

Grammy, ASCAP, and Tony award winning film score composer; Tara Flandreau, Chair of the College of Marin Music Department; Dan Smiley, Second Violin; San Francisco Symphony; and numerous performers of the Marin Symphony Orchestra as well as music teachers who have continued to instruct successive generations.

In the words of participant Lucy Williams (First Violin Section, 2004), "When I went to hear Jeremy Constant (Marin Symphony concertmaster) perform on his Stradivarius at Davies Symphony Hall I asked him what inspired him. He said that as a youth symphony musician he got to play Scheherazade, by Rimsky-Korsakov, and I realized that he was my age when he was playing it and we had just finished performing that same piece! I felt a rush of excitement, like I was walking a path of history and it might lead me onto that stage some day. I thought about George telling us about the "giant nerf rocks" in the shipwreck passage and it made me feel like the luckiest person there."

Mr. Speaker, the Marin Youth Symphony Orchestra will continue to develop musical talent and provide inspiration for young talented people in Marin County by making it possible for them to learn and share musical experiences of the highest possible level. The benefits of this cultural asset extend to the entire community, enriching our national musical heritage. I congratulate them on this 50th anniversary celebration.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 11, 2006*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5122) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my support for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007. Chairman DUNCAN HUNTER and the Ranking Member, Mr. SKELTON worked together in a bipartisan manner to produce a bill that places the highest importance on our war fighters. The brave men and women who wear the uniform of our armed services deserve nothing less than our support, and I am proud that this bill demonstrates our commitment to them.

This bipartisan bill provides our military with improved capabilities and resources to carry out the important missions that we have asked of them. By increasing the pay for all members of the armed forces, this important bill recognizes the sacrifice and dedication of the men and women who serve our country.

This bill also adds funds to better equip our soldiers both in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. By providing increased amounts for up-armored Humvees, improvised explosive device (IED) jammers and state-of-the-art body armor, the House bill recognizes the changing nature of current con-

flicts, and places a high value on the protection of our soldiers.

I am also pleased that bill includes language which works toward ensuring that there is no capability gap in aerial intelligence gathering or strike force as the Air Force moves toward more modern and unmanned air vehicles. It is important that we do not lose valuable military assets currently provided by the U-2 or F-117 before there is an operational alternative.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

#### IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF IONE BIGGS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2006*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Ione Biggs, cherished wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and champion of peace and social justice whose remarkable life echoes a call for peace and civil rights within our community and around the world.

Mrs. Biggs began blazing trails early on. Every inroad she created was lined with grace, integrity, and courage. One of first women police officers hired in the city of Cleveland, Mrs. Biggs worked in the Juvenile Division where she guided and assisted women and children for more than 10 years. Disenchanted with the rampant sexism and racism that permeated the Police Division at that time, Mrs. Biggs transferred to the Cleveland Municipal Court in 1955, where she worked diligently until her retirement in 1986. Her husband of 53 years, the late Keith D. Biggs, their son, Keith, and daughter, Gladys, were central to her life. Beyond her commitment to family and work, Mrs. Biggs' unrelenting activism, focused on peace, minority rights, and women's rights, played a vital role in elevating the hearts and minds of the public and its leaders, at home and abroad. She marched in support of Cleveland Mayor Carl B. Stokes and marched in opposition of the Vietnam war. In 1995, Mrs. Biggs organized a local delegation to attend the International Women's Conference in Beijing. She was an active leader in Nine to Five, supported Cleveland Working Women, WomenSpace, League of Women Voters, the ACLU, SpeakOut for Affirmative Action and numerous other social justice organizations. Mrs. Biggs attended national and international peace conferences, including disarmament and human rights summits in Sweden, Kenya, and the former Soviet Union.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude, and remembrance of Mrs. Ione Biggs, who lived life with great joy, energy, passion, and in tireless advocacy on behalf of others. A certain grace illuminated her life, and the endless measure of her kindness and her dignified defiance will exist forever within the hearts of those who knew her well, especially her family and friends. Mrs. Biggs' legacy of peace transcends borders and time, lending light and hope to those who still live without justice, and to those who continue her march—from the steps of Public Square in Cleveland, Ohio, to the steps of the City Square in Nairobi, Kenya, and her journey will be remembered always.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR  
EULINE BROCK'S OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO  
THE CITY OF DENTON

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Denton Mayor Euline Brock. After 6 years of service as Mayor and more than 20 years of dedicated service to the city of Denton, Ms. Brock will retire on May 23, 2006.

Mayor Brock was elected mayor in 2000, was an at-large member of the Denton City Council from 1992–1998, serving as mayor pro tem from 1994–1998, and from 1998–2000 she served as chair of the 50-member Blue Ribbon Citizens' Committee that formulated and promoted the capital improvement bond program.

Under Mayor Euline Brock's guidance, the city of Denton has emerged as a major City in the Denton-Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the State of Texas through her involvement in regional policy-making efforts. Ms. Brock served as president of Metroplex Mayors where she promoted development of a regional transit system and organized the first-ever joint meeting of the Metroplex Mayors and Tarrant County Mayors Council. Her initiatives included the regional "Keep Local Government Local" group organized to lobby the Texas Legislature on issues important to north Texas cities, and her vision of Denton as the "Third City" in the region—not third in size, but third in importance, as she has established Denton as a regional center for medical services, retail, banking, employment, entertainment, sports and the arts.

Mayor Brock was instrumental in the formation of the Denton Tomorrow and Denton Tomorrow II community symposiums which created a set of strategies and actions to achieve sustained economic vitality in Denton. Thanks in large measure to her vision and leadership, the city of Denton has been successful in expanding its retail base to address the needs of a vibrant and growing city including: the construction of Sally Beauty Company's new Worldwide Support Center, the construction of United Copper, Flowers Foods, Fastenal Company, Denton Crossing, and the expansion of Peterbilt's regional headquarters.

Ms. Brock's tenure also ushered in unprecedented improvements to the infrastructure of the city of Denton with a new central fire station, a new library branch, renovations of historic buildings and construction of new roads and water treatment facilities.

Perhaps one of her greatest strengths is her ability to build consensus, as demonstrated by her creating an environment of cooperation and respect on the Denton City Council, her hosting of the first ever joint meeting between the Denton City Council and the Denton Independent School District Board to explore better ways to work cooperatively, and her inclusion of the Denton Chamber of Commerce Board on key business issues before the city.

Mayor Euline Brock has also worked closely with my office to ensure that we are aware of the accomplishments and needs of the largest city in my district, Denton. She has been and continues to be a catalyst for positive change,

always with Denton's future in mind and best interest at heart. Even with all of these and other accomplishments too numerous to list, Mayor Brock has remained a modest person who always shared the credit of progress with her fellow city council members, city staff, her husband Dr. Horace Brock, and with others in the community.

Today, I recognize her decades of hard work and selfless dedication given to the citizens of Denton. I am honored to represent Mayor Euline Brock in Washington, and I hope her service to the citizens of Denton will never be forgotten, but will often be set as a standard of dedication and true leadership.

#### CONGRATULATING THE SAN CATALDO SOCIETY ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2006*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the San Cataldo Society of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this month.

In 1904, a group of Dunmore residents, recently emigrated from the island of Sicily, associated themselves for the purpose of promoting goodwill, civic betterment and for the benefit of its members in cases of sickness, accident or death from funds collected.

The early history reveals that these pioneers, bearing the customs which they inherited from their native land, but handicapped by a language barrier, overcame many difficulties and obstacles in the formation of the Societa San Cataldese Cooperativa Di Mutua Saccorso in Dunmore.

In March 1905, a group of 48 men held their first meeting at Washington Hall, Chestnut and Comer Streets, and they elected the late Rosario Bentivenga as the first president.

The society continued to progress since its incorporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 15, 1906. Meetings were conducted at various Dunmore landmarks, including DeAndrea's Hall on Willow Street; Lalli's Hall on Willow Street; Naro's Hall on Elm Street, and Luzio's Hall on Mortimer Street.

In 1927, after many years of sacrifices and perseverance by the members, the society began construction of a building at 316 Elizabeth Street. The same building is still in use today.

The Italian immigrants who made up the San Cataldo Society contributed much to their community, working in various occupations including coal miners, construction workers and skilled laborers. They served in public office and their descendants served and fought honorably in defense of this Nation. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have served the community and the nation becoming doctors, lawyers, engineers, judges, construction contractors, business owners, nurses, pharmacists and public servants.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the San Cataldo Society and its members past and present. Their devotion to their community has improved the quality of life and

serves as a positive example for others to emulate.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARINELL EVA

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2006*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Marinell Eva, upon the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs). Thanks to Marinell, 4Cs is not only a successful agency but also one with a lot of heart. Her writings in the newsletter, reflective of her childhood and her children's, show her deep connection and empathy with families and children.

During Marinell's 17 years with the agency, she was a leader in developing a variety of child care services, collaborations with other organizations, and advocacy for children and families. Also, 4Cs researched and published the study, *The Economic Impact of Child Care in Sonoma County*, under her direction and in partnership with the Child Care Planning Council. 4Cs continues to inform businesses and government of the link between child care and our local economy.

Marinell moved to Sonoma County in 1978, and soon became the Program Director at the YWCA's A Special Place child care program where she served for many years. She volunteered with the Sonoma County Child Abuse Council and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Extended Child Care Coalition. She currently serves on the SRJC Child Development Advisory Committee, First Five Professional Community Advisory Committee, and is an advisory member of the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County. She has a B.A. in English Literature and Psychology, and an M.A. in Clinical Psychology.

Her commitment and passion have been an invaluable asset to Sonoma County. Carl Wong, Superintendent of Schools, says, "The teachers and principals of the Sonoma County K-12 public school system have benefited from the leadership and advocacy of Marinell Eva for over 16 years. Her professional dedication in support of children and families helps to promote a level playing field for the 5000+ Kindergarten students who begin their school experience each year."

These thoughts are echoed by Joel Gordon, the Director of Early Childhood Education at Santa Rosa Junior College: "Through the years Marinell has been one of my favorite people to work with. In a time when the word is overused, she has become a great leader in Sonoma. The combination of her vision, talent, commitment, compassion and sense of humor have changed for the better our community and ultimately the lives of many of its youngest citizens. She is one of a kind and will be greatly missed."

Marinell and her husband, David Pittman, live on property in Sebastopol, where two their children and all four grandchildren live. She plans to continue as a member of the Board of Trustees at the Sonoma Academy, and in between gardening and reading she will spend time studying Spanish, literature, and music as well as keeping up with the grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, have been inspired by working with Marinell Eva. She says it best in her own words: "Working with people in the child care field has been my deep privilege. I have had the good fortune to work for what I believe in—meeting the needs of children. What better way to change the world?"

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR ED DAVIS

#### HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2006*

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sadness today to honor the memory of Ed Davis, a former California State Senator and Los Angeles Chief of Police. He was a remarkable man who was a monumental presence on the Los Angeles and California political scene. Senator Davis passed away on April 22, 2006 in San Luis Obispo, CA, at the age of 89.

Born Edward Michael Davis on November 15, 1916 in Los Angeles, he graduated from John C. Fremont High School and enlisted in the United States Navy where he became a decorated officer. He later received his Masters in Public Administration from USC. Always a proud alumnus, he often sported a maroon blazer and gold pants, USC's famous colors, on the State Senate floor.

Joining the Los Angeles Police Department in 1940, Ed first walked a beat in downtown Los Angeles with the late Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. Rising up through the ranks, he was a director of the police and fire union and later a trusted top aide to legendary Chief William Parker. Ed served as Los Angeles Chief of Police from 1969 until 1978 where he was known as a popular firebrand who pushed law and order during times of turbulence.

Chief Davis proved popular with not only the people of Los Angeles, but also with weary Americans who were looking for tough leadership during uncertain times. During the same period, his officers' morale was at an all-time high. He became a national figure as a tough law and order proponent quelling student protests during the Vietnam War, opposing the Black Panthers, and taking a strident stance against the epidemic of hijacking in the early 1970s.

In 1974, the entire Nation watched as the Chief's force had a climatic shootout with the Simbionese Liberation Army who had kidnapped heiress Patty Hearst. Several leaders of the gang died in a fiery blaze at the conclusion of the confrontation.

Chief Davis implemented historic reforms at the LAPD and left a legacy of influence in law enforcement. His innovations include creating the Neighborhood Watch concept to bring residents together, and instituting community policing. While crime rose by 55 percent across the Nation during his tenure as Chief, crime actually decreased by 1 percent in Los Angeles. His influence still exists in the LAPD, and programs that the Chief invented are at the heart of every police organization worldwide. The City of Los Angeles honored him by naming the newest and most elaborate of the three LAPD training centers "The Ed Davis Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & Tactics/Firearms Training Center" in 1998.