

Mike, National Headliner Award for Best Documentary to name but a few. Just this past August he was honored with the Spirit of America Award by the Chinese American Citizens Alliance.

In spite of his accomplishments, he never lost the value of humility or the heartfelt treasure of friendship. He was my dear friend and mentor. My heart goes out to his wife, Judy, and his sons, Mark and Christopher. His absence in my life and in the Asian Community is irreplaceable.

But his body of work will live on and inspire generations of aspiring young Asian Americans to dream big dreams, and then go on to realize them.

It has been said that Asian American men are some of America's best kept secrets. Sam Chu Lin helped to change that. There is a story of a short man who was in the midst of some tall men. One of the taller men said to him, "You must feel pretty small right now." The man replied, "Yes, I feel like a dime in the midst of nickels."

Sam Chu Lin was no dime amongst nickels. He was a silver dollar amongst dimes. For in fact, the lifetime body of accomplishments of Sam Chu Lin has forever changed the face of American journalism.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FIRST STEP TO REDEPLOYMENT ACT OF 2006

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, our security depends on the President changing the course in Iraq. Last November, I released a plan to do just this by carrying out a phased redeployment of U.S. troops starting with bringing the National Guard home and refocusing our political, diplomatic and reconstruction efforts. Today, having received a good deal of support for my plan, I am introducing the First Step to Redeployment Act of 2006 which would put my plan into practice by beginning the redeployment of U.S. armed forces from Iraq. This legislation will begin the redeployment of our troops with the National Guard because they also have an important role here at home, fighting forest fires, providing hurricane relief, and keeping our country safe.

Our challenge now is to learn from our mistakes in Iraq and make the appropriate adjustments to our strategy. However, the Iraq conflict is only the beginning of our challenge. We face very real strategic threats from North Korea to Iran and we need thoughtful, moral, and honest efforts to deal with them.

TRIBUTE TO BOB JENNINGS

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has had a tremendous positive effect on the political landscape of California for more than 30 years. For the

past three years Bob Jennings has been my District Director. I could not have chosen a better person to fill this role as I sought to lay a solid foundation for my Congressional career. Bob's knowledge and guidance has made all the difference in helping establish an effective office that meets the needs of my constituents and anticipates opportunities to improve the quality of life for residents in my area.

Bob is no stranger to the San Joaquin Valley and its many challenges. He started his career as a District Director for former Rep. Bob Mathias in 1969. He served in that position until 1975. He went on to form California Data Marketing with then Assemblyman Bill Jones. The two formed a unique friendship and partnership in business and politics that endured through Jones' career as a State Senator and eventually as California's Secretary of State. Bob served as Chief Assistant Secretary and later Undersecretary of State for Bill and was instrumental in establishing the Golden State Museum in Sacramento.

During his time on my staff, Bob spearheaded efforts at the district level to address a wide range of issues through community summits and workshops, including the shortage of health care workers and professionals; affordable housing needs; leading the charge for a Congressional Research Service study on the 8-county area of the Valley and most notably, fostering a greater sense of unity and cooperation among federal and state district staffs across party lines.

For more than five decades, his quiet leadership and vision have made an indelible mark on the communities he has served. His guidance and mentorship of my staff will pay immeasurable dividends far into the future.

As he ends his career at the end of March, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him all the best in a well-deserved retirement, and in offering up many thanks for his hard work and dedicated service over so many years. Thank you, Bob.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 (H.R. 2829).

I am proud to have been involved in the creation of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in 1988. Legislation I introduced became part of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, which created the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

Along with creating the office of the White House "Drug Czar," my legislation also permitted the U.S. military to help interdict drugs, called for the seizure of aircraft involved in drug smuggling, sped up the interdiction of foreign vessels carrying drugs, required minimum sentences for crack cocaine users, and required drug testing of key transportation workers.

The ONDCP is responsible for establishing policies, priorities, and objectives for our na-

tion's drug control program. The reauthorization of ONDCP and its programs are essential to continue the reduction of illicit drug use, manufacturing, and trafficking, drug-related crime and violence, and drug-related health consequences.

The ONDCP Reauthorization Act of 2006 improves the ONDCP and its programs in many important ways. The bill requires that the Director of ONDCP to have the same rank and status as other executive department heads. This will ensure that the "Drug Czar" will be able to interact with other executive department heads to coordinate with them on anti-drug policies and programs.

The bill also preserves and strengthens the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program. The HIDTA program is ONDCP's principal law enforcement program.

Two counties in my district, Broward and Palm Beach, are part of the South Florida HIDTA. The mission of the South Florida HIDTA is to measurably reduce drug trafficking, related money laundering, violent crime and drug abuse in South Florida, thereby reducing the impact of illicit drugs in other areas of the country. The extensive shoreline of the Florida peninsula and the Florida Keys, combined with 3 major seaports and a close proximity to the Caribbean basin, make South Florida a prime target for maritime smuggling operations.

The South Florida HIDTA designation makes the local law enforcement agencies in Broward and Palm Beach Counties eligible for federal grant funding in order to facilitate the attack and the dismantling of high-value drug trafficking and related money laundering and violent crime organizations working throughout South Florida.

Mr. Chairman reauthorizing the ONDCP and its programs will help us stay ahead of the war on drugs and drug abuse. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Nevada Women's History Project for their contributions to the community in promoting awareness of the historical contributions of Nevadan women.

The Nevada Women's History Project (NWHP) was founded in the fall of 1994 to provide visibility and support for the gathering and dissemination of history about the roles and contributions of Nevada women of every race, class and ethnic background. The NWHP is a statewide organization, with active regions in the North and South. Currently the group has over 200 members.

On March 5, 2005 the second statue from the state of Nevada, that of Sarah Winnemucca, was placed in the United States Capitol. The NWHP was the main factor in placing the statue, by raising the funds to make the statue and lobbying the Nevadan Legislature to give Sarah this honor. The NWHP has gone further to recognize Sarah by placing a replica of the original statue in Reno, Nevada. A second replica statue, which will

reside in Las Vegas City Hall, will be dedicated on March 25.

"Life Among the Piutes," is Sarah Winnemucca's powerful legacy to both cultures, the Native Americans and the whites. It appeared in 1883, the first book ever published that was written by a Native American woman. Following the oral tradition of her people, she reaches out to readers with a deeply personal appeal for understanding, recording a portion of the history of the far west from the Native American perspective. The book was a monumental achievement, recording the Native American viewpoint of whites settling the west, told in a language that was not her own and written and published by a woman during a time when even white women were not allowed to vote. The achievement of her book is second only to the work she performed every day to promote understanding across cultures. I applaud the NWHF for their efforts to recognize her.

This year the NWHF is publishing a book entitled "Skirts That Swept the Desert Floor." The book contains the biographies of 100 women from Nevada that were instrumental in shaping all aspects of Nevada's history. This unique encyclopedic collection pays tribute to an otherwise unrecognized group of individuals whose stories should not be overlooked.

Mr. Speaker I am honored to recognize the Nevada Women's History Project on the floor of the House, today. I commend them for their service in recognizing the women in our history that have made special contributions to help make Nevada the great state that it is.

WELCOME HOME FORT KNOX 233RD

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome home the 233rd Heavy Transportation Company of Fort Knox, Kentucky, and pay public tribute to their recent courageous service during their deployment in the Middle East.

This was the fourth deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom for the 233rd. The unit, made up of more than 120 troops, transported vehicles and supplies back and forth between bases in Kuwait and the war theater in Iraq. The entire unit returned safely home last week, completing their mission without any serious injuries or fatalities.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the 233rd for selflessly standing in harm's way, transporting critical supplies over millions of miles of dangerous roads, to protect our freedom and way of life. Their distinguished service epitomizes values—duty, honor, country—that make our nation an example of freedom and prosperity for the rest of the world.

In the spirit of Fort Knox soldiers of generation past, their courage and sacrifice significantly contributed to a supreme level of safety and readiness during uncertain times. They were selfless in their sacrifice, taking time away from their families to keep others safe. For that they deserve the admiration and thanks of a grateful nation.

It is my privilege to recognize the 233rd Heavy Transportation Company today, before

the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for their generous service and unflinching duty to our great country. Welcome home!

TRIBUTE TO TERRELLITA MAVERICK

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 80th birthday of Terrellita Maverick, a member of one of San Antonio's and Texas' most distinguished families. The Maverick family has long been committed to independence of mind, fairness, and equality for all. Some claim the Mavericks can trace their roots to Boston at the eve of the American Revolution. While that may be hard to prove, we do know they have shaped San Antonio and Texas in ways that few families have.

Terrellita's ancestor, Samuel Augustus Maverick, was an original signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. An important figure in the founding of the Texas Republic, he later served in the Congress of the Texas Republic, as mayor of San Antonio, and in the State legislature.

His family's name entered the lexicon because he refused to brand his cattle unlike all other cattlemen in Texas. Maverick originally meant an unbranded male calf, yet the word soon expanded to reflect the family's independent ways. Yet, being a Maverick did not mean individualism for individualism's sake. Rather, their individualism was founded on never turning one's back on doing what was right.

Terrellita's father, Maury Maverick, Sr., represented San Antonio in the House from 1934–1938. In typical Maverick fashion, he defied the city's political machine and won his seat on the strength of San Antonio's Latino vote. A fiery New Deal advocate and close ally of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Rep. Maverick spoke his mind and fought for civil rights at a time when doing so put one's political career and life at risk. Still, Rep. Maverick fought for his constituents and for the causes he believed were right.

Like his illustrious forebearer, he became Mayor of San Antonio and thanks to his vision for the city, La Villita was restored. La Villita was San Antonio's first neighborhood and this project spurred other restoration and construction projects in downtown San Antonio. Mayor Maverick was probably the single person most responsible for the appearance of downtown San Antonio today.

Moreover, his service to Texas and our nation were not limited to elected positions. During World War I, he was an infantry lieutenant and won the Silver Star and a Purple Heart. After his service as mayor, he served in a number of capacities to ensure that our production was efficient during WWII.

Terrellita's brother, Maury Maverick, Jr., was another in this family of individualists. Maury served his nation during World War II as a marine. During the 1950s, Maury represented San Antonio in the Texas House of Representatives along side my father and fought McCarthyism and racism. He and other members killed a bill that would have given communists the death penalty. In 1960, he was

one of the 71 candidates to run for Vice-President's Johnson's Senate seat.

He then began to practice law but concentrated on pro bono legal work for powerless or unpopular people. He successfully argued against a law barring 'mixed-race' boxing matches and won a case before the Supreme Court for a San Antonio bookseller accused of possessing allegedly 'seditious' papers. He passed away in 2003 and our city misses his voice and his conscience.

However, I am pleased that Terrellita still makes San Antonio her home and is dedicated to improving our city. When not busy as a mother or grandmother, she is an active member of the Democratic Party and ACLU. She is every bit a Maverick and our community is the better for it. So, I would like to send my birthday wishes to one of San Antonio's distinguished citizens.

This has long been a family committed to fighting the fights that may not have been fashionable but that history declared right and just.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TIMOTHY J. ROONEY, GRAND MARSHAL OF NEW YORK CITY'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions to American civic and public life of Mr. Timothy J. Rooney, the 245th Grand Marshal of New York City's world famous St. Patrick's Day Parade, which marches up Fifth Avenue in Manhattan on March 17 every year.

Timothy J. Rooney is a scion of the Rooney family, which is prominent in the worlds of business and professional athletics. He is the proud son of Arthur Rooney, the founder of the National Football League's fabled Super Bowl-winning franchise, the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Rooney family also owns and manages the Yonkers Raceway in New York, a premier harness racing venue that is currently being refurbished. Since his family assumed ownership of the raceway in 1972, Mr. Rooney has served as the track's president.

Mr. Rooney has long been active in Irish-American circles. He was honored by the New York-based, United Irish Counties organization in 1975, and the Rooney family's dedication to the people of Ireland and contributions to Irish-American relations and to the Irish-American community have been honored by the American Ireland Fund in New York and Palm Beach, FL.

In 2004, the Knights of St. Patrick presented Timothy Rooney with its Lifetime Achievement award. He has been recognized with many other civic honors as well, including the Terence Cardinal Cooke Award from the New York City Catholic Youth Organization.

Mr. Rooney's leadership in the business world reflects his many diverse interests. A partner for 10 years at Chaplin, McGuinness & Co., Mr. Rooney is an associate member of the New York and American Stock Exchanges. He is president of Delta Electric, an electrical contracting corporation in Westchester County in New York, and served as a