

students through the introduction of a new wellness policy which includes strict dietary reform. Reform such as this throughout the district will not only help to curb the growing childhood obesity rate, but will also help to improve the performance of students in the classroom. I believe the central coast is an ideal area for the implementation of a policy of this type. We produce an abundance of fresh produce within our district and if students are eating what we are growing right here at home, complying with these new regulations will be a simple, healthy undertaking.

I commend Jean on her contributions to her district and her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life for the children who are the future of our country.

#### IMMIGRATION REFORM

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 5, 2006*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of tolerant, effective, comprehensive immigration reform.

Half a million people, if not a million people, marched peacefully in Los Angeles to let the Senate know that enforcement and border protection-only approach will not solve our broken immigration system. 300,000 people in Chicago, 40,000 in Washington, DC, and 20,000 in Milwaukee and Phoenix marched to defend the hopes and dreams of immigrant families. Nearly 40,000 students across Southern California, including students at several schools in my district, marched for the rights of immigrants.

I urge my colleagues in this body and in the Senate to listen to the message which reverberated across the country and support a tolerant and effective immigration policy. We need effective legislation that strikes the right balance between national security and reforming our current immigration system.

This should include a path to permanency for the millions of law-abiding and taxpaying immigrants who call the United States home. It should reduce the long lines in the family immigration system to promote family unity and include measures to control the future flow of immigrants by providing them with legal avenues to live and work in the United States.

Several proposals under consideration by Congress have a different approach. Rather than fixing the broken immigration system, they worsen the myriad of enforcement only measures which have already been tried and which have failed.

For example, between 1990 and 2000 the size of the border patrol tripled, yet the number of undocumented immigrants increased. Between 1999 and 2004, the number of border agents in the Tucson, Arizona sector of the border increased by 56 percent, while the number of arrests increased by only 4 percent.

This enforcement only approach has done nothing to protect our Nation's security. It merely encourages immigrants to cross in remote areas where it is more difficult to be caught and where they are more likely to die. We must secure our borders. We need to know who is crossing our borders and living and working in our country for our national se-

curity. But, enforcement alone will not accomplish this goal.

I hope the U.S. Senate follows the lead of its Judiciary Committee and adopts legislation that will truly reform the system and enhance our Nation's security.

I am pleased that the bill approved by the Committee includes the DREAM Act. As a member of the California Assembly, I authored the first bill to allow in-state tuition for outstanding California students.

Immigrant families are an important part of our social fabric and our economy. Undocumented workers contribute as much as \$7 billion a year into the Social Security system yet do not collect benefits. They fill an increasing share of jobs in labor-scarce regions and fill the types of jobs native workers often shun.

Immigrants and their families serve and sacrifice as members of our Nation's Armed Forces. There are more than 35,000 people defending our Nation who are not U.S. citizens, and another 28,806 members of the military who have become U.S. citizens since the events of 9-11. Since September 11, 73 servicemembers have been granted posthumous citizenship. One of them, Francisco Martinez Flores of Duarte, was a constituent of mine. Their sacrifice is no less important to our country because of their immigration status. Undocumented immigrants are our neighbors, co-workers, fellow worshipers, and friends. Many of them want to stay in America and become full-fledged members of our society.

President Bush said "Immigration is an important topic. . . . We need to maintain our perspective. . . . At its core, immigration is a sign of a confident and successful nation." I hope the Senate keeps this in mind and does not let itself be influenced by the demagogues in our media and in Congress.

As the proud daughter of immigrants, I value America's history of treasuring the contributions that immigrants have made to America. For generations, immigrants all over the World have been welcomed by the Statue of Liberty's message: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, . . ." We should not forget that our ancestors struggled and yearned for the American dream as much as immigrants do today.

Today, I was pleased to join the Progressive Caucus in sending a letter to the Senate asking for real and comprehensive immigration reform. I urge my colleagues to adopt legislation which provides a real solution for our broken immigration system and reject enforcement-only proposals.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF GEORGE EDWIN 'JETTY' STEEL

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 5, 2006*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of George Edwin 'Jetty' Steel, a dedicated lawyer and long-standing pillar of the Nashville, Arkansas, legal community and Howard County. He passed away on March 3, 2006, at the age of 89. I wish to recognize his life and achievements.

Jetty was born in Ashdown, Arkansas, on August 16, 1916. After graduating from Nash-

ville High School, he attended Hendrix College and received a law degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Jetty then began an impressive 67-year legal career in Nashville, where he served as the City Attorney of Nashville, Prosecuting Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Arkansas, and a partner of Steel and Steel Law Firm.

Jetty's commitment went far beyond the legal community; he led a life of public service by offering unwavering support for institutions throughout Nashville. He served on the Arkansas State Police Commission for 19 years, Board of Directors of First National Bank in Nashville for 20 years, Board of Directors of Diamond State Bank, Board of Directors of Nashville Federal Savings and Loan Association for 33 years, Board of Directors of the Bank of Glenwood and Board of Directors of the University of Arkansas Alumni Association. He was also a member of the Arkansas State Racing Commission and a member of First United Methodist Church in Nashville.

Jetty will be remembered for his lifetime of dedication to his community. While he may no longer be with us, his spirit and legacy will live on in the hearts he touched throughout Nashville. My deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences are with his son, George Steel; his daughter, Donna Kay Steel Yeargan; his grandchildren, George, Linsley, Ashley, and Nate; his great-grandchildren; and to all those who knew and counted him as a friend.

#### IN HONOR OF NEWSPAPER OWNER CONE MAGIE

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 5, 2006*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Cone Magie of Cabot, Arkansas, a great journalist and businessman who devoted his entire life to public service. As an owner of five newspapers, Magi provided reliable and trustworthy news to Central Arkansas for more than 50 years.

Magi's love of the newspaper business began as a young boy when he delivered papers for the Arkansas Gazette. He went on to serve as editor of the England High School newspaper, published a newsletter during his service in World War II, and upon leaving the service, studied journalism at the University of Arkansas. Magi took his first reporting job at the Madison County Record and eventually traveled to Washington, DC where he published a newsletter for the Arkansas and Iowa Farm Bureaus.

After mastering reporting, Magi bought the Cabot Star-Herald in 1955 and eventually added four other newspapers to his company, Magie Enterprises, Inc. His other newspapers include the Carlisle Independent, the Lonoke Democrat, the Sherwood Voice, and the Jacksonville Patriot. Magi served as president of the Arkansas Press Association in 1967 and frequently testified before the Arkansas Legislature on issues impacting the media. Magi and his wife, Betty, were inducted into the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville's Walter J. Lemke Department of Journalism Hall of Honor in 2005 for their significant contributions to Arkansas' newspaper industry.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Cone Magie for a lifetime of achievement in journalism. His work informed thousands of citizens on local and international issues and inspired an active citizenry in central Arkansas. He will be remembered by many as a devoted businessman, a friend, and a great American.

TRIBUTE TO SUE AND GERALD  
TREECE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 5, 2006*

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, every year thousands upon thousands of people give their time, money and dedication to others. Never is there a more shining example of volunteerism than my personal friends, Sue and Gerald Treece. Sue and Jerry Treece have been married for 35 years. They have 2 wonderful children, Justin and Trisha who grew up with my four kids. The Treece's have made a name for themselves throughout their community. They come from West Texas and have solid Texas values. They are both Texas educators and they are completely committed to serving the people around them. It is for this reason that they are being honored by the Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum.

Sue Treece taught junior high students for eleven years and currently volunteers with multiple organizations in her community. She loves Texas and is a tremendous Texas history teacher. She goes to Texas historical sites with her kids to get a first hand knowledge of our state. She has been on the Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum board for more than 10 years. In 1999 she received the Volunteer of the Year award. Sue truly has a passion for service as she is active in the Alpha Chi Omega Alumna Sorority Philanthropies, Bammel Church of Christ, and the Houston Bar Association Women's Auxiliary. Sue has held board positions with the Montgomery County Women's Council of Organizations, National Charity League, Northland Christian School, and Grogan's Point Residents' Association. In all this, Sue has been a constant companion to her mother who suffered a long time with illness. Sue is a mother, wife and a daughter.

Gerald Treece is the Dean of Students at South Texas College of Law and has been a Professor of Law for thirty-two years. He knows as much about Constitutional Law as our founders but he and I have a long relationship of debating that sacred document. He valiantly served our country during the Vietnam War, earning a Silver Star and the Purple Heart for his bravery during battle. In addition, Jerry served as a special advisor to the Reagan Administration, and more recently he served as a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Jerry Treece has been recognized by the American Bar Association and awarded their Silver Key and Outstanding Professor Awards. He has also been honored by the Texas Senate and in 2003 he was awarded their Award for Service to Legal Education in Texas. In 2005, he was named Rotarian of the Year for his service to the Houston community. Jerry consistently has his moot court team go to the nationals, having

won the National Championship several times, defeating such law schools as Harvard, Yale and Princeton, making those Ivy League Law Schools wonder, "Who are those students from the South Texas School of Law?"

Mr. Speaker, my home state of Texas is blessed with some of the kindest and most generous people on earth. Sue and Gerald Treece are shining examples of the best of this group. They are a remarkable couple and they deserve our appreciation and thanks for the ways they have truly made a difference in the lives of those in their community. By giving of their time and lending their hands, the Treece's change lives and lift people up. I am honored to have known them on a personal level and call them my friends and I am honored to join their community and the Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum in honoring them today. They are great Americans and great Texans, and "the salt of the Earth."

That's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING THE DISTRICT  
OF HAWAII UNITED STATES  
MARSHALS SERVICE ON RECEIVING  
THE 2005 UNITED STATES  
MARSHALS SERVICE DISTINGUISHED  
SMALL DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S  
HONORARY AWARD

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 5, 2006*

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding work of the District of Hawaii United States Marshals Service, recipients of the 2005 USMS Distinguished Small District Director's Honorary Award.

Last year, the District successfully accommodated significant workload and productivity increases in law enforcement and prisoner supervisions functions. The District was also exceptionally busy in ensuring the security of our federal judiciary, where proceedings of late have been highly charged.

The District also continued its highly successful partnership with other federal, state, and local law enforcement entities through the Hawaii Fugitive Task Force, a unit of the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area that focuses on the arrest of dangerous fugitives wanted on federal and state felony warrants for drug-related crimes.

For his work on the Hawaii Fugitive Task Force, Criminal Investigator/Deputy United States Marshal Glenn Ferreira received the Hawaii Federal Top Cop Award by the Hawaii State Law Enforcement Officers Association. This award is significant for the District as it is the first time, in its fifty year history, that the association has recognized a member of the United States Marshals Service.

I would like to extend a sincere mahalo (thank you) to Mark "Dutch" Hanohano, United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii, and to our District's eighteen Deputy Marshals for their service and contributions to our state and our country. I would also like to thank all our United States Marshals that work daily to keep our communities and our nation safe.

Mahalo, and aloha.

HONORING DR. CAROLINE L.  
LATTIMORE

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 5, 2006*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Dr. Caroline L. Lattimore of Durham, North Carolina, for her leadership in the community, in the state of North Carolina, and nationally. A well-respected Associate Academic Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Terry Sanford Public Policy Institute at Duke University, Dr. Lattimore is also the 15th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. As many of my colleagues know, Alpha Kappa Alpha is the nation's oldest Greek-letter organization for African-American women, with more than 170,000 members worldwide.

For the last 4 years, Dr. Lattimore has led the Mid-Atlantic Region, which consists of chapters in my state of North Carolina and in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She will chair the 53rd Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference in Crystal City, VA on April 13-16, 2006. The Regional Conference will be the culmination of her four year tenure as Regional Director.

Dr. Lattimore's tenure as Regional Director has been one of intense activity, as she has almost single-handedly raised the visibility of the Sorority throughout the region. Specifically, Mr. Speaker, she has been the driving force behind the Sorority's programs to promote educational excellence among K-12 and college students, particularly women and minorities; provide leadership development for the next generation of community leaders; support a myriad of community service programs; and encourage volunteerism. In addition, Dr. Lattimore is a founding member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Education Advancement Fund and an architect of the Sorority's registration of more than 200,000 new voters over the last few years. The basis for all of these endeavors has been Dr. Lattimore's commitment to education.

Mr. Speaker, her work with the Sorority, in educational circles, and in the community have earned Dr. Lattimore numerous awards and accolades. Among them are: Ford Foundation National Fellowship; National Council of Negro Women—Woman of the Year in Leadership Roles; YWCA Women of Achievement Outstanding Woman Award; NAACP Freedom Fund Outstanding Service Award; and the J.C. Penny Golden Rule Volunteer Service Award, to name a few. She was also the Alpha Kappa Alpha International Representative to the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

In every aspect of her service to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Dr. Lattimore has been a dynamic and inspirational leader. She lives her motto for this Regional Conference: Alpha Kappa Alpha Spirit: Preserving Our Legacy.

As her representative in the United States Congress, I am proud to salute Dr. Caroline L. Lattimore for her accomplishments. I encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring her.