

glory between 1981 and 1982. Since then, The Saint Paul Hotel has won dozens more awards for outstanding service and accommodations, and it has become, once again, one of the foremost luxury hotels in the Midwest.

Throughout its history, The Saint Paul Hotel has hosted a number of American Presidents, foreign dignitaries and heads of state, performing artists, writers, athletes, and numerous weddings. It has contributed a century's worth of memories to Saint Paul and the surrounding community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in rising to honor the Centennial Anniversary of The Saint Paul Hotel and its contributions to the rich history of the city of Saint Paul and the State of Minnesota.

HONORING ROY ISOM

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man whose life and passions exemplified the well honored work ethic and spirit of fortitude, fairness, decency and citizenship that has made our nation great. Many things have contributed to the agriculture industry's prominence in our nation and the world, but one significant underlying factor in awareness of California's premier agricultural contributions to this great society has been the presence of individuals such as Roy Isom. On April 15th, 2010, agriculture and the entire Central Valley of California, lost a valuable friend and ally in Mr. Roy Isom, a radio icon in Fresno, California, the man colleagues called the hardest working person in broadcasting.

Roy Isom was a fixture in Central Valley California broadcasting for more than 40 years. Mr. Isom was known in the Central Valley by many as the "voice of agriculture" producing daily, an hour-long morning agricultural news show, reporting the concerns and activities of farming and agribusiness. Roy genuinely understood agriculture and its issues, talking regularly with farmers. Roy Isom was dedicated to agriculture.

Mr. Isom was a good hearted and good natured newsman who came to KMJ in Fresno in 1981 after a long stint in television news, including KFSN ch. 30. He started as farm news editor, but later added the title of news director to his resume. Colleagues marveled at his work ethic. He would come to work at 1 o'clock in the morning and then "maybe" leave at 3 in the afternoon, only to come back to work the next day seemingly unaffected by it. Though he arrived to work so early, he'd refuse to be pulled off a story until that story was told—and told well.

Roy Isom was known for his fair and balanced reporting. There was no one who didn't like or respect Roy. Though passionate about his craft, he was never pushy. Former KMJ general manager Al Smith reported, "He was never a gotcha news guy. He was a guy who just wanted to get the facts ma'am.", always done in a respectful way. Roy could masterfully paint a mental picture for listeners when on the scene of breaking news events.

Over the course of 45 years, Mr. Isom covered countless major breaking stories. Roy

covered some of the most important stories our Valley has ever seen, most notably the recent dire water crisis facing our Central Valley farmers and their communities. His collection of media badges and awards speak volumes. He was named the California Farm Bureau Agricultural Reporter of the Year in '94. In 2005, Roy received the "Heavy Puller Award" from the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Cancer may have claimed Roy's life at 72, but longtime friend and broadcaster Dennis Hart reports Roy went out just the way he'd planned; working until the very end. He's one of those rare people that got to do just that.

Roy Isom is survived by his wife of 45 years Pat Isom; son, Richard Isom; daughters Jennifer Isom Schmidtke and Catherine Isom; and seven grandchildren; all of Fresno. Mr. Isom will be long remembered for his love and dedication to his family and to the broadcast industry, and for his tireless efforts in doing his job, especially on behalf of Valley agriculture. A memorial scholarship in Roy's name has been set up with the Ag One Foundation at California State University, Fresno. Roy Isom will truly be missed by family, friends and the entire Central Valley Region. I will greatly miss Roy. Here's to a truly honorable and great man!

COMMEMORATING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th annual Earth Day.

Each year Earth Day offers us an opportunity to reflect on the progress we have made toward protecting our environment and the work that we still need to do.

Now more than ever, we have an historic opportunity to take action to limit the harmful effects of climate change and create the clean energy economy of the future.

And there is no reason why America shouldn't be at the forefront of this new economy—and my hometown of Sacramento is helping to lead that effort.

To date, our area has among the highest federal funding levels through the Recovery Act and other grants to support investments in clean-tech and energy efficiency projects, including SmartGrid.

Madam Speaker, Sacramento's efforts are helping to lay the groundwork for renewed economic prosperity for our country, create good jobs, and will provide enormous benefits to our environment at the same time.

TRIBUTE TO GARY M. CHRISTMAS, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from my Congressional District for his nearly 30

years of outstanding achievements and accomplishments in public service. Gary M. Christmas has served as Riverside County's Chief Deputy County Executive Officer since October 2008, and has been employed with the county in Riverside, California since July 1997. After almost three decades of service, Gary is retiring and today I honor his years of public service.

Gary graduated from the University of New Orleans with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and from San Jose State University with a Master's in Library Science. Prior to attending college, Gary served four years in the United States Coast Guard stationed in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gary was a librarian for 16 years where he held progressively more responsible library management positions. He was also a reference librarian at several colleges and universities, including University of California, Riverside, Cal-Poly Pomona, Riverside Community College and Mt. San Jacinto Community College.

Gary served as the county librarian from July 1997 to June 2004 where he managed the library services contract and the County Library System with over 30 branches and more than 300 contract employees.

As Deputy County Executive Officer, a position he held from June 2004 to October 2008, Gary oversaw analysts in the Executive Office on budget and policy items, managed the County Capital Improvement Program team and coordinated the court facility transfer to the State Administrative Office of the Courts.

During his tenure as Chief Deputy County Executive Officer, Gary worked directly with the CEO, Assistant CEO and the Board of Supervisors in developing county policies and strategies. Additionally, Gary managed the Program Division of the Executive Office and has served as the legislative coordinator for the county advocacy program in Sacramento and Washington, DC. Gary has also represented the county at various federal, state and local meetings, boards and committees.

Gary has been married to his wife Kathy since 1974 and has two children, Erin and Andrea. In retirement, Gary will continue to travel and spend time with his family.

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

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress.

These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

I had known a little about what my dad did while he was deployed, but I had never pressed him for details. I think that is was partially because I assumed that anything that would make a good story would be classified for the next eighty years, but I also think that I was a little bit afraid of what I might hear. However, the stories that he shared were not as horrifying as I expected. I was stunned when he told me that he had never had a casualty in any of his units.

Our interview session was about as casual as it could be. I went outside to interview him while he was working in the yard. During our interview I learned more about some of the places he had visited in peace, including the U.A.E. (United Arab Emirates) and what was included in that country. At first I was surprised that this was one of his favorite places he has visited, but after he explained what was there it made perfect sense. I was honored that I could speak with my father about his experiences. It inspired me to do my utmost to make sure that I will preserve our military history.—Kai Fujisaka

AMERICA MUST CONTINUE TO LEAD THE FIGHT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues that April 25th is World Malaria Day. On this day, global health advocates around the world will be raising awareness about malaria, and the fight against this deadly disease.

Malaria is an acute and often fatal disease transmitted to humans by mosquitoes. The World Health Organization estimates that an-

nually, there are approximately 250 million cases of malaria and nearly 1 million deaths, primarily among children in Africa under five.

Malaria is highly preventable and treatable with existing tools, including insecticide-treated bed nets, indoor residual spraying of insecticides, and anti-malaria drugs. Through the President's Malaria Initiative, contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, and other investments, the United States has played a prominent role in the global effort to fight this deadly disease.

This effort is already showing impressive results, but ensuring that available anti-malaria tools reach all of the people who need them will require greater dedication of resources from the U.S. and our partners. Furthermore, drug and insecticide resistance mean that today's tools are likely to lose their efficacy over time. Therefore, it is critical to invest in research on new tools, including drugs, insecticides, diagnostics, and, eventually, a malaria vaccine.

The past several years have seen remarkable gains against malaria. Securing and expanding these gains will require continued U.S. leadership and investment.

2010 WORLD MALARIA DAY—"WE CAN DEFEAT MALARIA"

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the importance of World Malaria Day, which occurs on April 25th. For millions around the world—particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, where the global malaria burden is heaviest—the disease is a daily reality, an enduring epidemic that kills millions and impedes the progress and ambitions of entire nations.

In the last decade, however, it has been proven that this need not be the case; that malaria can, in fact, be defeated. Between 2000 and 2009, 384,000 lives were saved in 12 African countries alone, through resources like insecticide-treated bed nets, indoor residual spraying, and malaria prevention for women during pregnancy. This was accomplished through the efforts and support of many countries, organizations, and companies that effectively raised the level of prevention, treatment, program support, and health system-strengthening in sub-Saharan Africa.

In 2008, Congress authorized an historic \$48 billion for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria programs by passing H.R. 5501, the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008. But the current level of funding is not where it needs to be to ensure that these life-saving measures reach the people who need them. In fact, current funding is only 25 percent of what is needed to achieve the malaria intervention and elimination goals established by the UN and the Roll Back Malaria partnership.

World Malaria Day is an opportunity to raise awareness for this cause and address its inherent challenges. This is not an endeavor for which we lack the knowledge, skills, or resources to win. Rapidly scaling up the distribution of malaria control interventions has been proven to have a dramatic impact on reducing

illnesses and deaths caused by malaria. There is a plan in place to put us on the path to eliminating this disease and, through our foreign assistance, we, as Americans, are an integral part of that plan.

Congressman BOOZMAN and I launched the Congressional Malaria Caucus to promote awareness in Congress of the efforts being made to stamp out the disease. We now have close to 60 Members of the Caucus, and I encourage us to see this plan through and help those who face the daily burden of malaria to reach their potential as a nation and as people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, on April 22, 2010, I regret that I was not present to vote on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Flake Privileged Resolution, the Motion to Refer the Flake Privileged Resolution, the Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2194, and H. Res. 1270.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the Motion to Refer the Flake Privileged Resolution, and H. Res. 1270.

I would have voted "no" on the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Flake Privileged Resolution and the Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2194.

CAREGIVERS AND VETERANS OMNIBUS HEALTH SERVICES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. I rise in support of S. 1963, the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act.

The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act is a comprehensive piece of legislation aimed at augmenting the support services available to family caregivers of wounded veterans, improving VA services to women veterans, preventing veteran homelessness, and increasing mental health care access to veterans.

This historic bill achieves so many necessary and important goals. First, it provides immediate support for veteran caregivers by creating a program to offer caregiver training, access to mental health counseling, and 24-hour respite care in the veteran's home. Family caregivers sacrifice so much of their own lives in order to care for our nation's heroes. It is so important that we give them every supportive service they need so they do not become overwhelmed by the daily realities of caring for a wounded veteran.

Second, this bill seeks to build a VA health care system respectful of the unique medical needs of women veterans. For the first time, VA will be authorized to provide health care for newborn infants of women veterans. Our women veterans deserve private health care that is respectful of their unique medical needs.