

Today I honor Mr. Winestock not only for his distinguished career, but also for his service that extends far beyond the meaning of his title. In addition to his responsibilities as Senior Vice President of U.S. Operations, Mr. Winestock served as the coordinator of UPS Corporate Schools, the company's management training program, and participated in the UPS Community Internship Program at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. In addition to his numerous career accomplishments, Mr. Winestock sits on the Board of Directors of the National Urban League and also is a trustee of the MARCH Foundation.

I am truly honored to be able to call Mr. Winestock a fellow Georgian. His hard work and dedication are rare traits. I thank him for his years of service and I wish him luck and Godspeed in the next phase of his life.

#### TRIBUTE TO SGT. MICHAEL ESPOSITO

#### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, Today I honor the service and memory of Sgt. Michael Esposito, of Brentwood New York. On March 18th, 2004 Sgt. Esposito led his unit into a hostile compound, hoping to neutralize the threat from within. Working to secure the facility, Sgt. Esposito cleared three rooms, exposing himself to incredible danger by leading from the front of his team. Despite the presence of hostile fire, Michael approached a previously unidentified area, remaining ahead of his men. Sadly, the enemy engaged as he advanced, inflicting a mortal wound on Michael, and a grievous injury on all who knew him.

Sgt. Esposito's team—inspired by his courage and leadership—achieved their objective in the wake of tragedy. Assuming the lead position, as he so often did, Michael displayed the heroism that remains an inspiration to his fellow platoon members. On that day, and always, Michael displayed a willingness to put the welfare of others before his own. Through selfless acts of leadership, he provided an example to which all of us should aspire.

For Michael's bravery, sacrifice, and service, I am deeply thankful. For his enduring commitment to defending our safety and ideals, we are all deeply indebted.

On this, the five-year anniversary of Michael's tragic passing, the words of a brother in arms speak volumes about his character. His platoon leader, 1st Lieutenant James Howell, said of Sgt. Esposito "[he] was one of the most selfless leaders I have ever known . . . The platoon, and especially all of his men, took his loss hard. It is impossible to forget a leader like Michael Esposito."

A soldier, a friend, and a man of immense integrity, Michael will always retain a firm grasp on our memories. Today, our nation remembers the tragic loss of a cherished citizen, fallen hero, beloved brother, and adored son. Dedicated in his commitment to country and lasting in his impact on those blessed to have called him friend, Michael is and will forever be, sorely missed.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK OF THE PANCYPRIAN ASSOCIATION

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Women's Issues Network (WIN) of the Pancyprian Association of America. This month WIN honors Joanna Savvides as Woman of the Year and Evi Rafti and Eleftheria Saittis as Members of the Year at its annual dinner-dance.

Founded in 1996, WIN works on behalf of the Cypriot-American community to pave the way to success for future generations of Hellenic Americans and to promote Cypriot culture. WIN sponsors numerous cultural, health and educational programs, including breast and cervical cancer screenings for uninsured women. Additionally, WIN is committed to ending the decades-long Turkish occupation of Cyprus. This year, WIN honors the distinguished international entrepreneur Joanna Savvides. Born in Cyprus, Joanna immigrated with her family to America in 1980. She has served as President of the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia since its foundation in October 2002. Under her leadership, the non-profit helped 400 small and medium-sized companies expand on the international level, contributing to a surge in the volume of goods exported by businesses in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She also serves as an adjunct professor at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Renowned for her cross cultural and international business expertise, she is frequently sought after as a lecturer. Joanna serves as the President of the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia and was a founder and director of the Cypriot Dancers of Greater Philadelphia. An accomplished linguist, her knowledge of six languages has proven invaluable in international trade. Joanna's achievements have been honored by many organizations. The Philadelphia Business Journal recognized her with the Women of Distinction Award. She has also been honored with the Global Business Award from the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia, the Global Leadership Award from the Consular Corps Association of Philadelphia, the Heritage Preservation Award from the Cyprus Society of Greater Philadelphia, and the Artemis Award from the European American Business Council. More than these many honors, however, Joanna cherishes her husband, George, and her children, Andreas and Renos.

WIN honors Evi Rafti as its Member of the Year for her efforts to further knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Cypriot culture. Born the youngest of six children in Mosfiloti, Larnaca, she studied at Academia Thileon in Nicosia. Shortly after marrying her husband Christos, they immigrated to New York in 1969. Evi has retained a strong commitment to Cypriot culture as an active member of the vibrant Cypriot-American community in our nation's greatest city. During her years of volunteering, she has helped plan numerous special events such as parades, charity and non-profit fundraisers, and demonstrations. Over the past ten years, she has also served as a dedicated member of the Board of

Directors of the Pancyprian Dance Group. The mother of three children, Panayiota, Tatiana, and Stavro, she has instilled in them a love of Cypriot culture by inspiring their participation in the Pancyprian Dance Group and youth groups, and the Eleftheria soccer team.

WIN honors Eleftheria Saittis as Member of the Year for her dedication to the Cypriot community. Born in the village of Agios Theodoros Karpasias (now under Turkish occupation), she graduated with a diploma in fashion design from the Professional School New Horizon in Famagusta. To continue her education, Eleftheria immigrated to New York. Her family joined her after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Eleftheria is a dedicated and generous member of the Cyprian community. She devotes much of her time and energy to serving on the Pancyprian Dance Group's Board of Directors. She also works as a teacher's aide for the New York City Department of Education. She is devoted to her husband, Michalis, and her children, Prodromos, Konstantine and Konstantina. One of her proudest moments occurred when she graduated from the City University of New York with her granddaughter Evangelia in attendance.

Madam Speaker, I request that my esteemed colleagues join me in paying tribute to the Women's Issues Network of the Pancyprian Association of America and its distinguished honorees, Joanna Savvides, Evi Rafti, and Eleftheria Saittis.

#### HONORING MRS. MARY ELLEN MENDELSON

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my friend and colleague, Mrs. Mary Ellen Mendelsohn, upon her retirement from the Federal Government. Public service is one of the most honorable and important professions an individual can choose. Mrs. Mendelsohn is at the top of her profession, working on campaigns and in government offices for more than 25 years.

Mrs. Mendelsohn earned her degree at Boston University and later went on to become District Director to former US Congressman Robert Mrazek. She later worked as Mr. Mrazek's Deputy Campaign Director during his bid for the United States Senate.

Mrs. Mendelsohn later became the President, MC Communications, a Public Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs Firm, assisting clients like the Town of Huntington, Child Abuse Prevention Services of Long Island, Housing All Americans, and the Columbia University Department of Oral History obtain grants from the public and private sector. All the while, she simultaneously and effectively managed campaigns for Hynes for New York State Attorney General and raised funds for New York State Assemblyman Thomas DiNapoli.

After successfully assisting Brooklyn DA Charles J. Hynes, Mrs. Mendelsohn was appointed the Director, Government and Community Affairs, Office of the District Attorney, Kings County, New York. She remained in this

position until deciding to move on to private consulting for such clients as Cancer Cured Kids, John Bryant for Senate, Coalition for Peoples Choice and last but not least a Campaign Consultant for "McCarthy for Congress."

Mary Ellen came to work for me and the US House of Representatives as my District Director and Political Advisor in January 1997. I came to depend on Mary Ellen's breadth of knowledge to brief me and my Washington Staff on issues that directly affect my district. Her reputation has surpassed the confines of the Long Island office. My staff and I enjoyed a wonderful relationship with Mary Ellen, who is a pleasure and a delight to work with.

You only have to meet Mary Ellen once to realize that she is smart, funny and above all else, genuine. She is a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She is the best kind of friend. She laughs at your jokes, sings and dances spontaneously, listens to your tales of glee or woe with the same intensity. She helps you feel strong when you feel weak and found when you feel lost. She is the friend everyone should have. We are blessed.

Madam Speaker it is with great admiration, pride and respect that I acknowledge and thank Mary Ellen for her work in public service and friendship.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed on March 16, 2009 due to the delay of my flight from Missouri.

On Monday, March 16, 2009 I missed Rollcall votes 125, 126, and 127. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 125, 126, and 127.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Encinitas, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 505 S. Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92034

Description of Request: I secured \$285,000 in the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill for the Encinitas Boulevard/Interstate 5 Interchange Project Study Report, Project Report, and Environmental Review. The City of Encinitas is contracting with an engineering consultant to prepare a Project Study Report, Project Report and Environmental Document for the Encinitas Blvd/I-5 Interchange. The

consulting firm (Dokken Engineering) is working with CALTRANS and the City of Encinitas staff to study and develop viable alternatives for four Interstate 5 interchanges, including the Encinitas Boulevard interchange. Unless the City can fund this study, Caltrans will move ahead with an environmental review and design on their "minimum build" alternative for this interchange, which assumes no under crossing widening and some roadway improvements, while maintaining the existing diamond interchange configuration. Encinitas Boulevard must be widened as part of the North Coast Interstate 5 Corridor (widening) Project or the City will suffer significant traffic congestion at this location by 2030 and probably much sooner. If the City is to have any hope of later integrating its alternative, we need to keep pace with the Interstate 5 widening project.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the FY2009 Omnibus Appropriations bill

Account: Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of San Diego, CA

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Description of Request: I secured \$475,000 to fund relocation of fiber optic cable that is obstructing a major interstate highway interchange improvement project to connect I-5 with S.R. 56 in San Diego. The I-5 corridor is the primary link between Southern California—San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange County—and Mexico. The route experiences extensive traffic congestion, with average daily counts at the interchange site of 261,000 vehicles, including 10,000 trucks, projected to reach 430,000 daily vehicles within 20 years. The project is consistent with the authorized purpose of the Department of Transportation Interstate Maintenance account, which includes funding for the addition of new interchanges. Local and State matching funds will provide at least 20% cost share.

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND THE NETWORK JOURNAL'S ELEVENTH ANNUAL 2009 TWENTY-FIVE INFLUENTIAL BLACK WOMEN IN BUSINESS HONOREES

##### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Women's History Month and The Network Journal's Eleventh Annual 2009 Twenty-Five Influential Black Women In Business Honorees. Since 1998, The Network Journal has recognized the outstanding performance of 25 African-American women in the public, private, entrepreneurial and non-profit sectors throughout this nation and their impact to the world economy.

The Network Journal is a monthly business magazine with more than 88,000 readers. The publication is distributed nationwide with a focus on the Tri-state area (NY/NJ/CT) and features business articles of interest such as

finance, technology, industry focus and ideas for Black professionals and small business owners. Aziz Gueye Adetimirin, Publisher of The Network Journal Magazine stated, "The women we are honoring this year are in the forefront of American leadership and symbolize the diversity and advancement that has occurred across industry lines." Founded in 1993, The Network Journal (TNJ) knows that Black professionals, more than most, recognize the importance of owning their own enterprises, but more importantly, TNJ knows that there is a difference between direct ownership and someone else defining your future. TNJ is also aware that Black professionals and entrepreneurs can chart their own course and own their success.

I am pleased to recognize TNJ's 2009 Twenty-Five Influential Black Women In Business Honorees:

Marcella Maxwell Ed.D., former Director of Development and Government Affairs Concord Family Services, Brooklyn, NY; Vernā Myers Esq. Principal, Vernā Myers Consulting Group L.L.C., Newton, Mass.; Irma Norris, Production Executive, Harpo Productions, Inc. Chicago, Illinois; Valerie Oliver-Durrah, President/CEO, Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic, Brooklyn, NY; N. Joyce Payne Ph.D., Founder, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, New York, NY; Cheryl Pegus M.D., Chief Medical Officer, SymCare Personalized Health Solutions, West Chester, Pa.; Karen Rafferty, Product Marketing Director, Chevrolet Midsize and Sports Cars, General Motors Corp., Detroit.

The Network Journal has been recognized by government agencies, premier media outlets and business and professional organizations. TNJ has received the "Outstanding Commitment and Positive Contribution to the MBE Community" from the U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency, and has been featured on CNN and FOX Television networks.

#### EMORY UNIVERSITY

##### HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 18, 2009*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, people are hurting right now, in Atlanta and across the country. It is in times like this that we need to help our neighbor. Volunteerism in these tough times is critical; that is why I want to highlight the work Emory University, in my district, is doing. Emory University has a strong history of reaching out to the community and engaging in projects to help people in need. Emory students completed nearly 150,000 hours of service in 2008, partnering with more than 200 community partners on projects related to poverty, homelessness, medical services and environmental conservation. The University's dedication to service reflects the desire in many of our students across the nation to get involved in and give back to their communities. America's young people have always been an integral part of the success of our country, and I am especially proud of Emory University's dedication to service.

Each year, the Corporation for National and Community Service recognizes institutions of higher education for exemplary efforts to engage students in service learning, community