

as Director of the Anesthesia Department at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, NC, before taking over as National President of the AANA. Mr. Wicks continues his work as a Staff Anesthetist helping provide anesthesia services to residents of the Unifour, a geographic area encompassing Burke, Catawba, Alexander, and Caldwell counties in the western foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, whose population has grown to over 350,000 people.

Mr. Wicks has held numerous leadership positions in the AANA as Regional Director, Vice-President, and President-elect before becoming the National President of the AANA in 2006. In addition, he has served terms as President, President-Elect, and Vice-President, for the North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists (NCANA).

Adding to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Wicks has been recognized for speaking on anesthesia-related topics over the years. He has taken his experience and knowledge from the workplace and AANA leadership roles to lecture on political and academic anesthesia-related topics before different professional groups.

Madam Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing my constituent, the outgoing President of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Mr. Terry Wicks, CRNA, MHS, for his notable career and outstanding achievements.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
GREGG VAN VOLKINBURG FOR
WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II
STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Gregg Van Volkinburg showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Gregg Van Volkinburg was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Gregg Van Volkinburg always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Gregg Van Volkinburg on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO VALARIE GOMEZ

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Valarie Gomez of San Gabriel, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to

highlight Ms. Gomez as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Valarie Gomez was born and raised in the San Gabriel Valley and attended both Marymount College in Rancho Palos Verdes and Loyola Marymount University. There she tackled the formidable combination of double majors in English and Business Administration, as well as double minors in Philosophy and Religious Studies. She and her husband Carlos have three children, including two daughters and one son.

Valarie and Carlos first immersed themselves in the local community by opening Bob's Old Fashioned Freeze in 1983. Children and adults alike would flock to the establishment for the ice cream, the sandwiches, and the friendly owners who helped neighborhood children learn the value of hard work and of a supportive mentor. It was at that time that Valarie learned the importance of showing youth their true potential. Her sweet-toothed patrons have since become responsible community leaders and still keep in touch.

After owning and operating the family business for several years, Valarie turned her attention to community outreach. She rose to Executive Director of Children's Ministries at San Gabriel Union Church and Christian School, founded its After-School Day Care program, served as the Executive Director of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, and led the Gabrielino High School Career Partners program. Valarie is also the 2-time past President and current member of the San Gabriel Rotary, is a volunteer for various Kiwanis and Asian Youth Center events, and is a member of the San Gabriel Coordinating Council and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

The 25-year San Gabriel resident recently became the CEO of the West San Gabriel Valley YMCA after only 17 months with the organization. She showed an enterprising attitude from the start and approached challenges with optimism and energy, leading to a doubling in profit compared to the previous year, newly rebuilt community relations, and the largest Service Club department in the nation. It is no wonder, then, that Valarie's generosity, approachability, and efficiency are so highly respected in the San Gabriel community.

Armed with a passion to "make memories that last a lifetime," Valarie is dedicated to empowering others to succeed. Her selfless service to the San Gabriel community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Valarie Gomez.

**EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
FOR HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN**

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the House Congress Resolution 310. Resolution 310 proposes a national day of remembrance for Harriet Ross Tubman, a fearless champion for civil rights.

Harriet Ross Tubman was a pioneer to say the least. For the better part of a decade, Tubman made over 13 trips South to escort more than 300 hundred slaves to freedom. With no regard to her own well being, she sacrificed her own safety, so that countless other slaves could have the opportunity to realize and experience freedom, a right supposedly enshrined in our Constitution. Tubman was not merely a woman of steadfast conviction, principle and determination, but a hero and savior to those people who often had no hope. I am deeply humbled and inspired by her courage and bravery in the face of remarkable adversity.

Harriet Tubman was a woman of unyielding principle, unparalleled courage and sheer grit. Therefore, I stand here today advocating House Congress Resolution 310 supporting the creation of a national day of remembrance for Harriet Tubman, a woman that inspires us all to stand and fight for freedom.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
CHILlicothe HIGH SCHOOL FOR
THEIR SUPPORT OF THE CHIL-
LICOTHE HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS'
BASKETBALL TEAM**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Chillicothe High School has displayed incredible dedication to creating well-rounded students; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe High School has been supportive of their athletes; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe High School has broadened the abilities and skills of their athletes in the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe High School has always promoted sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Chillicothe High School on supporting their boys' basketball team in winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous amount of support they have given to their athletes.

**RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR.
ROBERT ZERKLE**

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and extensive community involvement of Mr. Robert Zerkle of Mascoutah, Illinois.

Bob served in the Mascoutah School District for 38 years, as a math teacher, business manager and assistant superintendent, before retiring in 2001.

Even after his retirement from the Mascoutah School District, Bob has continued to be a staunch advocate of Impact Aid, the Federal program which provides assistance to

local school districts that have been impacted by the presence of Federal property, such as the impact Scott Air Force Base has had on the Mascoutah School District in the congressional district I represent. He has received several awards commending his efforts, including the 2008 Friends of the National Association of Federally Impact Schools Award and the Globe Award recognizing his career working on behalf of Impact Aid.

Madam Speaker, as the Representative for Scott Air Force Base, I have witnessed first hand how important the Impact Aid program is to our region and our students. Not only does it provide school districts such as Mascoutah with essential funding otherwise unavailable, it assures the men and women of our fighting forces that their children will receive a great education while they are keeping America safe and secure.

The tireless efforts of individuals like Bob Zerkle are an example of how one individual's dedication to a cause can have a lifetime effect on a community. Bob's wealth of experience and overwhelming devotion will no doubt be missed among his colleagues and his students.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Bob Zerkle for his years of dedicated service in support of Impact Aid and the students of the Mascoutah School District. I wish Bob the very best in the future.

HONORING THE CITY OF PETALUMA ON ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with particular pleasure today to honor the sesquicentennial of my hometown of Petaluma, California, which has not only a special place in my heart, but a unique place in history over the past 150 years.

My political career began in Petaluma when I was elected to the city council. I raised my four children in this picturesque town with its lovely rural surroundings, and now they are raising their children here. It is a warm and friendly place to call home, and despite its growing population, people still walk down the streets and smile and wave and greet each other by first name.

Petaluma's recent history evolved from its position at the head of a tidal estuary. This location made it a natural shipping center for moving goods from fertile Sonoma County down to San Francisco in the years before the Golden Gate Bridge was built. Consequently, it prospered through the 19th century. But what put Petaluma on the map and made it famous in the early 20th century was the 1875 invention of the chick incubator by local farmers, Isaac Dias and Lyman Byce.

According to local historian and former newspaper editor Katie Watts, the incubator and Petaluma's mild climate made it a natural spot for raising chickens. On the advice of a public relations whiz, Bert Kerrigan, town leaders capitalized on this speciality, dubbing Petaluma "The World's Egg Basket."

What's more, in 1918, Kerrigan prevailed on Congress to create a National Egg Day, August 13, 1918, with Petaluma as the epicenter.

Everything became related to eggs—instead of receiving the keys to the city, esteemed visitors were inaugurated into the Order of the Cluck Clucks and given a bouquet, not of flowers, but of dressed chickens. The town colors were even yellow and white. And while parades in other cities featured floats carrying a contingent of young ladies in prom dresses, in Petaluma, they wore chicken costumes and handed out eggs.

The scheme worked and Petaluma became the wealthiest city of its size in the country.

"Civic pride was enormous," Watts says. "Showplace homes were built, many of which are still standing."

The egg business slowly faded in the 1930s and 40s, and after waterway shipping was replaced by truck transport, Petaluma drifted into a sleepy decline. Watts explains that "Attempts to modernize in the 1950s and 60s were mostly short-circuited by the fact the city determined not to tear down fine old buildings and replace them with parking lots and corrugated plastic."

Although chickens gave way to the cows and sheep that now dot the green hills around the city, Petaluma remains connected to its rural heritage by supporting a growing farmstead cheese industry.

But Petaluma is also firmly in the 21st century. Having been at the heart of Telecom Valley during the dotcom boom, it attracted tech and bio-tech companies, with many continuing to move here, drawn by the fertile business climate.

Petaluma's civic pride extends to the care of its citizens—there is a model homeless shelter and a noted housing program for the economically disadvantaged. Current environmental policies reflect the city's pioneering work in the first slow-growth ordinances in the U.S. Protecting the environment remains a priority for Petalumans. For example, in 1983, students from Petaluma's Casa Grande High School founded United Anglers with the mission of bringing Adobe Creek back to life. Since then, they have raised more than half a million dollars and built a state-of-the-art fish hatchery, the only one nationwide on a high school campus. Their program has served as a worldwide model for ecology and watershed reclamation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of Petaluma, and I ask that you join me in congratulating them on their accomplishments of the past 150 years and wishing them the best for the future.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANCES A. MOORE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Frances A. Moore of Alhambra, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Moore as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

A review of Frances' personal and professional activities reveals a life-long commitment to community involvement. Raised in Monterey Park, Frances is a native of the San Gabriel Valley. She is a product of our public schools

and local colleges, earning degrees from East Los Angeles College, California State University at Los Angeles, and the University of Redlands. Frances has devoted her forty-five year professional career to the City Clerk's Office of the great City of Alhambra and has served as its beloved City Clerk since 1986.

As Alhambra's City Clerk, Frances is well-respected among her peers for her remarkable efficiency, her unparalleled depth of knowledge, and her professional dedication. By streamlining the city's legislative and record management procedures, she saved valuable time and public funding. Frances is also a member of several professional organizations such as the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, the City Clerks' Association of California, the City Clerks' Association of Southern California, and the Los Angeles Paralegal Federation.

In addition to her responsibilities as the City Clerk, Frances established the self-sustaining Public Arts Gallery in the lobby of Alhambra City Hall. The gallery promotes local artists' work by providing a forum for creative recognition, distribution, and sales. A commission on each artwork sold helps cover the gallery's operating expenses without reliance on public funds. For her efforts, Frances earned the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence from the League of California Cities.

Frances' star shines brightly among local, regional, and national philanthropic realms as well. A member of Rotary International since 1992, she has served as its Assistant Governor and as the President of the Alhambra Rotary Club. She is also a former member and past President of Soroptimist International of Alhambra, San Marino, and San Gabriel. Frances is a dedicated supporter of the West San Gabriel Valley YMCA and chaired the YMCA Capital Fund Campaign. She is a lifetime member of both the Alhambra Historical Society and the Alhambra Day Nursery Auxiliary.

With no professional or charitable stone left unturned, Frances' selfless dedication to the Alhambra community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Frances A. Moore.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS IN RECOGNIZING AND HONORING EARL LLOYD

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support of the resolution recognizing and honoring Earl Lloyd for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African-American to play in the National Basketball Association fifty eight years ago.

Earl Lloyd was born in Alexandria, Virginia on April 3, 1928. With a height of 6 ft 5 in and 225 lbs. Lloyd first developed his passion for basketball in the city of Alexandria's segregated Parker-Gray High School, where he started on the school team. He went on to play basketball at West Virginia College and then was drafted to play for the NBA in 1950.