

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.

On October 31, 1950, he became the first African-American to play in a NBA game, against the Rochester Royals. Lloyd played five hundred and sixty NBA games and won a championship before retiring in 1960. In the midst of his career he proudly put his professional career on hold and served in the Army for two years before returning to the game. In 2003 he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and in his home town, Alexandria, a basketball court at T.C. Williams was named in his honor.

Earl Lloyd played for the love of the sport of basketball and not to make history, but his entry into the NBA meant a lot during segregation.

I am proud to honor Earl Lloyd for his career achievements as the first. He opened the doors for several famous basketball players, such as Michael Jordan, Scotty Pippen, Charles Barkley, etc. He truly blazed new trails for African-American athletes who today grace the professional game in significant numbers, constituting the great majority of the best players in the NBA.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH GARY KELLOUGH FOR COACHING THE CHILLICOTHE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO 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, Coach Gary Kellough showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Gary Kellough was a leader and mentor for the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Kellough has been a role model for 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 Coach Gary Kellough for leading the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 Basketball season.

### COMMENDING H-E-B

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend H-E-B, one of the largest grocery store markets in Texas and in my congressional district, for embarking upon a remarkable energy initiative to power their stores using wind power by signing onto Windtricity, a renewable energy option provided by CPS Energy. Windtricity allows H-E-B to utilize electricity generated by wind turbines in West Texas. This new endeavor by one of Texas'

leading corporate citizens demonstrates the commitment of H-E-B to building sustainable communities and leading others in environmental initiatives in communities across Texas.

Wind energy is the world's fastest growing energy source and is also one of the oldest forms of renewable energy. Wind turbines are an increasingly popular method of generating electricity with very little environmental impact. Many wind farms are built in geographical areas conducive to prevailing winds such as in the Panhandle and western parts of Texas.

I applaud H-E-B for joining in this remarkable partnership with Windtricity that shows a great commitment to safeguarding the environment for future generations of Texans in our communities. I thank you for this time.

### A TRIBUTE TO DORIS LAU

### 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. Doris Lau of Monterey Park, 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. Lau as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Doris Lau's remarkable journey began when her parents left China and settled in Chile. Born in Iquique, the capital of the country's northernmost region, Doris worked in the fields alongside her family as a small child. Through hard work, dedication, and sacrifice the family built a neighborhood bakery and grocery store business; however, they eventually fled to the United States due to political unrest. In Los Angeles they began once again to rebuild their lives. Doris's supplemental income from working in garment district factories helped to purchase their first home in Monterey Park.

Doris progressed from sewing four buttons per penny to attending Los Angeles City College. She then went on to major in Business Administration and Law at Cal State Los Angeles and advanced from clerical to paralegal positions at various law firms.

Inspired by her personal history, Doris has become an integral member of the Monterey Park volunteer community since moving there in 1985. She supports intercultural exchange in her role as a Trustee of the city's Bruggemeyer Library, the Secretary for the city's Commission for Art & Culture, and as the chair of the local Artisan Fairs. Her other leadership positions include serving as a Board Member, Southern Regional Representative, and Membership Chair of the California Association of Library Trustees & Commissioners (CALTAC) and as the VP, Legislative Coordinator, and Membership Chair of the National Treasury Employee Union (NTEU) for her local, Chapter 103.

Doris's fluency in both Chinese and Spanish embodies the cultural diversity of Southern California and of our Nation's proud history. Her outreach is similarly inclusive: she is a Board Member of the Committee for Special Emphasis Programs, which includes national heritage awareness months, and she volunteers for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).

In the past, Doris has led several organizations in which she remains an active member, including serving as President and Lieutenant Governor of Los Angeles Monterey Park Optimist, President of the Monterey Park Homeowners and Renters Association, Treasurer and Secretary of the Eastside Democratic Club, and President and Treasurer of Santa In York Hill, an annual community holiday event for low-income families.

Ever since she arrived on U.S. soil, Doris has devoted her time and energy beyond her own needs; she works for the benefit of the surrounding community as a whole. Her selfless service 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. Doris Lau.

### EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE GLOBAL SITUATION OF WOMEN

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the editorial, "Women's Month, A Time to Reflect" which appeared in this week's edition of the New York Carib News.

The editorial, in recognition of March being international women's month, discusses the current situation of women in the United States, Canada, Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The standing of women in the global community has drastically improved, but is sadly far from the lofty goals outlined by the United Nations Millennium Goals. Today, women have achieved new highs, as women now outnumber men in those who pursue tertiary education. Similarly, women continue to outlive their male counterparts and a record number of women are pursuing leadership roles in politics. Yet, the struggle is far from over as women still remain largely underrepresented in politics and leadership roles in religious institutions. Women still comprise the largest community affected by domestic violence, human trafficking and poverty.

As a result of the continued disparity in equality among men and women, I urge Americans to remain informed on the situation by reading the editorial "Women's Month, A Time to Reflect" in CaribNews. In the 21st century, it is simply unacceptable for women to not be afforded the same opportunities as their male counterparts.

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