

Despite damage by the storm on the Post's main hall, Adjutant Bob Burrows of American Legion Post 490 and President Lisa Reeves of Ladies Auxiliary Unit opened their doors to the thousands of people still without power to utilize the facility as a registration site for FEMA assistance. They also took the initiative to ensure food, water and ice was available to affected individuals.

The American Legion Post 490 and Ladies Auxiliary Unit 490 dedicated themselves to the recovery efforts of the Houston area, Southeast Texas is grateful for the generosity of the Post's officers, members and auxiliary unit, and I am proud of their noble service to the victims of Hurricane Ike.

CONGRATULATING CAROLINE
ROSE HUNT, RECIPIENT OF THE
2008 VIRGINIA CHANDLER DYKES
LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Caroline Rose Hunt on receiving the annual Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award.

The Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award is presented to Dallas residents who demonstrate a commitment to developing a strong community. The Award is a testament to care, commitment, and leadership given by Hunt to cultural and charitable organizations.

Ms. Hunt is an accomplished entrepreneur, author, humanitarian, and grandmother of nineteen. She is a vice-chair and co-founder of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas Foundation where she was nationally recognized by the Tocqueville Society. Ms. Hunt is also the cochair of the Ralph Rogers Society of KERA television and chairwoman of the Crescent Club Board. Ms. Hunt has been honored with the Award for Excellence from the Dallas Historical Society, and named "One of 50 Most Powerful Women in the U.S.A." by Ladies Home Journal.

Ms. Hunt is a graduate of the University of Texas, and was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 2006. She has served as a trustee of Mary Baldwin College, where she began her academic career. Ms. Hunt was named the first woman deacon of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, where she also chaired the Early Childhood Division.

Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the achievements of Ms. Caroline Rose Hunt. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary, and deserves our sincere appreciation and respect. It is a privilege to represent Mrs. Hunt in the 26th District of Texas. I look forward to observing the positive impact she will continue to have on our communities.

TRIBUTE TO HURRICANE IKE
VOLUNTEERS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the most devastating storm to hit our

shores in 50 years, the true colors of Texas were evident in each and every volunteer.

Before, during and especially after Hurricane Ike hit, Texans helped each other through this disaster. Neighbors helped neighbors with everything from boarding up windows to providing shelter to helping pick up the pieces. Many, Southeast Texans opened their homes to their evacuated neighbors, some cooking hot meals, others offering a helping hand and a kind smile.

Countless volunteers showed up at the congressional mobile office I helped set up. Many volunteers had no power or homes themselves, but remained dedicated to helping those worse off get back on their feet. Others flew in from out of town, arriving without knowing where they would stay that night, but knowing that they needed to help.

Volunteers at the congressional mobile office helped sign in individuals, assisted in helping those that spoke a number of different languages, aided people in the FEMA application process, answered questions, helped with traffic control, and assisted in the distribution of ice, water, and MRE's to those in need.

I am extremely grateful for the hundreds of individuals who have assisted and continue to assist in the recovery efforts of Hurricane Ike. The following individuals joined our efforts:

Grisehda Abeliz, Carl Aldridge, Mathew Aleman, Robert Andris, Storilyn Applegate, Peter Archambault, Derek Arkadie, Jennifer Arndorfer, Addie Arnold, Patricia Arp, Shaneck Backler, Jesse Baldez, Silvestre Banda, Kara Bartow, Donna Batchler, Dona Bautista, Veronica Bautista, Joan Baxter, Savannah Beberil, Tawayne Bell, Khristian Benjamin, Raveena Bhalara, Barbara Bigge, Elizabeth Briones, Bermuda Brittingham, Diana Brown, Quinten Burkes, Kimberly Burkes, Karla Cabrera, Stephen Caldwell, Sheryl Caldwell, Chauanchom Campbell, Antonio Capistran, Charlie Caplan, Nona Caradine, Cesar Carmona, Cristina Carmona, Maryanne Carrasco, Kim Chambles, Radia Chandani, Donna Chandler, Danielle Chandler, Matt Cherches, Gisela Cherches, Kay Cherry, Eugene Chevis, Joyce Cisneros, Leonard Coapiron, Charlene Cockelt, Reddie Collins, Laura Cortez, Roger Creery, John Cross, Raul Cruz, Martha Cruz, Angela Daney, Rebecca Daniel, Ascencion Dantes, Daphne Davis, Michael Dawson, Diane De Leon, Yvette De Los Santos, Teal De la Garza, Diana Brown Deleon, Tiffani Dennis, Amber Dennis, Annie Dennis, Jennifer Diaz, Darlene Dobes, C.F. Douglas, Joan Douglas, Becky Eastep, Lette Edward, Ryan Eisenman, Bonnie Engh, Anthony Epison, James Esqueda, Carletta Everett, Raslyne Faison, Robert Farias, Mike Finn, Stephen Firestone, Rigoberto Flores, Iranda Flowers, Sara Foster, Karen Fountain, Martha Fraga, Tiffany Franer, Cherie Frazier, Denny Friday, Yre Friday, Michelle Fryberger, Gregoria Fuentes, Wanoa Gage, Eva Gallegos, Victor Garcia, Marcos Garcia,

Mercedes Garcia, Jordan Gartner, Alma Garza Gawlik, Lisa Gillock, Amanda Gomet, Janie Gomez, Elizabeth Gonzales, Arushary Goodwill, LaVern Gordon, Tessa Gourash, Cat Graham, Gus Guerrero, Kimberlee Guerrero, Danielle Guerrero, Guadalupe Gutierrez, Lee Hall, Fred Hamilton, June Hanke, Susan Harting, Brian Hartwig, Meagan Harvey, Thelma Hawkins, Jael Hayood, Morgan Heeke, Andres Hernandez, Sarah Higginbotham, Norris Hill, Beatrice Hill, Austen Holley, Juan Homez, David Howard, Victoria Huynh, David Huynh, Phung Huynh, Dunct Huynh, Arareli Ibarra, Lillian Jenkins, Eontine Jett, Hope Johnson, Ann Johnson, Maggie Johnson,

Eligh Johnson, Dre Johnson, Larrilyan Jones, Janice Jones, Latasha Jordan, Willie Kelly, Mohammad Khan, J.J. Kim, Doug Kimble, Amanda Kinnebrew, Ernest Kinnebrew, Patrick Kolb, Melody Lacy, Helen Lacy-Pope, Gloria Lafnette, David Lanagan, Michelle Landin, Britney Laws, Andrew Laws, Ben Lebrun, Michael Leopold, Johnny Letman,

Joyce Lewis, Elsie Little, Roberto Llorente, Merlina Llorente, Melissa Lopez, Ruth Lopez, Miriam Lopez, Jenny Luna, Gary Magness, Denise Maldett, Denise Mallett, Concepcion Mares, Ruben Mariduena, John Marinos, Marilyn Marinos, Jacqueline Marion, Deanna Martin, Kenyarda Martin, Sylvia Masters, J.R. Max, Yulanda McGuire, Molly McKee, Sylvia Medina, John Medina, Nicole Medina, Jamie Medina, Andy B. Medina, Don Meyers, Patricia Midan, Lakeitia Miller, Edward Miller, Sarina Miller,

Jamarr Miller, Albert Moreno, Esmeralda Moreno, Bronson Morill, Sheryl Muller, Misty Munley, Francisco Munoz, Don Myers, Mujteba Naqui, Lan Thi Nguyen, Carl Nix, Elaine Nix, David Noe, Gwendolyn Norris, Victor Ocanas, Tiffany Orandi, Phyllis Padron, Jane Paredex, Brenda Parker, Maggie Parks, Elfrin Patten, Wesley Paulson, Chase Payne, Anna Pennacchi, Madelon Perez, Alesia Perez, Guadalupe Perez, Fay Perkins, Tracy Perry, Cecilia Pham, Shelly Piomb, Arthur Pisana, Luke Pittman,

Cyndy Posey, Rick Pounter, Juawanna Powell, Margaret Prejean, Courtney Pryor, Debbie Pryor, Gloria Pulido, Tressa Pulliam, David Purvis, Jose Quezada, Marvelia Quezada, Alonso Quintanille, Yolanda Quintanille, Rupen Radia, Chandano Radva, Mike Ramirez, Briselda Ramirez, Mike Reves, Lettia Ride, Jessica Rienhart, Julia Riman, Mackenzie Rita, Carly Rittenhour, Matthew Robbins, Desiree Roberts, Doug Rosbrough, Arthur Rosbrough, Kathleen Rose, Sylvia Royster, Tyson Ruhman, James Russell,

Maria Saldiver, Rosemarie Sanchez, Steven Sartor, Janet Schell, Chris Schillinger, Donna Scholes, Jeanne Schultz, Reid Scofield, Carver Shivers, Leonard Siple, Harold W. Sjogren, Carol Smith, Tracy Smith, Robert Smith, Paula Smith, Edwin Smith, Philip Smith, Estelle Sowell, Josephine Sowell, Shannon Sowell, Velma Sumra, Putu Sutjita, Mika Tabata, Lynn Taylor, Ginger Terry, Kim Kind Tezino, D.D. Tezino, Darren Thompson, Christine Thompson, Vicki Underwood, Elisa Valdez,

Raph Valverde, Cynthia Van Ostenbridge, Ruben Vargas, Angeline Varlet, Jeri Veile, Marisela Vela, Chezham Vela, Kenyon Vonters, Jason Voth, Helen Wait, Jonathan Waller, Zachary Walter, Barbara Walton, Kelly Waterman, Amanda Jo Webb, Micheal Weida, Scott Welch, Jackie Willard, Yolanda Williams, D'Ani Williams, Amber Williams, Nevin Williams, Herman Wilson, Geraldine Wise, Scott Wise, Cynthia Wood, Jaymie Woods, Javon Woods, Annie Xiang, Albert Zertuche

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BYRON
LARUE MILLER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor the life of

my good friend, Byron LaRue Miller, by entering his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today, I pay tribute to Byron LaRue Miller for his outstanding contributions to the Boulder City, Nevada community.

Byron had a long and successful career in the federal service, mostly in the electric power industry, but also at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Byron first started his long and illustrious career at the FDIC and subsequently worked at the Bonneville Power Administration before serving in the United States Navy for three years during World War II as a Lieutenant JG.

After serving his country in a time of war, Byron went on to serve in the Bureau of Reclamation (BLM) in Denver, and later Boulder City. While with the BLM, Byron truly distinguished himself, earning the Department of the Interior's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award in 1966. Byron then went on to work with Nevada Power Company, after leaving the BLM, from 1973 to 1983. During his tenure with the Nevada Power Company, Byron was well respected in the field as an authority on electric power marketing, transmission and system interconnection.

In addition to his professional successes, Byron was a dedicated community servant. Among Byron's many philanthropic pursuits were the Boulder City Hospital and Boulder City library, where he sat on the boards, as well as Lend A Hand and Grace Community Church. Byron was also an avid and dedicated Rotarian, serving a number of offices, and being inducted into the Rotary's Hall of Fame after 50 years of service.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor my good friend, Byron LaRue Miller. His dedication to community and serving his country are admirable and should serve as an example to us all. He will be long remembered in the Boulder City community for his hospitality and compassion.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONNA S. ADAMS UPON HER RETIREMENT AS THE CITY MANAGER OF MILTON, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Donna S. Adams, who is retiring after 27 years of service to the city of Milton, Florida. Her courage and dedication proves that citizens can truly make a difference in the lives of others, and I am proud to honor such an admirable leader of the Northwest Florida community.

Mrs. Adams began her career as a public servant in 1981 as a secretary for the Community Development Block Grant program. She quickly saw how she could transform the City of Milton and began working to improve the city's infrastructure. Her first major project was helping to develop the Milton Riverwalk, a revitalization effort aimed at renewing the downtown property of Milton which lies along the Blackwater River.

After her service with the Community Development Grant Block program, Mrs. Adams

served in several varying capacities for the City of Milton including the Planning and Development Director and the Special Projects Coordinator. She also twice served as the Interim City Manager.

On January 13, 1998, Mrs. Adams was named the Milton City Manager, and she has remained there ever since. As City Manager, Mrs. Adams has overseen significant improvements to the city's community center, warehouse, community parks, and police department, as well as the construction of a new City Hall. Her ten years of service as City Manager has resulted in a tremendous improvement in the quality of life for Milton's citizens, and she will be dearly missed upon her retirement.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to thank Mrs. Adams for her years of service to the Northwest Florida community. Vicki and I wish her and her husband Millard best wishes for continued success.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO RATIFY AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE OF ALASKA AND THE BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce legislation today to assist the Bering Straits Native Corporation, an Alaska Native Regional Corporation established under the authority of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), in fulfilling its land entitlement under ANCSA. This Alaska Native Regional Corporation has requested the bipartisan assistance of Congress to achieve the enactment of this legislation on behalf of the Inupiat people in the region. I look forward to working with Chairman RAHALL and others on the Natural Resources Committee to obtain passage of this meritorious legislation.

An equitable agreement has been worked out by the State of Alaska, the Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) and the United States that would finalize BSNC's entitlement under the ANCSA and help fulfill the State's entitlement to certain lands under the Statehood Act.

As an Alaska Native Regional Corporation, BSNC received entitlement under ANCSA to 145,728 acres of land under Section 14(h)(8) of that landmark Act. This Agreement will fulfill a critical component of that entitlement by conveying to BSNC 1,009 acres of land in the Salmon Lake area while Bering Straits relinquishes 3,084 acres of land from its original Salmon Lake selections which would be conveyed to the State. In addition, in furtherance of fulfilling its land entitlement under the Settlement Act, 6,132 acres of land at Windy Cove and 7,504 acres of land at Imuruk Basin that were either not prioritized or not selected by the State or that were low priority for the State will be conveyed to BSNC. The tracts at Windy Cove and Imuruk Basin are long-standing BSNC 14(h)(8) selections and had been submitted to BLM by BSNC as prioritized

lands. Salmon Lake is located about 38 miles north of Nome, Alaska.

This agreement avoids further administrative appeals or litigation and is a sensible, fair and amicable resolution to some thorny land issues that have faced the parties for many years, caused in part by the competing land selections of the State of Alaska and BSNC.

BSNC's interest in the lands is primarily for subsistence and recreation purposes. With the harsh climate of the Bering Straits Region through many months of the year, the Salmon Lake area provides a place for families to engage in subsistence and recreation activities. It receives substantial use by local residents and this agreement preserves that ability for them to continue such uses.

Under the Agreement, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) retains ownership and administration of a 9-acre campground located at the outlet of Salmon Lake, and within those lands to be conveyed to BSNC under this agreement. This BLM campsite provides road accessible public camping opportunities. An additional easement is granted to the public through lands to be conveyed to BSNC to access Salmon Lake. The agreement also preserves access to BLM managed lands in the Kigluaik Mountain Range.

The agreement completes the previously submitted priorities for land BSNC is entitled to receive under ANCSA. The lands included in the agreement are lands that were validly selected by BSNC pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. It does not provide BSNC with any additional land beyond the amount of its entitlement. It will greatly assist the BSNC in its mission of assisting members of the regional corporation to be able to engage in subsistence activities in an area where recreation opportunities are also available. For people who live in such challenging weather and economic conditions, places such as Salmon Lake provide unique and important opportunities to participate in traditional subsistence and cultural activities that are crucial to a rural subsistence way of life.

It is important to the people of the Bering Straits Region that this agreement be completed. There are many challenges that the people of the region face. Ratifying this agreement will certainly lessen some of those challenges in a positive and constructive way. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation that is so important for the Inupiat people of the Bering Straits Region.

NURSING HOME TRANSPARENCY AND QUALITY OF CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Nursing Home Transparency and Quality of Care Improvement Act of 2008" with my colleague Ms. SCHAKOWSKY of Illinois. This legislation is a companion bill to one introduced by my Senate colleagues, Senators GRASSLEY (R-IA) and KOHL (D-WI). I thank them for their leadership and look forward to working with them on this issue in the next Congress.

It has been 20 years since passage of the Nursing Home Reform Act. Despite improvements in some areas of quality, there is still