

and Miriam Klein JCC has always welcomed me with open arms. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing a heartfelt Mazel Tov to the Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC Board of Directors both past and present, supporters, clients and friends on an impressive 35 year history and for continued success in a new century.

IN HONOR OF DIANNE CHURCH

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable public service career of Dianne Church. After forty-two years with the Federal Government, Dianne is retiring from her position as an Economic Development Administration, EDA, regional representative. Over the course of the past eighteen years, Dianne has played an instrumental role in helping the communities of the Monterey Bay Area recover from earthquake, flood, recession, and the largest military base closure in U.S. history. During that time, I have had the great fortune of working with Dianne and developing a wonderful working friendship with her. So it is with particular pleasure that I join my colleagues on the floor of the House today to recognize Dianne's work to make my constituents' corner of the world a better place.

Dianne was born on April 22, 1944, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to Francis and Violet Church. She attended local public schools, discovered a love for music through her church choir, and spent summers with her family at the beach on the North Carolina's Outer Banks. She later attended the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.,

While in Washington, D.C. she began a ten year career on Capitol Hill, working for a number of distinguished lawmakers, including: Rep. FLOYD HICKS (WA), Sen. MIKE GRAVEL (AK), Rep. DON YOUNG (AK), Rep. JOHN CONYERS (MI), and the Senate Labor Committee. She helped staff Senator Gravel when he read the Pentagon Papers on television and met Daniel Ellsberg.

In 1977, Dianne left Capitol Hill to go to work in the EDA Congressional Liaison office. In 1980, she took a job as a public works project officer in EDA's Seattle Regional Office. Dianne quickly gained a reputation for volunteering for projects in the most remote and out of the way places, especially in Alaska. During those early years in Seattle, Dianne completed her B.A. degree at Western Washington University and later an MPA degree at Seattle University, taking classes at night while working full time for EDA. While working in Seattle, she met Steve Johnston, a fellow EDA employee. Dianne and Steve married in 1987.

In 1997, she began the best job of her career as EDA's economic development representative for California's Central Coast. She initially represented fourteen Central California counties, including the Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties that form the core of my district. She had already been working on the redevelopment of Fort Ord following its 1994 closure. In all, Dianne helped steer over \$95 million towards infrastructure and other key redevelopment needs, including over \$60

million for the creation of a new California State University in the heart of Fort Ord.

Madam Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in honoring Dianne Church for her years of visionary public service. At a time when it is fashionable to cast doubt on the federal role in economic development, Dianne's legacy of roads, buildings, revitalized downtowns, a whole new university, and all the jobs to build and fill them, bears witness to the vital role that our collective investment in civilization can play.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF TENNESSEE
STATE REPRESENTATIVE ULYSSES
JONES, JR.

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ulysses Jones, Jr. A public servant throughout his career, Mr. Jones worked as a paramedic with the Memphis Fire Department for 37 years, where he rose to the rank of battalion chief. Ulysses continued to serve by becoming Tennessee's 98th District State Representative representing the North Memphis community for 23 years. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee on June 7, 1951 to the late Ulysses Jones, Sr. and Marjorie Nicholas Jones. Ulysses Jones, Jr. graduated from North Side High School and went on to attend the University of Memphis and Tennessee State University.

Ulysses Jones, Jr. was oftentimes faced with challenging moments during his tenure as a paramedic. On August 16, 1977, Ulysses and a colleague were called to Graceland to revive Elvis Presley, but to no avail. Ulysses later noted that he identified with the legendary entertainer who despite living in public housing projects, worked hard to make a better life for himself. Ulysses thought nothing of putting his life on the line to save others and he took that same attitude of public service to the state legislature when he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Ulysses Jones, Jr. was first elected to the Tennessee General Assembly in 1986. For nearly a quarter of a century, he was a voice for working men and women in Shelby County. He stood by his convictions on issues that mattered most to him, including improving schools, expanding college scholarships and equal pay for all. Ulysses aspired to do the right thing for all people regardless of race, creed or political affiliation.

Mr. Jones was an effective lawmaker for Tennessee. His vocal and active opposition to the "Tiny Towns" bill led to one of his most notable accomplishments in the Tennessee legislature. This legislation, which initially passed and was signed into state law, allowed small communities, and in one contested battle, an apartment building, to incorporate to avoid paying property taxes. Less than a year after being signed into law, the Tennessee Supreme Court struck down the law citing constitutional violations.

Ulysses worked hard on not just his legislative agenda but on other Members' bills including mine. He cosponsored the "Tennessee Lottery for Education," a bill I spon-

sored and worked on for nearly 20 years. After being signed into law, Ulysses took the reins and served as the Co-Chair of the Joint Lottery Oversight Committee and was a member of the House Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation.

While in the Tennessee House of Representatives, Ulysses Jones served as the Chair of the House Ethics Committee, Chair of the House State and Local Government Committee and the 2nd Vice President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. He was a member of the House Education Committee, K-12 Subcommittee, Local Government Subcommittee, Joint Select Education Oversight Committee and the Tennessee Commemorative Women's Suffrage Commission. Ulysses also co-authored state Enterprise Zone legislation for Tennessee.

Mr. Jones was also actively involved in his community. He served as Chairman of both the Tennessee African-American Male Task Force and the Governor's Minority Business Development Advisory Committee. He sat on the Board of Directors for the Fire Fighter Investment Group and was the President of the Pioneer Black Fire Fighters. Ulysses was a member of the YMCA Black Achievers and was a catalyst for the Development of the North Memphis Inner City Community Development Corporation.

Ulysses Jones, Jr. passed away on November 9, 2010 at the age of 59. Ulysses Jones, Jr. is survived by his daughter Victoria and son Ulysses III. His commitment to helping people throughout his life will be remembered by the countless number of lives he touched. His was a life well lived.

REMEMBERING JANICE BALL
FISHER

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a kind-hearted and generous woman who will forever be remembered by the community in my home state of Indiana. The snow fell quietly on an early November morning as a community gathered at First Presbyterian Church to remember the first lady of east central Indiana, Janice Ball Fisher. She was the daughter of the distinguished Edmund B. and Bertha Ball who founded Ball Corporation, and whose generous donations significantly benefited Ball State University and Ball Memorial Hospital.

Janice was raised in Muncie and later graduated from Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C. In 1940 she married John Fisher in Leland, Michigan, though they later moved back to Janice's hometown. The Fishers will always be remembered for their leadership in the community and their giving hearts. Together, they donated millions of dollars to further educational institutions around the state such as Ball State University, DePauw University, and Indiana University.

Those who knew Janice will remember her most for her dedication to faith and family. Her greatest joy was to be surrounded by loved ones, and she greatly enjoyed bringing her children and grandchildren along on adventures across the country and throughout the

world. She was an active member of her church, as well as civic organizations such as the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Mount Vernon Society. Janice also supported numerous philanthropies in Michigan and Indiana such as the Fishtown Preservation Society, Leelanau Conservancy, Leelanau Community Cultural Center, Leelanau Historical Museum, Leland Township Library, Interlochen School of Music, Minnetrista, Cornerstone Center for the Arts, Muncie YMCA and YWCA, Camp Crosley, Muncie Symphony Orchestra, and many other organizations that thrived thanks to her leadership.

The Good Book tells us that “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me,” and that embodies the way Janice lived her life. Though the community will deeply feel the loss of Janice Fisher, I am confident that she will be richly rewarded for her decades of service and sacrifice for others. I offer my sincere condolences to her beloved family: daughters Joan F. Woods and Judith F. Oetinger; sons Michael J. Fisher, James A. Fisher, Jeffrey E. Fisher, John W. Fisher III, and Jerrold M. Fisher; 19 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANK
SHAFFERY

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Shaffery, who has virtuously served the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mr. Shaffery has served as a civilian employee within the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Headquarters G3 at Fort Knox, KY, since 1994. Mr. Shaffery will retire after 46 years of dedicated service to the United States Army.

A native of Newark, N.J., Frank Shaffery enlisted in the Army in 1965. His Army career included assignments in Fort Dix, N.J., Korea and Vietnam before he became an Army recruiter.

Mr. Shaffery has held several positions as an Army recruiter including field recruiter, station commander, senior guidance counselor and battalion sergeant major. The Baltimore Recruiting Battalion was the second largest recruiting battalion during his tenure and he ensured its success as one of the top battalions in the command.

Mr. Shaffery retired after 30 years of active Army service at the rank of Command Sergeant Major. His dedicated service resulted in his awarding of a Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and several Meritorious Service Medals. He wears his Recruiter Ring still today, the highest honor for a recruiter when he was an NCO.

Upon retirement from active duty in 1994, Mr. Shaffery accepted a civilian position with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command HQ as the Chief of Plans and Policy for the Operations Directorate. He was promoted to the position of Deputy Director in 1999.

Frank lives in Elizabethtown, Ky., with his wife, Connie. He is the father of two sons, Mark and Michael, and the proud grandfather to 6 year old Madison.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Frank Shaffery today because of his dignified and steadfast commitment to the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, his Soldiers, the citizens of this country and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

RECOGNIZING VIBRANT GUJARAT
2011 SUMMIT FOR PROMOTING
U.S.-INDIA TRADE

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA

OF AMERICAN SAOMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Chief Minister

Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership in drawing attention to Gujarat as a leading investment destination, and for promoting U.S.-India trade.

On September 15, 2010, it was my honor to welcome the Gujarat delegation to Washington, D.C. as prelude to the Vibrant Gujarat 2011 Summit scheduled to be held on January 12–13, 2011 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Many of my colleagues joined me for this event.

As I noted then, Gujarat is one of the most prominent States on the western coast of India and has contributed significantly to India's growth story with consistent double digit GDP growth for almost a decade and, since 2003, the Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit has attracted investment agreements worth more than USD 370 billion.

The State is now gearing up for the 5th Vibrant Gujarat Summit and, while many of us were hopeful that we would be able to attend the Summit, the January 2011 schedule for the U.S. Congress will not permit Congressional participation. But, in recognition of the importance of the Gujarat Summit, I wanted to offer this statement as a show of support for this Summit.

Today, as a result of the Chief Minister's efforts, Gujarat is a replicable model of development with the highest GDP growth rate in India. Consequently, the potential for U.S. trade and investment in Gujarat is significant, and I stand with the Government of Gujarat as it seeks to improve the lives of its people and ours.

I have every confidence that our mutual cooperation will lead to more jobs in the U.S. and India, and I extend my best wishes to Chief Minister Modi for a successful Vibrant Gujarat 2011 Summit.