

Donald was married to his wife, Jewel, for 65 years. He had two daughters, seven grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the "Original UNLV Rebel" Dr. Donald Moyer for his contributions to higher education and to the southern Nevada community.

IN CELEBRATION OF KINGS COUNTY FARM BUREAU'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a significant milestone in the history of Kings County, California; the 90th anniversary of the Kings County Farm Bureau.

My district is fortunate to be represented by three County Farm Bureaus. On April 24, 2008, one of those districts, Kings County Farm Bureau, will celebrate their 90th anniversary during their annual banquet in Hanford, California. It is appropriate at this time to recognize the crucial role that the Farm Bureau has played in Kings County and to underscore their many contributions, not only to agriculture in the region, but also to the greater communities of the county, State, and Nation.

Unlike other parts of the country, agriculture continues to be one of the major economic engines in California, providing the country with California's finest farm products. Kings County, continues to set the pace for the rest of the State by remaining one of the State's largest agricultural producers. Farmland constitutes 84 percent of the County's total land acreage and this acreage supports approximately 350 different crops; many of which are grown nowhere else in the Nation. These crops are generating over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Kings County and are shipped throughout the United States as well as foreign markets.

Kings County Farm Bureau has persevered in promoting and protecting the family farm, maintaining the treasured natural resources that are so important to California and this Nation's vitality and lifestyle. Through local determination and active participation in the legislative process, Kings County Farm Bureau is helping local agricultural producers maintain a viable system of production and delivery of abundant, safe supplies of wholesome food and fiber to our local, national and export citizens.

Kings County Farm Bureau has been recognized for its work in partnering with and promoting community service. With approximately 25 percent of the workforce in Kings County either directly or indirectly related to the agricultural industry, Kings County Farm Bureau has been a leader in addressing local issues such as air quality, water supply, water quality, conservation, property rights and animal welfare in the local communities.

More than ever today, the role of the Farm Bureaus must be preserved, honored and strengthened. As agriculture evolves, it is essential that our policies be based on current needs of this vital industry. As a farmer myself, I am proud that my family and I represent two generations of membership in Farm Bureau both in Kings County as well as Tulare

and Fresno Counties. I commend Kings County Farm Bureau to my colleagues for its presence, dedication and professionalism in serving as the voice of agriculture in Kings County. Congratulations to the Kings County Farm Bureau on its historic 90th year serving Kings County agriculture.

THE DAILY 45: 37 WEEKEND

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. In Chicago, just this past weekend, some 37 people were shot—seven of them fatally. More than three dozen people were victims of incidents that included gang-related drive-bys, an attempted robbery and other flashes of violence.

During this weekend of violence, a 26-year-old was killed in his home, two teens on the same South Side street, and another man as he sat in the office of his plumbing business.

There must be a public outcry. We must do all we can to stop the senseless violence and death. We must all band together to stop the culture of violence and replace it with a culture of peace, respect and love.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HONORABLE TIMOTHY COTNER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in remembering the Honorable Timothy Cotner who passed away on April 13, 2008.

Judge Timothy Cotner was a lawyer and judge who believed strongly in public service and whose commitment to service was developed from an early age. His parents, George and Mercedes, served as great examples for him in their commitment to public service. Mercedes Cotner was a Cleveland City Councilwoman and Clerk of Council when I served as Councilman and Mayor in Cleveland. She was a mentor and an inspiration to me as I know she was to Timothy and his late brother Gerald Cotner.

Judge Cotner was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and John Carroll University before starting his career with International Harvester and later the Cleveland Fire Department. While with the Fire Department, he attended Cleveland Marshall Law School and graduated with his law degree in 1968. He worked for the Cleveland Law Department upon his graduation and later served as Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor and as Northeast Ohio Supervisor for the Ohio Attorney General. In 1982 he went into private practice but soon returned to public service upon his election as Juvenile Court Judge for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. He retired from the bench in 1992.

Judge Cotner was active in civic life in the Greater Cleveland community. He was a past president of the Lakewood Democratic Club, was an usher at St. Patrick's Church, and was active in the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society. Judge Cotner was active in his local bar associations and served his country in the Naval Reserve.

Judge Cotner is survived by his sons James and Thomas and daughters Joan and Caroline, all of whom live in or near their father's city of residence, Westlake, Ohio. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering the life and career of the Honorable Timothy Cotner, lawyer, judge, and community leader, who will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

H.R. 1338—THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT 2008

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, today is Equal Pay Day. As a cosponsor and strong supporter of H.R. 1338, the Paycheck Fairness Act, I rise to join my colleague, Congresswoman DELAUNO in calling for passage of this important bill. This legislation strengthens the current Equal Pay Act of 1963 and represents another important step in our Nation's efforts to end gender based wage discrimination.

Since the Equal Pay Act was signed into law over 45 years ago, the wage gap has narrowed less than half a cent per year. African American women earn just 63 cents on the dollar, and Hispanic American women fare worse, at 52 cents. As women grow older, the wage gap widens: women aged 45 to 64, who are preparing for retirement, earn only 71 percent of what men do. At the current rate the wage gap is closing, the Institute for Women's Policy Research estimates equity will not be achieved until 2057.

Given that 41 percent of women provide the sole source of income for their families, lower incomes affect their ability to pay for essentials like groceries, doctor's visits, and child care. Current increases in gas prices, rising food costs, and a stagnant job market are especially impacting women during these difficult economic times.

The Paycheck Fairness Act will enhance enforcement of equal pay requirements by allowing women to sue for compensatory and punitive damages if wage discrimination is proven. This measure alone will compensate women for years of discrimination, and send a clear signal to employers that wage discrimination will not be tolerated.

Moreover, H.R. 1338 enhances training and community outreach programs that will educate employees, labor organizations, and the general public on ways to effectively negotiate salaries and benefits. These programs will develop a new generation of self-reliant women in the workforce.

Finally this bill recognizes employers who proactively adjust their wage scales to ensure that women are paid fairly in comparison to men. The Paycheck Fairness Act outlines measurable actions; and furthermore, it ensures that nationally we are addressing and

working to rectify years of gender based wage discrimination.

In my home State of California, women earn only \$55,000 compared to their male counterparts who earn \$72,000 with an equivalent education level. While I am disappointed that California has one of the largest disparities in pay rates between men and women, this is a national problem that we must rectify.

Ensuring that women receive equal pay for equal work is a matter of basic fairness that affects all working women and their families. I urge all of my colleagues to support this very critical piece of legislation, and I applaud Congresswoman DELAUNO for continuing to highlight the importance of passing this bill.

PROTECTING THE MEDICAID SAFETY NET ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 5613, the "Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008," a bill that I proudly cosponsored. The bill would place a 1-year moratorium on proposed Medicaid regulations by the Bush administration intended to save money.

Unfortunately, these cuts would take Federal funds from States at a time that many are struggling to meet obligations within Medicaid and other programmatic areas. By limiting access to rehabilitation and targeted case management services, the administration cynically attacks the poorest and weakest members of our society. Eliminating the reimbursement for transportation services for certain special needs students would deny them the basic right to an education. The regulations halt important payments to hospitals at a time that many across the Nation and within my home State of Hawaii are actually losing money.

Placing the 1-year moratorium would help us better assess the full impact of these disastrous cuts, and come up with a plan that controls the growing costs of Medicaid without harming quality, as these regulations seem to do. The extent of the unpopularity of these cuts is clearly shown by the expedited move by the Committee on Energy and Commerce to report the bill unanimously to the House floor, in contravention of the President's veto threat.

Medicaid provides medical coverage for the poorest and neediest of our country. It is the insurer of last resort for many who have either lost jobs or are barely subsisting. To take away these funds at this time is cruel and undermines the intent of the very program. I urge my colleagues to support this important piece of legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER R.E. "GENE" BROWN

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pender County Com-

missioner R.E. Brown of Burgaw, North Carolina, who recently passed away at the age of 85. Affectionately referred to as "Gene" by those who knew him and those he served, Commissioner Brown had been a commissioner in the town of Burgaw for over 20 years, and was serving as mayor pro-tempore. As a native of southeastern North Carolina and as a public servant, he offered an unwavering service to everything he did and to everyone who knew him, and he had admirable commitment to his responsibilities as an elected official.

Truly an asset to his community, Commissioner Brown understood the people he represented and cared deeply about making a positive difference in their lives. Over his lifetime, Brown dedicated himself to both government and public service. He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II, and afterward he served for 42 years as the postmaster in the towns of Burgaw and Wallace. He was active in several community organizations, including the Burgaw Jaycees, the Burgaw Lions, the King Solomon #138 Masonic Lodge, and was an original member of the Pender County Rescue Squad. He was chairman of the Pender Adult Services executive board. A man of faith, he was also a member of Burgaw Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. In honor of his extensive involvement and giving spirit, Brown was awarded the North Carolina Governor's Award for Volunteerism and Community Service in 2004. A father of three and grandfather of five, Brown leaves behind his wife of 57 years.

Commissioner Brown's dedication to the town of Burgaw, both as a citizen and as an elected official, is an inspiration to us all. His record of service is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the leadership and life of Commissioner Gene Brown.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, roughly 60 years ago today, Harry Truman had a problem.

After 2,000 years as "strangers in a strange land," the Jewish people were about to establish a homeland in the land of their fathers. Many Americans believed that our Nation would support the aspirations of the Jewish people. However, President Truman's own Secretary of State threatened to vote against the President in the next election if Truman backed Israel.

At midnight on May 14, 1948, Israel declared independence. Eleven minutes later, America recognized the new state. Truman's act of courage created an essential and vital bond. Every American Government since that day has recognized America's special relationship with Israel.

Since 1948, Israel has shown the world true courage and perseverance. They have made

the desert bloom, fended off countless acts of aggression and built a lasting testament to the potential for democracy and freedom in the Middle East. Today, Israeli citizens speak dozens of languages and come from hundreds of countries. They include war-scarred Holocaust survivors, refugees from the ghettos of the Eastern Bloc and young pioneers from the New World. What they share is a common love of their country and commitment to their people. Like America, Israel has turned its diversity into a source of strength and pride.

In New Mexico, we have a great deal of respect for those who make the desert bloom. Israel now ranks as New Mexico's 11th leading trade partner and since 1996, we have exported more than \$490 million worth of goods to Israel. In 2006 alone, our State produced nearly \$3 million in defense products for the Israeli military. Like those throughout New Mexico, I have consistently supported Israel's efforts to defend itself against terrorists and others who seek to harm her, and to seek peace with her neighbors.

As we pass this resolution honoring the 60th Anniversary of Israeli Independence, I want to express my congratulations, my support, and my hope that the next 60 years will bring peace and prosperity to Israel and the region.

HONORING PHILIP A. INGEGNERI OF BANGOR, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to speak in honor of the life and times of Philip Ingegneri, who was a dedicated public servant, a true friend of Maine, and a loving husband and father.

For over 30 years, Phil Ingegneri served his country as a special investigator for the Internal Revenue Service. His work in special investigations took him to cities across the eastern seaboard and even to postwar Europe, where he was stationed in Paris, France.

When the opportunity arose in the 1950s, Phil jumped at the chance to move his beloved wife, Roslyn, and two young children, Philip and Lois, to Bangor, Maine, where they quickly integrated into that vibrant community.

After a long and distinguished career serving his country, Phil Ingegneri was elected to the Maine House of Representatives, where he dedicated his efforts to improving public education for all of Maine's citizens.

I am sad to announce Philip Ingegneri passed away this Saturday evening at the age of 97. However, it is a privilege to recognize on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives his service and contributions to our Nation and the great State of Maine. His dedication and love for his family, community, and country is a fine example for all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, I missed recorded