

with less cancer, including nutritional food options for families.

Next Generation Choices in turn has formed the Less Cancer Campaign, which has grown to become a worldwide leader in cancer prevention awareness, with over 10,000 members, friends, and fans on Facebook. The reach of the Less Cancer Campaign has been wide; numerous other organizations have followed its lead and collaborated to fan the flame for cancer prevention around the globe. These combined efforts have raised awareness for Less Cancer, not just here in America, but around the world.

The Less Cancer and new Healthy Town campaigns are working to help guide communities and individuals on understanding the importance of making strong choices, and providing information on options and resources available to assist them in making healthy decisions. While most often pointing to options for the consumer, the organization in some rare cases has provided food cards, information for healthy food choices, and even shoes for children who need to get out and move, run and play.

While Mr. Couzens' personal experience inspired his passion to help lessen the grip of cancer on society, he also understood the importance of working with scientists and physicians who have a depth of work in evidenced-based science. Next Generation Choices board of directors includes Ronald B. Herberman, M.D., founding director of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, associate vice chancellor for cancer research, Hillman professor of oncology, and professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Herberman is an internationally recognized tumor immunologist who has made major discoveries in his field and has fostered the application of this information to novel approaches in cancer therapy, diagnosis and prevention. The phenomenon of natural killer, NK, cell-mediated cytotoxicity against tumors was first discovered in Dr. Herberman's laboratory at the National Cancer Institute in the early 1970s. In addition to his pioneering investigation of NK cells, Dr. Herberman has played a leading role in multiple areas of tumor immunology.

Other leaders in science and medicine on the board are Maryann Donovan, Ph.D., the director of the Center for Environmental Oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, and Thomas M. Sherman, M.D., a gastroenterologist. The board also includes professionals in industry and business. Greg Lam and John Couzens both contribute from their years in business and nonprofit management. Miles M. O'Brien is a 26-year broadcast news veteran. Based in New York City, he owns a production company that creates, produces, and distributes original content across all media platforms. For nearly 17 years he worked as a correspondent, anchor, and producer for CNN based in Atlanta and New York. At various times he was CNN's science, space, aviation, technology, and environment correspondent. Also on the board is Veronique Pittman, a trustee of The Rainforest Foundation and Round Hill Hotels and Villas, and a partner with Rainforest Native, which imports fair-trade ecological products from the Amazon rain forest. In addition, she sits on the Leadership Council of the Green Schools Alliance and is an Advisory Board member of the Sustainable Acai Project and Global Goods Partners.

Next Generation Choices, Less Cancer, and Healthy Town are closely associated with cancer prevention, but also work to reduce all illnesses associated with human health and the environment. As Mr. Couzens has said, "When communities and individuals work to make healthier choices, great strides toward preventing cancer and other illnesses including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity can be made. By educating people and unifying individuals and programs—transformation will occur for the next generation."

Madam Speaker, the battle against cancer will take the work of individuals, communities, businesses and governments, and we salute the effort of Bill Couzens and Next Generation Choices as they raise awareness on ways we can all be involved in this fight.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. KELLY REFFETT'S YEARS OF SERVICE TO ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITIES

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Kelly Reffett's years of work in community service and disaster relief and to wish her well as she retires from her role as President of the Illinois Valley Federation of Labor.

Ms. Reffett began her career in 1979 as an operator for Ameritech in Canton, IL. After working for Ameritech for twenty years, Kelly joined the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago as Director of Partner Relations and AFL-CIO Labor Participation. For ten years, Kelly worked to expand preparedness education opportunities to diverse populations, served disaster stricken communities, and broadened partnerships with corporations and community organizations.

In this position, she directed teams of nearly 100 people at 23 locations, providing executive guidance and program assistance to on-site supervisors and Volunteer in Service to America members. She also served as Partner Services Manager/Officer and Labor Liaison on 25 national relief operations including Hurricane Katrina and World Trade Center 9/11 operations. She co-developed the AFL-CIO's 2009 handbook outlining guidelines and policies for volunteer disaster relief operations. These accomplishments are only a small sampling of Kelly's impressive career.

In addition to her national service, Kelly was also selected to serve at the state and county level. Since 2003, Kelly has served as a commissioner on the Illinois State Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. In 2008, she was appointed to serve on the LaSalle County Board. Shortly thereafter, she was elected to that office.

Throughout her long career, Ms. Reffett has also remained dedicated to the cause of working families. Serving as President of the Illinois Valley Federation of Labor for over two decades, she always put the best interests of Illinois Valley workers first.

Ms. Kelly Reffett has had a long and proud career, one that is not ending as she retires from the presidency of the Illinois Valley Federation of Labor. Having worked with her over

the years, I am sure she will continue to work to improve her community, as she has done over and throughout her long and successful career.

CONGRATULATING THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO as this strong voice for transportation workers marks its 20th anniversary.

Transportation is at the core of our daily lives and our economy. From ancient civilization through the present day, the quality of transportation serves as a true measure of a society. How well do people live their daily lives? How quickly and efficiently can people and goods get from one place to another? Does the quality of transportation strengthen or weaken an economy?

As we map the vision for our future, we must keep asking these questions. Are we doing all we can to invest in modern, safe, and efficient transportation? Are the workers in this industry as well-trained, experienced, and prepared as possible? Are they treated with respect and dignity? Are they trusted and empowered? Do their wages and working conditions help—or hurt—the ability to attract and retain good men and women for these jobs?

The work of the Transportation Trades Department (TTD), of the AFL-CIO lies at the heart of these questions. In every major transportation policy debate in Washington over the past 20 years, TTD has been front and center, providing an honest, substantive, and respected voice on behalf of millions of transportation workers. TTD brings their voices to those in public office, helping forge far better policy and decision-making than if the organization did not exist.

TTD has always had the courage and conviction to demand accountability, to make sure that public and private sector transportation leaders are truly placing safety and our national transportation network's true needs ahead of ideology and profit. In an industry—and world—that has been so turbulent in recent years, the value of TTD's vigilant watchdog role is priceless.

As the Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I can count on TTD to bring integrity, intellectual depth, and refreshing clarity to my Committee and the entire Congress. I have long valued TTD as a trusted friend and ally, and its substantive, bipartisan approach has often been helpful in bringing about consensus on important issues.

As my committee has engaged in enacting critical legislation—from the surface transportation bill to the FAA reauthorization bill, from the Coast Guard reauthorization to Amtrak and rail safety reauthorization—TTD has been a comprehensive and credible resource. Its member unions are on the front lines of our transportation network—whether on the ground, in the air or at sea.

The accomplishments of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO are far too many to enumerate. But to me, ensuring that transportation workers have a seat at the table, and a voice that is heard in key policy debates, has been the organization's greatest contribution to our nation. I congratulate TTD on 20 outstanding years, and look forward to many more.

HONORING MATTIE MEYERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mattie Meyers upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award" by the African American Museum. Mrs. Meyers will be honored at the African American History Month Celebration and Banquet on Saturday, February 6th, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Mrs. Mattie Meyers was born and raised in Durham, North Carolina. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and mathematics from North Carolina College at Durham (now known as North Carolina Central University) in 1947. Shortly after completing her education, Mrs. Meyers met a young doctor named Earl Meyers, during his residency at Durham's Lincoln Hospital. Mr. Meyers was from a prominent black family in Fresno, California. When Earl and Mattie married, they moved to Fresno.

Upon arriving in Fresno, Dr. Meyers established a medical practice to serve the nonwhite community of Fresno, which did not have medical services that were readily accessible to whites. Mrs. Meyers was the business manager and together they built the first black owned medical center in Fresno, which contained a clinical laboratory, pharmacy, housed an x-ray facility and was home to several African American physicians. Dr. Meyers served as a catalyst in bringing a number of young black physicians to the Fresno area, providing a higher standard of medical care available to African Americans.

While Dr. Meyers continued to focus on the medical disparities, Mrs. Meyers began to recognize different disparities such as segregation within the schools. She joined with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and eventually Fresno schools adopted an "open enrollment policy" which made it possible for African American children to attend schools outside of West Fresno. Mrs. Meyers' children were among the first to take advantage of the new policy. Her involvement with the NAACP did not end there; she also served as the President of the Fresno Chapter.

During Mrs. Meyers' term as President of the Fresno Chapter of the NAACP, she was able to orchestrate many achievements and milestones for the growing organization. She served during the early 1960s. She was able to bring Andrew Hatcher, the associate press secretary to President John Kennedy, to Fresno as a featured speaker at the NAACP's second annual banquet. Mr. Hatcher was one of the most influential African Americans in the country at that time. Later, Mrs. Meyers was instrumental in bringing Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr. to Fresno to spearhead a civil rights demonstration and march to Ratcliff Stadium.

Beyond her efforts with the NAACP, Mrs. Meyers was the first African American, and the first woman, to seek election as the Mayor of Fresno. She was not only active in local politics and local civil rights activities; she was also involved with movements around the nation. Mrs. Meyers was influential in the southern United States. She is a founding member of a number of black organizations, including Iota Phi Lambda Sorority.

Mrs. Meyers is the mother of five successful children and grandmother to nine. She is a member of the Westside Seventh Day Adventist Church, lifetime member of the NAACP, charter member of Iota Phi Lambda, a founding member of the Fresno Black Educators Association.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mattie Meyers upon being honored with the "Trail Blazers Award." I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Meyers many years of continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. "MITCH" DORGER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John M. "Mitch" Dorger, who is retiring from his post as Chief Executive Officer of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association this month after ten years of exemplary service.

Mitch graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1968 with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. He earned his Master's degree in International Relations from Tufts University and an Executive Master's degree in Business Administration from Claremont Graduate University.

From 1987 to 1989, he served both in the Office of the Assistant to the Undersecretary of the Air Force and as the Deputy Assistant to the Undersecretary. In 1989, he participated in a year-long program of research and studies for military officers as a Research Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. From 1990 to 1992, Mitch was a Base Commander at the Keesler Technical Training Center and he served as Chief of Staff and then Vice Commander at the United States Air Force Academy from 1992 to 1994. From 1994 to 2000, Mitch was the Chief Operating Officer at the Claremont University Center, where he oversaw the three hundred and fifty person, thirty million dollar organization which provided support services to the seven colleges in the Claremont consortium.

On February 1, 2000, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association appointed Mr. Dorger to the position of Chief Executive Officer. For ten years, Mitch has been an outstanding leader, effectively directing the Tournament of Roses' staff and supporting the nine hundred and thirty-five volunteer members who plan and stage the world-renowned Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game.

In addition to his duties with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, his volunteer activities include serving on the boards of the International Festival and Events Associa-

tion, and the Football Bowl Association, as an Advisory Committee Member for the L.A. Sports and Entertainment Commission, on the Advisory Committee for the Sports Business Institute at the University of Southern California, and as an Ex Officio Member of the L.A. Sports Council.

Mitch and his wife, Barbara, have two grown children and one grandson, and they reside in Pasadena, California.

I ask all Members join me in thanking John M. "Mitch" Dorger for over two decades of remarkable leadership and dedicated service to our community and our country.

CONGRATULATING THE TRANSPORTATION TRADES DEPARTMENT ON ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Transportation Trades Department (TTD), AFL-CIO on its twentieth anniversary as an invaluable advocate for our nation's transportation workers. As the Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I have seen the critical role that TTD plays in making heard the voices of those on the front lines of our nation's transit system.

TTD is a leader in ensuring that an industry as safety- and customer service-intensive as transportation has the most well-trained and experienced workforce possible. TTD has enabled employees in this industry to present a unified and effective voice, one that helps make policymakers aware of the needs and concerns of the people who form the backbone of the industry. TTD serves as an important check and balance guaranteeing that financial pressures do not lead to cutting corners on safety and security and ensuring that those in government carry out their vital oversight responsibilities in a thorough and effective manner. Our nation owes transportation workers and their representatives a debt of gratitude on these issues.

TTD's fight for workplace fairness has most recently turned to a proposed rule change at the National Mediation Board (NMB) which would allow a majority of voting employees to prevail in a union election under the Railway Labor Act. Currently, the NMB treats non-participating voters as opponents of forming a union. This current rule clearly contradicts the standards under which elections are conducted in this country. It is a matter of basic fairness that workers covered under this Act not have lesser rights than employees in other industries. With the transportation industry facing great uncertainty and change, it is more important than ever that workers have a fair and full voice in the workplace.

TTD serves an essential role in our nation's labor and transportation policy debates. In a responsible and effective manner, they help policymakers remember the needs and concerns of the women and men whose work contributes so much to our national economy. I congratulate the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO on its many accomplishments over the past 20 years, and look forward to continuing to work with them on