1993, 1994, 1998 and 2002.

A member since 1996, Ms. Freeman is currently President of the San Gabriel Educational Foundation, and serves on the School Site Council for Del Mar High School. She is a San Gabriel Valley Medical Center volunteer, a member of the center's Foundation Board and Coordinator of the center's Helping Hands volunteer group. In addition, Pat serves on the San Gabriel Community Coordinating Council, leads their Holiday Basket Committee, and has held various officer positions over the years. She is a member of the San Gabriel Rotary Club, and the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, where she received the Women's Division of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year Award in 1989.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Pat Maguire Freeman.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
RICHARD L. DECHANT, SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Richard L. Dechant, Sr., devoted family man, community activist, business leader, World War II veteran, and friend and mentor to many.

Mr. Dechant grew up in Avon, Ohio. His father was a steelworker and his mother ran the family farm business. He learned early on the

significance of family, hard work and community. By the time he was eight years old, Mr. Dechant's mother gave him a job selling home-grown produce door-to-door. He attended St. Ignatius High School and later earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Detroit. He married Marie in 1943 and together they raised five sons. They remained committed to each other until her death in 2004.

For his entire adult life, Mr. Dechant worked as a tireless promoter on behalf of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. While working with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company in the 1940's, Dechant began a life-long vocation of promoting the Cleveland community. As executive director of the Greater Cleveland Growth Board, now known as the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, for nearly twenty-five years, Dechant's focused service and advocacy on behalf of his beloved community drew millions of dollars of new industry into our region. He also participated in numerous trade missions throughout Europe and Asia. Although deeply committed to his work, his family was always foremost and central in his life.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Richard L. Dechant. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his sons, Thomas (Paul), James (Lyn), Richard Jr. (Sharon), David (Terri) and the memory of Doug (Bonnie); his grandchildren, Richard III, Brett, Jimmy, Dawn, Nicole, Matt and Carli; his brothers, Robert and Donald; and his extended family and many friends. Although Mr. Dechant will be greatly missed, the joyous legacy of his life, framed by kindness, energy and an unwavering focus on family and on making a difference, will forever resound within the hearts and memories of his family and friends, and within the spirit of our entire community.

A TRIBUTE TO NANCY DONAHUE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Nancy Donahue, of Temple City, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Nancy is a native Californian, born in Alhambra. She moved to Temple City with her parents when she was just 6 months old. Nancy graduated from Temple City High School where she was a majorette, song girl, Girls League President, and winner of the Daughters of the American Revolution Award for Outstanding Senior. After attending Brigham Young University, she returned to Temple City where she and her husband, Terry, have lived for over 40 years. They have one daughter, Tracy, and two grandchildren, Kody and Haylee.

Ms. Donahue had a successful 22-year career in banking, working at First Western Bank & Lloyds Bank, California. After health concerns determined that she take a different path, she became a "full-time volunteer" at Methodist Hospital of Southern California in 1986.

Nancy has been incredibly active with her volunteer work at Methodist Hospital, where

she has given over 10,000 hours in service over a 20-year period. She has served on the Auxiliary Board for over 10 years, four times as the Board President, and as an ex-officio member of the Foundation Board. She acts as coordinator of the Methodist Hospital archives, correlating artifacts collected for over 100 years and works in the hospital gift shop twice a week. Nancy has been involved in the annual Holiday Homes Tour at Methodist Hospital, chairing many committees and continuing to help with fundraising efforts.

In addition to her commitments at the hospital, Ms. Donahue is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Huntington Ward, Pasadena Stake and is currently serving as Ward Librarian. Other volunteer activities include the March of Dimes, American Heart Association, Diabetes Association and the American Red Cross. Nancy is past President of Arcadia-Monrovia and Temple City Soroptimist International and a charter member of Arcadia P.E.O. Chapter XL.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Nancy Donahue.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE THAT
AMERICANS SHOULD PARTICI-
PATE IN MOMENT OF SILENCE
REGARDING ARMED FORCES

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution to express the sense of the House that all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad.

Words fly in this Chamber, in the city, on a rainbow of subjects and issues, with any number of ideas and opinions. Sometimes the rhetoric can seem overpowering, even confusing, particularly when action and change is so desperately needed.

The moment of silence, however, is an arresting and poignant pause. It is a beautiful way to express respect, and pride, and honor, without the discoloration of politics.

Around the world, moments of silence are often called to mourn a national tragedy, or honor a historical benchmark. We are familiar with the visual gesture of lowering the American flag to half mast. I support the complementary gesture of pausing for a moment to reflect, to think, and to appreciate everything that our armed forces do for us around the world.

Thank you to them, our soldiers who are our children, our fathers and mothers, our brothers and sisters, our friends and protectors. I know all of my colleagues in Congress will join me in supporting this resolution.