

an exemplary individual and friend from my Congressional District, on the occasion of his 20 year anniversary as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, KY.

Raised in West Palm Beach, FL, Dr. Darland first came to Kentucky in the mid 1970s to complete a Masters Degree of Divinity at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He later earned a Doctorate in Philosophy from the same institution. Dr. Darland's Christian mission first brought him to Grace Baptist Church in Independence, KY. In 1987, he was called to the Immanuel Baptist Church in Elizabethtown.

Dr. Darland's wife, Suzanne, continues to play an important role in his ministry, sharing his passion for the Lord and dedication to his congregation. The couple has also been blessed with three fine sons: Jesse, Daniel, and Joel.

It is my great privilege to honor Dr. Charles Darland today before the entire House of Representatives for his dedicated service to the spiritual needs of members of the Baptist faith and the community at large. He is an outstanding citizen worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

HONORING THE GUAM WOMEN'S CLUB ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 55TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Guam Women's Club (GWC) on the occasion of its 55th anniversary. The GWC was founded during a time of transition for Guam. In 1952, just 7 years after the end of World War II and 8 years after Guam's liberation, the people of Guam were emerging from the ravages of war and occupation. The women who founded the GWC that year were determined to contribute to the reconstruction of Guam and the promotion of the Chamorro culture. The GWC, since 1952, has established a successful record of helping to improve the health, welfare and education of the people of Guam.

Guam was attacked and occupied by the Imperial Japanese Army on December 7, 1941. The occupation lasted for 3 years and devastated our island. The battle to liberate Guam from Imperial Japanese Army occupation was a fierce but successful one. After the war, Guam was free again but the task of rebuilding was formidable. The vibrancy of our island's community today is a direct result of the commitment and hard work on the part of individuals and organizations dedicated to the reconstruction of Guam following the war. The GWC played an integral and commendable role in that effort.

In 1954, the GWC launched the effort to establish the Guam Museum of Culture, Art and History. The Guam Museum has thrived over the years, contributing greatly to the growth of understanding of Guam's history and appreciation of our island's diverse culture. I am confident that the GWC members who helped begin the Guam Museum some many years ago would share in our pride in that fact that, today, the Guam Museum is preparing for undergo a multi-million dollar construction and expansion project.

The GWC also has always made supporting education a high priority. Since its inception, the GWC has awarded high school, college, and university scholarships to deserving students. The GWC has also honored the teaching profession with annual "Teacher Appreciation" social events.

GWC members further have long been hospital volunteers and actively contribute their time, effort and money to support other local service organizations, such as the Aleo Shelter, Erica's House, Child Care Co-op, the Guam Lytico and Bodig Association, St. Dominic's Nursing Facility and Rainbows for all Children, as well as national organizations, such as Crime Stoppers, the Salvation Army and the Guam chapters of the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society. The GWC also remains a loyal supporter and contributor to the Sugar Plum Tree, which provides holiday presents to needy children and senior citizens, and to the Air Force's annual Christmas Drop tradition, collecting, soliciting and preparing practical items, candy and toys to distribute by parachute to the sparsely populated outlying islands in Micronesia. Additionally, the Guam Women's Club is a long-time benefactor of the Guam Symphony Society and contributor to KGTF, Guam's public television station, and KPRG, the local public radio station.

Moreover, the commitment of the GWC to island beautification has resulted in the development of Government House's grounds and the establishment of Padre Palomo Park in Hagatna. Also notable is the effort on the part of the GWC to establish the Memorias Para I Lalahita Park, which was completed in 1972 and is probably the first memorial in our Nation to be dedicated to our men and women who fought and died in the Vietnam Conflict.

Madam Speaker, the Guam Women's Club is Guam's oldest women's organization. After 55 years, I am proud to say that it remains a vibrant part of our island's community. It has received numerous national and international awards and recognition for its many successful projects and its sustained allegiance to serving the Guam community. I am proud to have been a long-time member and I am honored to recognize the current membership's adherence to GWC's goals and objectives. The Guam Women's Club has made substantial contributions toward the transformation of Guam from war-torn island to 21st century community—the social, political and economic leader in the Western Pacific.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my profound sorrow over the sudden loss of my colleague, JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD who died of cancer on April 22, 2007. JUANITA was a trailblazer throughout her life and in the House of Rep-

resentatives, and it was an honor for me to serve alongside her.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, JUANITA was a former teacher in the Los Angeles public school system and served on the Carson City Council and in the California State Assembly before running for Congress in December 1995. Since then, she had been elected to Congress with an overwhelming amount of support from her constituents. The 37th district of California should be proud that they had such a strong and determined representative in JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

JUANITA spoke out against injustices both in our country, especially on voting rights and election reform, and abroad, including genocide in Cambodia and Darfur, women's rights and human trafficking. Her hard work and ability to lead earned JUANITA the Chairmanship of the Committee on House Administration for the 110th Congress. This appointment also represented another barrier she broke through: JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD was the first African-American woman to chair a House committee.

Having faced many obstacles in my own life, I can truly appreciate the barriers that JUANITA knocked down in her lifetime. I know her memory will live on forever, as will the opportunities she helped create for those who follow in her footsteps.

JUANITA is survived by her husband, James McDonald, Jr.; five children; and five grandchildren. May we keep her loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they endure this difficult period.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BOB AND CAROLE DONALD

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friends Bob and Carole Donald for their commitment to serving the community.

Bob and Carole are two individuals who truly exemplify community service and civic involvement. Since moving to Las Vegas, Bob and Carole have donated their time and energy to a variety of causes in our community. Whether it is helping a neighbor or volunteering in the community, Bob and Carole are always willing to lend a hand. Their commitment and service to others have had a positive impact on our community.

Bob has dedicated both his professional life and his personal life to serving others. He served his country in the U.S. Army before becoming a police officer with the Newark Police Department in New Jersey. During his 25 years with the Newark Police Department, Bob served on the foot patrol, the motorcycle unit, as a detective, the head of Narcotics, and as the head of the Tactical Force. As an officer, Bob always placed the safety of others before his own and protected the citizens of Newark with both honor and pride. The Newark Police Department honored Bob on a number of occasions for the leadership, commitment, and sacrifice he demonstrated as a police officer.

Bob retired as a Lieutenant from the Newark Police Department and later moved to Las Vegas. Throughout his years in Las Vegas,

Bob has been incredibly active in the community. When he is not volunteering, he spends his time either hunting or skeet shooting. He is co-founder of the Nellis Skeet Club and has won the Senior Skeet Shooting Championship of Nevada many times in the past several years.

Carole was a professional Flamenco dancer and traveled the world performing with legendary Flamenco dancer, Jose Greco. After retiring from dancing, she opened a hair salon in New Jersey and later opened another salon in Las Vegas. Carole has used her talents to help others. She has volunteered for a number of years at local hospitals, providing haircuts to patients who are too sick to leave the hospital. She is a very warm-hearted person who is not only willing to donate her time and her talents to help others, but actively seeks opportunities to do so.

Bob and Carole have been happily married for over 20 years. Bob has three children Bobby, Stephen, and Diane.

Bob and Carole Donald are outstanding examples of what it means to be community-minded. They are genuine, giving, and kind. They constantly look for ways to contribute to the world around them. Their optimism and enthusiasm for life has made a difference for all who have the privilege of knowing them.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Bob and Carole Donald for their tremendous commitment to the Las Vegas community and to the United States. I wish the Donalds the very best as they continue to set an example of service and civic involvement.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE
HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE
HONORABLE JUANITA MILLENDER-
MCDONALD, MEMBER OF
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SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 23, 2007

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, the loss this week of our dear friend and colleague JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD was a great blow to this institution and to the people of the California's 37th Congressional District.

I extend my sincere condolences to her family during this time of sorrow, and I hope that they find some comfort in knowing how deeply loved and respected Juanita was by her constituents and by her colleagues here in the House of Representatives.

We honor her life and her accomplishments this week. Motivated by love of country, community and family, and inspired by her struggles as an African American leader and as a woman, she advocated for the rights of minorities and women in this country and throughout the world.

JUANITA was no less dedicated to the more parochial needs of her constituents and Southern California in general. As the tributes from her Committee colleagues highlight, she was a respected and effective member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, securing billions of dollars for her region and her state of California.

She worked tirelessly to secure transportation infrastructure investments, enhancing

the economic security of the region and improving the quality of life for Los Angeles County residents. She will long be remembered by Angelenos for her leading role in making possible the construction of the historic Alameda Corridor.

She was also a woman of many firsts. In the California State Assembly, JUANITA became the first woman, in her first term, to chair the powerful Insurance and Revenue and Taxation Committees.

I know how proud she was to be the first African American woman to be named Honorary Curator of the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach.

Most recently, JUANITA became the first African American woman to hold the distinguished position of Chair of the powerful House Administration Committee in this 110th Congress, overseeing the operations of the House of Representatives.

During her short term as Chair, her hiring and contracting practices within the House of Representatives reflected her deep commitment to diversity. She was a dedicated proponent of minority rights, and was the Founder and Executive Director of the League of African American Women, comprised of 40 African-American women's groups.

JUANITA was also the founder of the Young Advocates, a political leadership-training program for African-Americans between the ages of 18 and 35. She believed in embracing our youth and fought to give young people hope and opportunity for a better life. Juanita introduced legislation directing the Secretary of Education to study and report to Congress on the troubling dropout rate among Latino, Native American, American Samoan and African American high school students.

JUANITA will also be remembered as a strong advocate for human rights around the globe, speaking out against genocide in Cambodia, Darfur and other regions of the world where she fought against injustice and inhumanity. She worked with former Secretary of State Madeline Albright and Ambassador John Miller to address human trafficking and in support of women's rights around the world.

JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD was a dynamic member of this House, who sought to maximize her influence to better the lives of her constituents, the residents of her county and State, and all people around the world in desperate need of assistance.

JUANITA was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. And she was a beloved colleague and friend who will truly be missed.

My husband Ed and I send our deep and sincere condolences to her husband, James, her five children and five grandchildren.

We will miss you JUANITA.

SUPPORTING NIH FUNDING FOR
DYSTONIA RESEARCH

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of NIH funding for research to better understand the causes and treatments for dystonia.

My longtime friend Howard Thiel visited last week to tell me more about the problem of

dystonia; Howard experienced severe pain and disability from this condition for nine years.

Although he is now benefiting from effective treatment, he helped me better understand the problems of the many Americans who suffer from conditions of abnormal muscle tone. In compelling terms, he described the pain, disability and suffering they experience. From spasmodic dystonia of the neck, to spasmodic dysphonia of the vocal cords, and generalized whole body dystonia, these various conditions all involve distressing, often exquisitely painful difficulties with muscle tone.

As Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has noted, "Dystonia is the third most common neurological movement disorder behind Parkinson's and Tremors." Hundreds of thousands of Americans suffer with this little known disorder. As we consider the difficult budget priorities confronting us in 2007, I ask you to give serious consideration to increased NIH support for research on neurological conditions like dystonia.

HONORING HARRY HAFT'S PLACE
IN THE NATIONAL JEWISH
SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Harry Haft, a Holocaust survivor and inductee into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

Born Hertzka Haft on July 28, 1925 in Poland, Harry Haft was only 16 when he was sent to the infamous concentration camp, Auschwitz. Here, the brave teenager was forced to fight other prisoners for the amusement of German SS guards. These perverse, bare-knuckled bouts were held while Mr. Haft routinely faced starvation, torture, and a culture of death.

However, Mr. Haft's determination and instincts kept him alive long enough to escape from the camp. After World War II ended, Mr. Haft married Miriam and traveled to America determined to find freedom. Here, he became a professional boxer, one who would battle elements of corruption and organized crime as he worked to establish himself as a professional athlete. His winning career would culminate in a bout against the future undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, Rocky Marciano. After his retirement from the ring, Mr. Haft had three children, Alan, Marty, and Helene, and today is a proud grandfather of six: Hartley, Jamie, Stephanie, Ethan, Melodie, and Jonathan.

This Sunday, April 29, 2007, Mr. Haft will take his place as a deserving member of the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in Commack, New York. His story is one of perseverance and survival—of a man who escaped from unimaginable horror to find a new life and success at the top of his profession. I am proud to honor him today.