

Because, one day up in Heaven you will look into your fine Father's eyes!
 And Jesse, on this night as your loved ones lay their heads down to sleep . . .
 Out across Columbus, but comes a gentle rain . . . that which so weeps . . .
 So Weeps, Our Lords tears . . . falling down from Heaven so very deep . . .
 All in his love for you, and your most brilliant gift . . .
 And for your heartbroken family so very deep!
 To ease their pain . . .
 And in the coming years, we will see you . . . all in our tears . . .
 All in your beautiful child of love, most beautiful face . . . so very dear!
 So Brilliant, This!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall 608, 609, and 610. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" for these measures:

Rollcall No. 608—H.R. 6400—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass.

Rollcall No. 609—H. Res. 1642—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass.

Rollcall No. 610—H. Res. 1264—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ALLAN W. PURDY

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Allan Purdy who dedicated his life to removing financial barriers to higher education.

His unprecedented devotion and leadership in making college education more affordable to all students will be remembered down through the ages. As a strong supporter of affordable higher education, I applaud Purdy's bold endeavor in ensuring that all students are assisted in achieving their higher education goals.

Purdy was the founding president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and helped create the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority, spending 20 years serving on MOHELA's board of directors.

He truly believed in putting the best interest of the students first. He worked to implement borrower benefit programs including loan forgiveness and low interest rates. I admire his tenacity and determination in that he played a key role in supporting and organizing student aid programs in which thousands of Missourians benefit.

On October 14th, we lost a great education pioneer. Now is the time that, we must work together to ensure that Allan Purdy's legacy and commitment to serving students continues and that we work toward providing equal opportunities to students.

Purdy will be forever remembered for his unwavering allegiance to building financial aid

programs that would serve all students despite the college they choose.

HONORING FRANK HOWARD ALLEN REALTORS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank Howard Allen Realtors, which this year is celebrating its 100th anniversary of service in the San Francisco Bay Area. For a century now, Frank Howard Allen has remained a family-owned, locally operated brokerage characterized by a unique commitment to the people in our region. We have all been fortunate to benefit from its long history of economic and community development.

Frank Howard Allen Realtors, the namesake of its founder, was established in Marin County in 1910 as a small company focused on local service. By the 1960s, the company had expanded to four offices and over forty salespeople, and ownership was transferred to another family with strong local ties. It has remained in that family's care ever since and is now owned by CEO Larry Brackett and his wife Brennie Brackett. Under the Bracketts' leadership, Frank Howard Allen has continued its steady growth into Marin County's largest brokerage by market share, and it has expanded its strong presence in Sonoma and Napa Counties. From a small, independent company, Frank Howard Allen has become one of our major employers, with over 600 agents in more than 20 offices across the North Bay.

But even as it has grown into an important regional player, Frank Howard Allen has remained invested in our communities and deeply rooted in its origins. Because of the Bracketts' efforts, the company has been instrumental in developing the Marin Workforce Housing Trust, a unique public-private partnership that provides funding for critically necessary low-income and special-needs housing. Frank Howard Allen has also played an active and conscientious role in our public life, providing assistance to organizations serving our population in countless ways. By matching its agents' donations from closed escrows, Frank Howard Allen has been a consistent supporter of our North Bay schools, clinics, parks, museums, food banks, and other nonprofit organizations serving local people and our natural environment. Most recently, the brokerage sponsored its own giving programs aimed at providing food and clothing to those in need over the holiday season.

Frank Howard Allen has also been the recipient of a number of business awards, not only for its approach to clients and the community, but also for its treatment of workers. In 2010, Frank Howard Allen was honored by the North Bay Business Journal as one of the region's best places to work, and readers of the Pacific Sun voted it the region's best real estate brokerage. Frank Howard Allen also carried its category in NorthBay Biz, making this the eighth consecutive year it has won that magazine's highest accolades.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Frank Howard Allen Realtors for its

long standing work in our region, and in wishing it every success in its second century. The company's economic and philanthropic contributions to our communities are a model of the kind of business that makes the North Bay a vibrant and unique place to live.

A TRIBUTE TO LAUREN HAMMOND

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sacramento City Councilwoman Lauren Hammond, as she steps down from the Sacramento City Council after 14 years of honorable service. As her colleagues, friends and family gather to commemorate her many years of service to the people of Sacramento, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Councilwoman Hammond's leadership and lasting impact on the City of Sacramento.

Councilwoman Hammond is a Sacramento native; she grew up in Land Park and attended McClatchy High School, the same high school as my late husband Robert Matsui. After high school, she continued her higher education in Sacramento, graduating from Sacramento City College and the California State University, Sacramento where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Government.

After graduation from Sacramento State, Lauren began her distinguished career in public service by working 22 years for the California State Senate. While with the Senate, she has served as a Telecommunications Contract Administrator and as the Senate's Coordinator for the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 1997, Lauren ran for Sacramento's City Council. She won the special election in to become the first African-American woman elected to the City Council. As a City Councilwoman, she put her skills as a long-time community leader and neighborhood activist to work, focusing on working families and ensuring that the City of Sacramento is run efficiently. In her work, she concentrated on improving her district by ensuring safe walkways to schools and expanding youth services. She tackled citywide concerns such as youth empowerment, accessible health care for all, predatory lending and implementing smart growth policies. She has also helped revitalize Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood, as well as lead the efforts to improve the Broadway, Stockton Boulevard and Franklin Boulevard corridors in order to make those areas more business friendly. She has worked tirelessly to make Sacramento a better place to live and do business.

Councilwoman Hammond's duties kept her busy, as she served on numerous boards of local government agencies. Some of these include the governing bodies of the Sacramento Area Sewer District, the Sacramento Transportation Authority, the Downtown Sacramento Revitalization Corporation, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority Board, the Regional Transit District and Paratransit Inc. She also served as the Chairwoman of the City's Law and Legislation Committee.

Madam Speaker, as Councilwoman Hammond's family, friends and colleagues gather

to honor her for her service to the people of Sacramento, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting her for helping make Sacramento a great place to live, work and play.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, I was not present for three recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 608—"yea."

Roll No. 609—"yea."

Roll No. 610—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO LOIS J. CARSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to an individual from my Congressional District for her 30 years of outstanding service to the community of Riverside, California. Lois J. Carson has served as Executive Director of the Community Action Partnership (CAP) of Riverside County for 30 years. After three decades of service, Lois will retire at the end of December and I thank her for years of dedicated public service. In her honor, a grateful city has declared December 14, 2010, as "Lois J. Carson Day."

In July 1980, Lois was first appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the first Executive Director of CAP of Riverside County, then known as the Department of Community Action. For 30 years CAP has worked toward reducing poverty in Riverside County. In 2005 and under Lois' direction, Riverside received the National Community Action Partnership's Award for Excellence, to date the only Community Action Agency (CAA) in California, and the only public CAA in the nation, to receive this award.

Lois has been recognized as an innovator who always worked diligently on behalf of the city and in her role with CAP. Through the years CAP has touched the lives of thousands of low-income residents in Riverside, helping them gain footing through programs such as Individual Development Accounts, Building Links to Impact Self-Sufficiency (Project B.L.I.S.S.), Earned Income Tax Credit, and Weatherization and Access to Assets.

Lois has received numerous awards recognizing her accomplishments, including being named a "Distinguished Alumnus" by California State University, San Bernardino and by the University of California, Riverside. She was also a first year recipient of the Riverside YWCA "Woman of Achievement" award. In addition, Lois was named the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County's "Champion of Justice," honored with the Business Press' "Leader of Distinction" award; named a 2001

Papal Medalist; earned the Woman of the Year for the 62nd Assembly District; awarded the 2007 Lyndon Baines Johnson "Human Services Award" which is highest honor of the National Community Action Partnership; and was named the 2009 "Spirit of the Entrepreneur" Award from Social Entrepreneur.

She also served as a trustee for the San Bernardino Community College District for 24 years during which time she was named "Top Trustee in the U.S." in 1991 by the Association of Community College Trustees. She remains an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, National Council of Negro Women and is a Black Future Leaders mentor. She is also the longest serving member of the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board.

Lois' tireless passion for community and public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Lois a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she retires.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR S. 3250

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, attached is a amended support letter for S. 3250 which passed the House on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. A previous copy was submitted for the RECORD.

HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS COALITION,

December 3, 2010.

Re Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010.

RUSS CARNAHAN,
Washington, DC.

JUDY BIGGERT,
Washington, DC.

THOMAS CARPER,
Washington, DC.

SUSAN COLLINS,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES CARNAHAN AND BIGGERT AND SENATORS CARPER AND COLLINS: As the leading organizations involved in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings, we applaud your continued efforts to improve our Nation's buildings. Thank you for your leadership and vision in the development and passage of H.R. 5112 and S. 3250, "Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010."

As you know, Congress and the President have established stringent goals for Federal agencies to achieve reductions in energy and water use and greenhouse gas emissions. Agencies also have additional needs related to other high-performance building attributes, including safety and security. Achieving these goals requires personnel engaged in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of federal buildings to have the appropriate skills and training.

Federal agencies have long been looked to as an example of what can be done within the built environment. As the Nation's largest holder of real estate, the Federal government has the opportunity and resources to influence the development and implementation of building design, construction, operations and maintenance tools, technologies and practices. Federal buildings should serve

as public showcases and leading examples of energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality (IEQ) through their design, construction, equipment, and operations and maintenance.

As both public and private sector buildings become increasingly complex to meet our Nation's energy and environmental goals, personnel with the necessary competencies will be critical to achieving these goals. The undersigned organizations, thank you for your leadership on this legislation and are poised to provide the necessary training to achieve both public and private sector goals.

We look forward to continued work with you in realizing the full potential of high-performance buildings.

Sincerely,

National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS); American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE); International Facility Management Association (IFMA); National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA); U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC); International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO); Federation of American Scientists (FAS); National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); International Code Council (ICC); Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA); American Institute of Architects (AIA); Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA); United Association—Union of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders and HVAC Service Techs; Green Mechanical Council; The Stella Group, Ltd.; Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE); Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA); National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); BuildingInsight, LLC; American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC); Green Building Initiative (GBI); Ecobuild America/AEC Science & Technology, LLC; American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); Air-conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI); National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC); Center for Environmental Innovation in Roofing (CEIR); The Radiant Panel Association; Carbon Monoxide Safety Association (COSA); Educational Standards Corporation Institute (ESCO Institute); HVAC Excellence; Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Association (AC&R); Federal Performance Contracting Coalition; Sustainable Buildings Industry Council (SBIC); National Insulation Association (NIA); InfoComm International; Building Intelligence Group; Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors—National Association, Inc. (SMACNA); Architecture 2030; LonMark International; Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI); American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); BASF; EIFS Industry Members Association (EIMA); Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC); Johnson Controls; APPA: Leadership in Educational Facilities; International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD); The Vinyl Institute; Illuminating Engineering Society (IES); DuPont; Brick Industry Association; Association of Energy Engineers (AEE); Siemens; Bentley Systems; International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators and Allied Workers; Delphi; Ingersoll Rand; Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC).