

Lou has also been actively involved in Fresno Unified School District's Superintendent's English Learner Task Force to ensure that language barriers do not keep students from succeeding in school. Lou's life story serves as a positive example for her students, demonstrating that despite the obstacles she has had to overcome as an immigrant, anything is possible with hard work and determination. The community of Fresno is very fortunate to have such a dedicated individual who continues to inspire students to believe they can achieve anything.

Lou is married to her husband Shue Vue, a civil engineer for the State of California Department of Transportation. Lou and Shue Vue have three children together and hope that the success they have achieved in their chosen professions provides inspiration for their children to achieve their own personal success in life and give back to their communities.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the achievement of Lou Xiong in the field of education as she is recognized as one of a select few top educators in our country by the Milken Family Foundation.

HONORING OPERATION IRAQI
FREEDOM SCOUT SNIPER AND
SOUTH EL MONTE NATIVE USMC
SGT. ERIC B. SANDOVAL

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, United States Marine Corps Sgt. Eric B. Sandoval, who passed away on Nov. 12, 2010, at the young age of 30. My heart goes out to his wife, Sandy; his stepson, Isaiah Salcedo; his parents, Roberto and Gloria; his brothers and sisters, Robert, Danny, Gabby, Alejandra, Jonathan and Steven; and the rest of his family and friends.

Born in Los Angeles, Eric spent nearly all of his life in South El Monte and later Covina, attending Dean L. Shively Middle School and later South El Monte and Pomona high schools. A patriot who loved his country, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps right out of high school at just 17 years of age, and spent the next 8 years as a scout sniper, serving in our nation's conflict in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Within days of his arrival in Iraq, Eric's platoon came under attack. The attack was so brutal that Eric was the only one of his group to survive, and had to undergo extensive surgery to repair his damaged eye and ear.

Sergeant Sandoval received numerous awards and commendations for his bravery in the face of terrible odds, including the Navy & Marine Achievement Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Sea Service Deployment Award; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation; and Good Conduct Medal, among others.

After recovering from his injuries, Sergeant Sandoval's undying patriotism led him to return to Iraq, this time as a contractor for the government, helping to support his former

comrades at arms until the time of his passing. And despite the hardships and difficulties presented by his war injuries, Eric still managed to attend college and graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master of arts degree in business administration, with honors.

Eric B. Sandoval's generosity and kindness are an inspiration to his family and our entire community, and he lived his life with integrity and bravery. Our nation owes him a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid. So I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring our community hero, Sgt. Eric B. Sandoval, for his remarkable service and contributions to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA R.
DICKERSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Donna R. Dickerson.

Ms. Dickerson is the Education Director for the Genesis Academy, where she has worked since 1997. The Genesis Academy is one of the leading after-school programs in the Brownsville community of Brooklyn, New York. The institution's goal is to academically, socially and culturally enrich the community's youth. Over the years, Ms. Dickerson has emerged as a leader in youth development, implementing programs for children in the Genesis Academy and the community at large.

At the age of sixteen, Ms. Dickerson took an opportunity to work at a daycare center. Facing her own childhood adversity, at this job she realized her destiny: to work with children. The joy of the classroom inspired Ms. Dickerson to work at this daycare center for longer than she had initially intended.

In 1991, a fire devastated Ms. Dickerson and her family. Within a three month span, they were living in a shelter and dealing with the death of six family members. The situation became more than Ms. Dickerson could handle and she had no idea where to turn next; adapting to this new way of life taught Ms. Dickerson how to survive.

In the heart of East New York, there is a place called Genesis Homes. Here, new beginnings are possible, all you have to do is believe and go get it. A program was offered, called T.E.P.P., where a participant would get paid to work. Ms. Dickerson was offered a position as a recreation aide and accepted it. She worked with every age group over the years, leaving a positive mark on all the children she interacted with. During this time, Ms. Dickerson realized that she was a role model and needed to always act as such. She was no longer responsible for just her own children, but for thousands of children who, at times, appeared to depend on her more than their own family.

Ms. Dickerson is grateful for several important people in her life. Her parents, for teaching her and her siblings to love one another, respect all and treat people like they would want to be treated. Her sisters, for always being there, no matter the time of day she called on them. Most importantly, Ms.

Dickerson is grateful for her children: Brandon, Corey and Charisma.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Donna R. Dickerson.

CALLING FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT,
AND SUPPORT FOR HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, there are not many Holocaust survivors left in the world. Each year as the number dwindles, we worry about how people will remember the evils of the Holocaust when there are no longer eyewitnesses to give their personal accounts. We promote remembrance and teach tolerance. We fight Holocaust deniers and those who grotesquely glorify the Holocaust and denigrate the memory of the six million.

But while we focus intently on ensuring awareness of the tragedy of the past we are losing sight of a tragedy in our midst: Many Holocaust survivors are living their final days in poverty.

According to the Jewish Federations of North America, more than half of the 127,000 Holocaust survivors living in the United States fall beneath 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold, meaning they live on less than \$21,660 per year. Holocaust survivors are five times more likely to be living below the poverty line than the general senior population.

In Los Angeles, one in six survivors requires community assistance. In the past year, the LA Jewish Federation has seen the number of survivors needing emergency assistance for basic housing, food, medical, dental and transportation needs rise by 20 percent.

The vast majority of these survivors are now in their 80's and 90's and two-thirds of them live alone. Very few have any family support network, which is not surprising considering that so few had family that survived the war. As a result, many are forced into institutional care because they cannot afford to receive care in their homes.

While institutionalized care settings are beneficial for many older adults, Holocaust survivors react poorly and can be prone to emotional suffering and physical deterioration from sights, sounds and routines that may resurrect Holocaust experiences. Research indicates that survivors, in particular, benefit tremendously from access to social service programs that allow them to age in place in their current residences. It is a solution that is both cost-effective and humane.

As one of the original sponsors of the U.S. Administration on Aging grant program now known as the Community Innovations In Aging In Place, I am hopeful that we can find the resources to help these survivors in their time of need.

I urge my colleagues to support H. Con. Res. 323 and I look forward to working with them to achieve its goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years.

CONGRATULATING FRENCHTOWN
HISTORIC FOUNDATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend the Frenchtown Historic foundation for their steadfast commitment to completing the Frenchtown Historic Site designation.

Just West of the Whitman Mission National Historic Site and among the rolling hills of wheat outside of Walla Walla, the 27 acre site set to open on December 11, 2010 will preserve an important part of our Northwest History. The Frenchtown Historic Site commemorates an area with rich historical heritage dating back to the famous expedition of Lewis and Clark in the early 1800s.

Frenchtown was originally established by French-Canadians associated with the Hudson's Bay Company trading post at Fort Nez Percé along the Columbia River. My family first settled on a plot of land near Walla Walla and the Frenchtown Historic Site in 1853, shortly before the Yakima War broke out tearing the farmers, natives, loggers, and pioneers apart and away from their homes. This designation coincides with the 155th Anniversary of the Battle of Walla Walla—the longest sustained battle in Northwest history. Twenty three years later, in 1876, the St. Rose of Lima Mission Church and cemetery were established that still exist to this day.

The Frenchtown Historical Site designation culminates over five years of cooperative coordinated efforts by numerous local, state, and federal parties all orchestrated by the Frenchtown Historic Foundation, with special efforts made by Daniel Clark, Sam Pambrun, and Karen Bergevin Zohner.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Frenchtown Historic Foundation for its job well done.

RECOGNIZING COUNCILMAN JOHN
PAUL LEDESMA FOR HIS SERVICE
TO THE CITY OF MISSION
VIEJO

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the exemplary service of Mission Viejo City Councilman John Paul Ledesma, who has faithfully kept the public trust since he joined the Mission Viejo Council in 1998.

During his 12 year tenure, John Paul distinguished himself as a proponent of fiscal restraint and responsible public budgeting, a fierce advocate for personal property rights and a vocal opponent of excessive taxation.

His efforts on behalf of the people of Mission Viejo have contributed significantly to the public safety and their quality of life. John Paul spearheaded the effort to make Mission Viejo the first city in Orange County to adopt an ordinance requiring its employees and contractors to participate in the federal E-verify system to insure that documents presented to establish employment eligibility are valid.

He fought to protect the rights of citizens to religious expression and to protect children using computers in the City library from the dangers of the Internet. As Mission Viejo's representative on the Orange County Vector Control District he worked cooperatively with representatives of surrounding communities to protect public health.

John Paul also served terms as Mayor in 2003 and Mayor Pro Tem in 2007. City ordinance limits council service to 12 years, and John Paul completes that term having maintained the trust of its citizens and leaving the community better off for his service.

It is with gratitude and appreciation for work well done, that we commend John Paul Ledesma for his public service and wish him well in future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. SALLYE
GRANBERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Sallye Granberry.

Dr. Sallye Cranberry was born in 1958, the first child of Yvonne Walker, a single high school graduate from Nashville, Tennessee. She was raised in Harlem one block north of the Apollo Theater, and attended the Harriet Tubman School, a public elementary school on 127th Street. She was awarded a scholarship from the organization A Better Chance, to attend Walden, a private school on the upper west side. This school ignited a passion in Sallye for the sciences, and encouraged her to tutor fellow classmates in the anatomy lab. She graduated from Walden in 1976 and won a scholarship to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She entered Northwestern as a biology major ready to pursue teaching, but graduated in 1980 as a pre-med student, after volunteering at Planned Parenthood and realizing her deep interest in women's health. She attended Medical School at SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY, and graduated in 1984 to pursue a Radiology residency in Brooklyn, New York, at Maimonides Medical Center. She was Chief Resident at Maimonides in 1989, and completed a Body Imaging fellowship at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York City in 1990. She achieved Board Certification in Diagnostic Radiology in 1990. She has worked at several hospitals here in Brooklyn, but has remained in the public hospital system at Woodhull Medical Center for almost 10 years. As a Diagnostic Radiologist, Sallye has pursued her interest in women's health through the subspecialties of Mammography and Ultrasound.

Dr. Granberry's dedication to community service started early in her life when she joined the Junior Elks Club in Harlem. She volunteered at Planned Parenthood while in high school and in college. There she learned that there was an urgent need to provide medical care to women, especially pregnant teens and women of color. While attending Northwestern she joined the sisterhood of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a community service organization. She was one of the founding members of One Step Before, a minority student organization composed of premedical stu-

dents. During her medical school training she was a member of UMPA, Upstate Medical and Paramedical Association; this minority student organization was a precursor of the SNMA, Student National Medical Association Chapter in Syracuse, NY.

Currently Sallye is Vice President of the Medical and Dental Staff at Woodhull Medical Center, where she has held office since 2005. She is section chief of Mammography and Ultrasound at Woodhull, a position that gives her an opportunity to provide excellent care to women of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay. She educates her patients to promote self-awareness and preventive care.

Dr. Granberry resides in Canarsie, Brooklyn with her husband Michael LaMont and their two teenage sons, Akil and Jawan. She is a member of the Radiologic Society of North America, the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine and the New York Breast Imaging Society. She attends church regularly at Church of the Rock in Canarsie and is a member of the Schomburg Society in Harlem. She enjoys traveling with her family, and attending educational seminars.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Dr. Sallye Granberry.

HEALTHY, HUNGER-FREE KIDS
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, a bill that provides a historic investment in the health of our nation's children. This bill will help address the severe concerns of both obesity and hunger that severely impact them.

In my home state of New York alone, the statistics are staggering:

32.9 percent of children in New York are overweight or obese and New York taxpayers spend an estimated \$6.1 billion on Medicaid and Medicare each year to treat obesity-related chronic diseases.

16.7 percent of children under 18 in New York are at-risk of being hungry. This bill will expand access to the child nutrition programs and fill nutrition gaps when family resources are tight.

1,813,000 of New York's children participate in the National School Lunch Program, NSLP, each year and will receive healthier school meals provided by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. 1,147,000 of those kids are low-income children, who will benefit from better access to free school meals through promotion of and improvements to direct certification.

New York will receive up to \$17.5 million to improve the nutrition quality of school lunches because of this bill.

281,500 children in New York participate in the Child and Adult Food Care Program and will benefit from increased resources, more training to childcare providers to serve healthier meals and snacks and increased physical activity.