

Vi was also a business woman and financier for 37 years. The business that she and Jess owned earned her the recognition as one of the most successful business partners in the area and was the catalyst for Vi's commitment to the betterment of her community. It also served as the central point within the community, where many local leaders discussed political, economic, and social issues.

Some of her many accomplishments include: President and member of the 65th Assembly District committee, vice-chairwoman of the party's Chicano-Latino Caucus, and member of the San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee since 1996.

Vi was also the founding member of the Yucaipa Democratic Club, the Comision Femenil Mexicana Nacional, and the Chicana Service Action Center.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jesus (Jess) Munoz, Sr., sons Jesus Munoz, Jr., and Kenneth Munoz, daughter Beverly Munoz, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Vi has left behind a wonderful legacy of community and political activism. The many relatives and friends who loved her dearly, know that she will be missed. Vi touched us all with her kind deeds and leadership in our community.

My wife Barbara, my family and I extend our deepest condolences to Vi's family. May God bestow his comfort upon them at this time.

RECOGNIZING THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS FROM OREGON'S 3RD DISTRICT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, President Kennedy, speaking 46 years ago at the establishment of the Peace Corps, remarked that, "The initial reactions to the Peace Corps proposal are convincing proof that we have, in this country, an immense reservoir of such men and women—anxious to sacrifice their energies and time and toil to the cause of world peace and human progress." What was true in 1961 is true today; Peace Corps Volunteers are an outstanding group of men and women serving the cause of humanity across the globe.

During this National Peace Corps Week, I want to honor the service and commitment of the Peace Corps Volunteers from Oregon's 3rd Congressional district and express my pride in my fellow Oregonians who have chosen to devote years of their lives in service to others.

In particular, I want to recognize those Peace Corps Volunteers who have begun their service in the past year: Annie Crater (Honduras), Michelle Gerdes (Tanzania), Benjamin Grace (Niger), Eli Mechanic (Morocco), James Murphy (Mali), Nicole Probst (Malawi), Radhika Reddy (Burkina Faso), Michael Thoeresz (Belize), and Lauren Towery (Romania).

Their work to empower people and communities in developing countries is an invaluable contribution to creating a safe and prosperous world, building bridges between America and the world, and establishing a better future for people everywhere.

TRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. SAXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Harry H. O'Claire Chapter #637 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Chartered in 1957 and located in Lakewood, New Jersey, Chapter #637 has maintained an abiding commitment to developing, promoting and implementing policies and programs to enrich the quality of life in its community. Its mission and focus has remained constant, and its efforts to protect and improve the retirement benefits of federal retirees, employees and their families have remained strong.

Throughout my time in Congress, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with Chapter #637, and in particular, my good friend, Frank Spatola, the current Legislative Chair. Over the years, we have worked together on behalf of seniors and retirees in Ocean County, New Jersey, on a variety of issues—including health care, Social Security, and other issues of importance to this community.

I congratulate the Harry H. O'Claire Chapter of NARFE on its 50th anniversary, and salute its exemplary history as an organization of concerned, responsible and involved citizens. I wish my friends at Chapter #637 many more years of success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DEANNE STONE

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay great honor to Mrs. Deanne C. Stone, who passed away on January 28th after a year long struggle with cancer. Born in Hartford, Connecticut and eventually residing in the state of Massachusetts, Mrs. Stone leaves behind a great legacy through her leadership roles and tireless volunteer work in many distinguished organizations, as well as through her friends and family who loved her dearly.

Born to the late Janet and Yale Cohn, Mrs. Stone demonstrated a passion for success at a young age. As Mrs. Stone's sister Barbara Gordon recalls, she was actively involved in her years as a young woman at Weaver High School, working on the school newspaper and eventually graduating as valedictorian of her class in 1957. She went on to graduate with degrees from Brandeis University and Leslies College. Dedicating her life to helping others, Mrs. Stone served in numerous leadership roles for many different organizations, ranging from The Foundation for Children's Books to local Brownie and Cub Scout troops, and an elementary school PTA president.

Known widely throughout the Jewish communities, Deanne Stone worked tirelessly with numerous organizations closely connected

with her faith. She was the Executive Director at Maimonides School and Temple Israel of Boston. She became the founding president of the Women's Division of the Greater Framingham Jewish Federation, and served with her husband, Harvey, as the co-editor of the Jewish Reporter.

Her passion for working within the Jewish community was acknowledged by receiving the honor of being named the national chair for the National Women's Department of the Council of Jewish Federations. Her faith and diligence was also recognized through an invitation to the White House to celebrate the signing of a historic peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Mrs. Deanne C. Stone. Her tireless dedication to the local and Jewish community has touched and inspired those who knew Mrs. Stone, and will continue to resonate through her achievements. My thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family, especially her husband Harvey, and the families of her children Matthew and Allison, and sister Barbara. The Hartford community is thankful for having the honor of knowing Mrs. Deanne Stone.

HONORING CAPTAIN HARRY W. ORLADY'S CAREER AS A PIONEER IN AVIATION SAFETY HUMAN FACTORS

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a true pioneer in aviation safety and human factors, on his distinguished career of service to the safety of world-wide aviation. Captain Harry W. Orlady passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 7, 2007 at age 86. A memorial service and reception will be held on Friday, March 2, 2007 in Los Gatos, California.

Captain Harry Orlady was a pioneer in the area of aero medical research and aviation human factors. He had a lifelong passion to improve aviation safety in order to, in his words, "make the system better for people who use it." He wrote and delivered more than 100 papers and presentations, conducted studies on medical disabilities, pilot incapacitation, and flight crew complement. He was the originator and principal developer of United Airlines' Flight Safety Awareness Program, the first formalized and effective non-punitive incident reporting system, which was the model for the NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System. Captain Orlady initiated work on pilot incapacitation research at United, and he was the originator of the "two communication rule" that has been a mandatory procedure for years at most of the world's airlines.

Harry Orlady initiated "human factors" research and practices before the importance of those concepts was understood and widely accepted in the aviation industry. Prior to that time, the aviation community was apt to label most accidents as "pilot error" and simply move on without understanding how the system and the equipment contributed to these errors, which were the primary cause of aircraft accidents.

Harry Orlady served as a mentor to numerous young researchers at NASA and at the nation's colleges and universities. At a time when the airlines did not take human factors principles seriously, Harry Orlady worked tirelessly to provide access to these young researchers, with the result that human factors principles would ultimately become part of the standard curriculum at all major airlines, worldwide, and they remain so today.

As a direct result of Captain Orlady's tireless efforts to raise awareness with senior aviation decision-makers, training concepts such as Crew Resource Management (CRM) became recognized and accepted as an essential element of all military and civilian flight training programs. Human factors training programs are now required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and by most of the world's civil aviation authorities, as well as in International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annexes.

Captain Harry Orlady was active in the Air Line Pilots Association serving multiple terms on the Negotiating Committee, System Board, as Chair of Council 12, and was founder of the Medical Committee. He strongly believed that pilots should not have to retire at age 60. To support that belief, and he completed the Honolulu Marathon at age 59 in 4 hours and 36 minutes.

Retirement from United in 1980 did not slow Harry Orlady down. He counted among his post-retirement contributions: 9 years as a senior research scientist with NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting System; an FAA consultant in the certification of the B747-400 and MD-11; and co-author, with his daughter Linda, a B767 Captain at United, of a well-received book *Human Factors in Multi-Crew Operations*, which has sold more than 4000 copies.

Captain Orlady received numerous awards for his hard work including United's W. A. Patterson Award, the Aerospace Medical Association's Harry G. Moseley Award, induction into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, and as an elected Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association. However, Harry Orlady would tell you that the main satisfaction of his work came from his peers, from people who told him that he made a difference, and most of all, from watching those whom he coached and mentored make contributions to the industry.

Aviation aside, Harry Orlady's main interest was his family. Harry met the love of his life, Ellen, when she was a stewardess for United during the DC-3 days. At the time, stewardesses were required to be registered nurses and also could not continue to fly once married. Harry and Ellen were blessed to share 59 years of marriage. Besides Ellen, Harry is survived by 4 children: Roger and his

wife Nancy; Sue and her husband, John Brown; Linda and her husband, John Cirino; and Craig; as well as his "bright lights," grandchildren: Stephanie, Steve, and Scott Brown.

Madam Speaker, Captain Harry Orlady's contributions to aviation safety will be long remembered and carried on by his many colleagues and students. He will be greatly missed, but his momentous contributions will live on forever.

HONORING ROBERT L. HARRIS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and work of Robert L. Harris, a native of Oakland, California. Today Bob celebrates his retirement from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), where he currently serves as the Vice President of Environmental, Health, Technical and Land Services. His outstanding contributions to his company are second only to what he has given back to our community. I am proud to have this opportunity to salute him for his many years of service.

Bob graduated from Merrit College in 1963 and the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 1973. There he had a memorable career, where he was an associate editor for the California Law Review. He was admitted to the California State Bar on December 13, 1972, and was a state bar examination grader from 1973–1979. He made continuing education a priority throughout his career, completing the Harvard Graduate School of Business Advanced Management Program, as well as the Management Development Program at Duke University's School of Business.

Almost immediately after his graduation from law school, Bob was invited to join the legal staff of PG&E. In 1985, he became the first and only lawyer in PG&E's history to argue and win a case for the company in the United States Supreme Court. The issue he won pertained to free speech.

In 1989, Bob was selected to become the manager of one of PG&E's major operating divisions in its East Bay region in Oakland, California. He was the first lawyer ever appointed to such a position within PG&E. In that position, he proved his exceptional leadership skills in the face of disaster on more than one occasion. In 1989, the Loma Prieta Earthquake devastated the Bay Area and damaged PG&E's facilities. Despite the severity of the

situation, Bob was able to keep his division afloat and organized. Two years later, the Oakland Hills Firestorm, the largest urban firestorm in United States history, struck and devastated our region. During this crisis, Bob was once again able to lead a demonstration of commitment to Bay Area residents, and PG&E restored service to the remaining homes in record time. As a result, PG&E won accolades from throughout the East Bay for maintaining service to their customers, no matter how grave the situation.

In addition to his success with PG&E, Bob has distinguished himself in numerous endeavors within the community. He is an active longtime member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and has served as the Sire Archon (president) of Alpha Gamma Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. Bob is a former president of the Charles Houston Bar Association of the San Francisco Bay Area, and in 1970–1980, he served as president of the National Bar Association. He is one of the founders of the California Association of Black Lawyers, and served as a member of the Board of Commissioners at the Port of Oakland from 1996–2000.

Bob is also active in energy matters that impact African Americans. He is the second vice chairman and former general counsel of the American Association of Blacks in Energy. Bob is a board member of the U.S. EPA's National Advisory Council on Environmental Justice, the National Energy Policy Commission, the California EPA Advisory Committee on Environmental Justice, and the California League of Conservation Voters.

Bob is well known for his unparalleled dedication to community service and has received numerous accolades for his work. Among them is the NAACP's highest legal honor, the "William Robert Ming Award," as well as the National Bar Associations highest honor, the "C. Francis Stradford Award." In July 2005, he also received the Kappa Alpha Psi's highest honor, the "Laurel Wreath." Currently Bob chairs the United Negro College Fund's Bay Area Advisory Board, and has received its highest honor, the "Fredrick D. Patterson Award." On five different occasions, he was selected by Ebony Magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Blacks in America."

Today, the friends, family and colleagues of Robert L. Harris have come together to celebrate his career and immeasurable contributions to our community. On this very special day, I join all of them in thanking Bob for his invaluable service, and for the profoundly positive impact his work has had on countless lives here in California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, across our country and throughout the world.