

name—the first Asian American mayor of a major U.S. city, the first chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, and the first Asian American member of a presidential Cabinet—dot a remarkable career that has been dedicated to bettering lives through efficient transportation, expanding civil rights for all, and strengthening Asian American and Pacific Islander participation in public life.

I thank my dear friend Norm Mineta for his tremendous and longstanding leadership, and I look forward to continuing to work with him on behalf of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.

HONORING CARLA FURSTENBERG COHEN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 17, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to honor Carla Furstenberg Cohen, whose creative ideas and feisty energy were embodied in her legendary bookstore, Politics and Prose, here in the Nation's capital. With her partner, Barbara Meade, Carla Cohen, who died on October 11, 2010, built a small storefront with eclectic books into a major public literary salon that defined Washington as more than a gray government town.

Her love of books could not be contained inside the book covers alone, however. Politics and Prose also became a combination discussion platform for authors—from Bill Clinton to Alice Walker—basement coffee shop with open mics for musicians, and a hangout for browsers turned off by the big box chain stores.

No one who knew Carla, as I did at Antioch College, can be surprised that Carla Furstenberg, with her effervescent personality, had the power to create an institution. She did not leave all that energy at college, however. Of course, Carla, like the brightest young women of her generation, got a master's degree, was married for 52 years to David Cohen, and had two children. She worked in urban planning and housing and served as a staff member in the House of Representatives before joining the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

However, Carla found her true calling at Politics and Prose, "a place where books are not commodities." The bookstore was a meeting place for those who wanted to do more than buy books. People who found it important to have a place to talk about books and about politics, art, and the issues and items of the day often found their way to Politics and Prose.

Carla Cohen threw herself and her savings into Politics and Prose, mortgaging her house and borrowing from family and friends to open the store in 1984, when the mega bookstores were at their high point. The giant retailers responded by trying to copy what they could from the book lovers' intimate atmosphere of Politics and Prose. The bookstore continued to thrive. Despite the recession, its sales, at \$7.5 million, were \$3 million more than two years ago.

Politics and Prose will survive its extraordinary creator. Though the bookstore was put

up for sale shortly before Carla Cohen's death, co-owner Barbara Meade is conducting the sale by actually interviewing the six finalists, among more than 50 who made offers.

The lessons should be clear enough. If bookstores want to survive at all in the age of electronic books, they had best study the model that Carla Furstenberg Cohen created.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the amazing life of Carla Furstenberg Cohen of Politics and Prose, a legacy with life still to give.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BATTLEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BOBCATS, 2010 VIRGINIA AAA DIVISION 6 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 17, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Battlefield High School Bobcats from Gainesville, Virginia for winning the 2010 Virginia AAA Division 6 State Championship in football.

The Battlefield High School team completed the regular season with a record of 8 wins and 2 losses. To capture the title, Battlefield won four straight playoff games and defeated a team from Hermitage High School in Richmond, Virginia that had only lost once in their previous 47 games. Battlefield also won their second straight Northwest Region Championship this season. This is Battlefield High School's first State Championship in a team sport. The team is one of only 50 high school football teams out of more than 16,000 nationwide to be honored by the MaxPreps Football Tour of Champions with the National Guard National Ranking Trophy. In recognition of his outstanding leadership, the Washington Post named Head Coach Mark Cox the 2010 All-Met Coach of the Year.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the staff, coaches and players who helped Battlefield High School win the 2010 Virginia AAA Division 6 State Championship.

Principal: Amy Ethridge-Conti.

Athletic Director: Ben Stutler.

Head Coach: Mark Cox.

Assistance Coaches: Mark Johnson, Rob Mello, Vic Ceglie, Paul Labazzetta, Jaime Labazzetta, Bobby Coleman, Greg Williams, Kevin Kerns, Sam Newman, Don Fair, John White, Tim Coughlin.

Players: Terrell Tapscott, Andrew Smith, Bobby Curry, Brian Curry, Sidney Henry, Isaiah Wright, Michael Jorgenson, Nathan McGahan, Ishmail Gazawi, Caleb Pinilis, JT Brosnahan, Devon Greene, Ryan Swingle, Devonne Haydon, Jeff Beathard, Cedric Agyeman, Quantray Wilkerson, Nagee Jackson, Anthony Lopez, Jason Hoepker, Jay Onwuka, Lucas Klugh, Chris Wendle, Jake Conway, Grayson Matthews, River Piercy, Eric Michael, Drew Elias, Austin Thibodeaux, Joe Walker, D'Anthonie Delgado, Darius Johnson, Nick Newman, Ryan Newton, Mike Osei, Xavier Stringfellow, Dane Howard, Eddie Cunha, Freddie Potter, Harrison Hyre, Zac Everett, Blaine Varley, David Risoldi, Eric Loehle, Jack Taylor, John Agnos, Ronald Ausberry, Brandon Whaley, Garrett Fox, CJ Incrominias, Brandon Dukeman, Larry

Fields, Darion Duncan, William Soloman, Robert Garland, Turner Meeks, Brian Wilson, Jon Hyre, Jacob Payne.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Battlefield High School Bobcats for winning the 2010 Virginia AAA Division 6 State Championship. This is a well-deserved title that could not have been won without an extraordinary team effort.

IN HONOR OF DARLENE DUNHAM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 17, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable public service career of Darlene Dunham. Darlene is retiring from her work in Monterey County as the chief of Staff for County Supervisor Simon Salinas. However, she has had a long path of education and leadership before going to work for the County of Monterey. Of historical interest, Darlene was one of the top 16 money winners on the old television game show The Joker's Wild.

Darlene returned to college after having two children, Troy and Denyse. In 1983, she opened her own political consulting and training firm named Darlene Dunham and Associates. By 1998, she had expanded her business by 3 partners and focused on management training and consulting to the agricultural community. She finally received her Masters degree in Leadership at the age of 57.

Darlene spent a decade working in state and local political campaigns as a fundraiser and campaign consultant for now famous Willie Brown, former Speaker of the California Assembly, and former state legislators, now Members of Congress, LUCILLE ROYBAL-AL-LARD, XAVIER BECERRA, JIM COSTA, MAXINE WATERS, DIANE WATSON, and myself. While serving as chair of the Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women, Darlene led the first sexual harassment training course for county employees and was one of the first persons certified by the California State Bar Association to train public and private sector personnel including California prison guards.

Along with running her business, Darlene found time to get involved in the community. Darlene has served on the Monterey County Arts Council, she has volunteered with the Salinas Women's Crisis Center, she served as a representative on the Hartnell College Board of Trustees, Vice Chair of the City of Salinas Recreation-Park Commission, and a board member of the Education Foundation for Salinas Union High School District. She was recognized as one of the outstanding women of Monterey County's Commission on the Status of Women. The Salinas Chamber of Commerce gave Darlene their Athena Award for outstanding businesswoman.

Darlene's passion and leadership led her to organize a trip to Morelia, Mexico to provide an opportunity for a group of Elementary School teachers to study the Spanish language and the Mexican culture. Darlene notes that she is looking forward to being retired so she can return to traveling the world with her husband and enjoying her grandchildren Emma, age 4, and Truman, age 1½.

Madam Speaker, I know that I am not alone in recognizing the work of this amazing

woman. Darlene has always been involved in the community and her dedication to make Monterey County a better place will surely continue, even after she retires. For all that she has done and all that she will undoubtedly do, I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes to our friend and professional colleague, Ms. Darlene Dunham.

**TRIBUTE TO SPANISH FORT HIGH
SCHOOL'S TOROS—ALABAMA'S 5A
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 17, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the great accomplishment of a talented group of young men who worked together to propel the Spanish Fort, Alabama, Toros to the pinnacle of the State Class 5A championship.

On December 2, the Spanish Fort Toros varsity football team ended a historic season by defeating Briarwood Christian 14 to 0 to win the Alabama Class 5A title. This victory represents the first time the Spanish Fort Toros have captured a State football championship during their brief four years of fielding a team.

I would like to congratulate coaches Bryant Vincent, Tommy Walker, Chase Smith, George Brown, Richard Kelly, Duane Davis, Wayne Davis, Earnest Hill, Justin Moore, Michael Beasley, Rob Milam, and the entire Toros team: Connor Mitchell, Otis Smith, Christopher Beasley, Billy Harris, Blake Dees, Joel Poe, Ameriol Finley, Barkley Sims, Garrett Horst, Davares Ambrose, Shane English, Jonathon Cook, Demarco Montgomery, Matthew Harris, Conner McGavin, Troy Brown, Daniel Pond, Michael Tynes, Matt Hall, Devontae Patrick, Brett Lesinger, Kylan Cotton, Hunter Glass, Jarred Hodges, Brendan McCants, Dillen Malone, Alex Thomas, James Rocket, David Sullivan, Cory McCarron, Cameron Bosarge, Keland Dotch, Marcus Walton, Alec Morgan, Jake Clemmenson, Blain Crain, Jack Wilson, Bobby Creighton, Brandon Sledge, Tyler Bexley, Brannan Crosby, Aaron Caldwell, Conner Gates, Jake Brackhan, Byron Stringer, Russell Whisnant, Tanner McNair, Grant Horst, Will Martin, Chase Holliman, Patrick Connick, Zac Fowler, Reed Pennington, Grey Curtis, Victor Dunning, Chris Morehouse, Zack Burnett, Cameron Gates, Patrick Williamson, Cade Burgin, Osmond Curtis, Walker Betts, Reese Dismukes, Chandler Wilson, Kaleb Hall, Hampton Cline, David Bertagnoli, Kevin Townsend, Timothy Pharez, Grant Curreton, Jared Burtrico, Adam Adcock, John Jagae and Brandon Hayliger.

Congratulations Toros.

**HONORING MARY ELLEN
BRANDELL**

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 17, 2010

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Ellen Brandell, who lost her coura-

geous battle with leukemia on September 24, 2010.

I first got to know Mary Ellen when she was working at Central Michigan University, and I was just beginning my political career. She gave this young candidate a lesson in Mt. Pleasant and Isabella County politics and the confidence to ultimately win a congressional campaign.

Her kindness has stayed with me throughout these years, as I have grown closer to the Brandell family.

In fact, her son Jim is my Chief of Staff. Now a decade into service for this institution, Jim carries with him the sensibilities instilled by Mary Ellen: Family, faith, and true citizenship.

For far too many people, these are mere words, but for Mary Ellen, these were the pillars on which she built and lived her life. And they served her well. She was a constant presence in the Mt. Pleasant community. From continuing her work with the ever-growing Central Michigan University, to her extensive list of charities including most recently with the Isabella County Sesquicentennial Committee, Woodland Hospice, Access to Recreation, and the Rotary Club. In fact, her efforts were so well recognized that she was named Mt. Pleasant Citizen of the Year.

She was also a world traveler, taking yearly trips with Jim to see new corners of our planet. She valued the time she spent with her family, but also used these opportunities to meet distant relatives and make new friends. She was even utilized in her role as a community leader of Mt. Pleasant to reach out to sister cities.

Even with these public and global accomplishments, I know that Mary Ellen's proudest accomplishment was her family, which includes seven children and fifteen grandchildren. She has given them the love and nurturing they needed to grown and excel in their careers and she led by example, by returning to school and getting her master's, specialist and doctoral degrees, after her seventh child was born. And she put her family first, selflessly caring for her husband Dick at home for many years as his health declined prior to his death in 2004.

Mary Ellen was a remarkable woman, and one that cannot be replaced. She will be remembered for all of the lives that she had touched. I will be forever grateful for her kindness and generosity.

TRIBUTE TO PAT HEDGES

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 17, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a community leader, Pat Hedges, on his retirement after 33 years of service with the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department, most currently as Sheriff-Coroner.

Sheriff Hedges grew up in San Luis Obispo County, graduating from Morro Bay High School in 1970, earning an associate degree from Cuesta College and later a bachelor's degree in administration of justice from California State University, Sacramento. After receiving his degree from Cuesta College, Sher-

iff Hedges went on to join the United States Coast Guard in 1971, went through boot camp in Alameda, California, and served in the Coast Guard until his retirement in 1997. He went to work for Pacific Engineering in 1973 and then Thrifty Drug in 1974. In 1977, he began his career with the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Hedges was elected Sheriff of San Luis Obispo County in 1998, and served 3 consecutive terms. As Sheriff, he was responsible for law enforcement for an area in excess of 3,200 square miles, oversaw 400 employees, and oversaw a county jail that currently houses more than 500 inmates. Sheriff Hedges instituted many improvements and was instrumental in forging the modern Sheriff's Department. Among many things, Sheriff Hedges helped facilitate opening the new North Patrol Station in Templeton and a DNA laboratory for the department. He improved the efficiency of law enforcement in San Luis Obispo County by creating an Independent Sheriff's Narcotics Unit, forming the Rural Crime Task Force, and implementing school resource officers. Sheriff Hedges also was a founding member of the Anti-Gang Coordinating Council and established the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Unit.

Sheriff Hedges currently serves on the Board of Governors for the San Luis Obispo County Narcotics Task Force and has previously served in many community organizations including the North County Women's Shelter and the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center Board, San Luis Obispo Mental Health Board, California State and San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Associations, and the Anti-Gang Coordinating Commission. Sheriff Hedges is a member of the Los Angeles Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board.

Dedicated to serving his community in a variety of ways, Sheriff Hedges' leadership at the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department will be deeply missed. I've known Pat for years and value his friendship and support, and while he may no longer be Sheriff, Pat will continue to be a leader in our community. I plan to continue to call on him for advice and counsel, and a good dose of his dry wit.

In this new chapter of his life, I'm sure Pat is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Sandy, and children. I commend his service to the County of San Luis Obispo, and I hope that Sheriff Hedges enjoys the next stage of his life.

**HONORING NORMAN YOSHIO
MINETA**

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for one minute. I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1377, a resolution honoring the accomplishments of Norman Yoshio Mineta.

There are not too many public servants that are requested to serve as a cabinet member by a President of a different political party.

Norman Yoshio Mineta's good nature, astute knowledge and seamless ability to be a