

IN HONOR OF SENATOR ALBERT  
STANLEY RODDA

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of former California State Senator Albert S. Rodda, who passed away on April 3, 2010 at the age of 97. He was a lifelong public servant whose example as a true leader will remain a guiding light for generations to come.

Albert Stanley Rodda was born on July 23, 1912 in Sacramento, California. A lifelong Sacramentan, Senator Rodda graduated from Sacramento High School in 1929, attended Stanford University, then returned to Sacramento to teach at Grant Union High School. After serving as a gunnery officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Senator Rodda once again returned to Sacramento, this time to teach at Sacramento Junior College, now known as Sacramento City College. He returned to Stanford and earned his Ph.D. in history and economics in 1951. Even after serving in the legislature, he continued his passion for education by teaching at California State University, Sacramento and by serving on the Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees.

Dedicated to both public service and education, Senator Rodda was a civic leader throughout his life. Before being elected into the California State Senate in 1958, he served as president of the Local 31 of the California Federation of Teachers. While serving with the CFT, it became clear to him that teachers' rights were often ignored by administrators and school boards. After his election, Senator Rodda became a fierce proponent for education reform. During his 22 years as a legislator, he championed public education as chairman of both the Senate Education Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. He crafted legislation that provided necessary funding for public schools and created the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and Board of Trustees. He also drafted landmark legislation that gave teachers collective bargaining rights and established the Public Employment Relations Board.

While a steadfast Democrat, Senator Rodda was widely respected and made it a principle to work in a bipartisan manner with his fellow Senators. Because of this character trait he was often considered the choice alternative to end brewing legislative rivalries. He always made it a priority to thoughtfully study every piece of legislation he voted on, often taking his time, but always coming to a fair decision. He set the bar high and stands as an example that we all can look to for guidance.

Senator Rodda left his mark on Sacramento. His work can be seen at the Cal Expo, on Regional Transit and in Old Sacramento at the California State Railroad Museum. His lasting legacy may be a strong community college system, a system that he taught at and led. Today, the Los Rios Community College District and Sacramento City College give Sacramentans an opportunity to improve their lives through academic learning and career technical education.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize and honor the life of one of Sacramento's

greatest leaders. On behalf of the people of Sacramento and the State of California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Albert Stanley Rodda for his unwavering commitment to Sacramento, the State of California and our nation. Senator Rodda was humble, honest and thoughtful in all he did. He was a great man, and he will be missed.

**HONORING CAPTAIN GERALD  
VALENTA**

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Gerald B. Valenta of the Willingboro Police Department. Captain Valenta has been awarded the Career Recognition Award for his distinguished career in law enforcement. He will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

Captain Valenta has been a dedicated and loyal law enforcement officer for 32 years, proudly serving the citizens of Willingboro, NJ. The Willingboro Police Department expresses deep gratitude for his continued contributions to the Burlington County Law Enforcement Community.

As a nation, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Captain Valenta and to the men and women of the law enforcement community. Each day, these selfless individuals start their shifts with one goal in mind: to serve and to protect the citizens of their communities. The one constant they face is the uncertainty of what each day will bring, knowing all too well that in any situation, there is the potential for danger. Still, these everyday heroes honor the commitment they have made to the people they serve.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Captain Valenta for his honorable service to the Willingboro Police Department.

**HONORING CRESTON CHRISTIAN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to join with the past and present members of the Creston Christian Elementary School family to "Celebrate God's Faithfulness," and mark over 120 years of devotion to the education of young people in Grand Rapids. As a state senator, I had the pleasure of recognizing Creston Christian Elementary School for its first 100 years of service, and now, as their Representative in the United States Congress, I am delighted to again honor them for their tradition and success.

"By faithfulness we are collected and wound up into unity within ourselves, whereas we had

been scattered abroad in multiplicity." Saint Augustine eloquently captures the mission of Creston Christian Elementary School as they have worked to develop an inclusive community, believing that one body is made up of many parts. Through unity, Creston Christian has sought to learn from one another and grow closer to God.

On the eve of my retirement and Creston Christian's consolidation this fall to a new, comprehensive elementary school, it is not only a time of celebration, but also an occasion for remembrance. As we both close out one chapter and open a new one, I am reminded of God's faithfulness and that great things happen when we glorify Him and model our lives after His teachings. As Creston Christian joins with other schools in the area, I suspect the changes will be bittersweet for many families and staff members. I hope you will take the time to reflect on the many years of service provided by the dedicated staff and families connected to Creston Christian, and know that not only have you prepared many young people to make a living, but you have also taught them how to make a life—one that is focused on God and centered on Christ.

I am thankful for the many years of service so willingly given. I hope that Creston Christian has a joyous, memorable celebration, and may God's blessings continue to shine upon you.

**HONORING THE 20TH ANNUAL DC  
BLACK PRIDE CELEBRATION**

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 20th Annual DC Black Pride celebration, which will be held in Washington, DC on May 26–31.

The DC Black Pride celebration is a multiple-day festival that features music, dance, fashion shows, films, poetry slams, church services, community town hall meetings, a health and wellness expo, and much more. The DC Black Pride celebration is widely considered to be one of the world's preeminent Black Pride celebrations, drawing more than 30,000 people to the nation's capital from across the United States as well as Canada, the Caribbean, South Africa, Great Britain, France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

At the very first Black Pride, the DC Black Pride celebration fostered the beginning of the International Federation of Black Prides and the "Black Pride Movement," which now consist of forty Black Prides on three continents.

The DC Black Pride celebration has deep roots in the DC community, dating back to 1975. It grew out of the Club House's annual Memorial Day weekend celebration, called the Children's Hour. After the Club House closed in 1990, local individuals and groups kept the tradition alive by organizing the first DC Black Pride celebration on May 25, 1991, at Banneker Field. The celebration has grown from a few hundred people who attended that first festival to the thousands expected for the 2010 celebration.

Fittingly, the celebration's organizing body, Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc., chose "20 Years Later, The Legacy Lives!" as the

theme for this year's celebration. This theme reflects the 20 years of DC Black Pride of fulfilling the mission, which is to increase awareness of and pride in the diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender in the African American community, as well as support for organizations that focus on health disparities, education, youth and families.

DC Black Pride is led by a volunteer Board of Directors, which coordinates this annual event and smaller events throughout the year. The 2010 Board consists of: Patricia Corbett; Jimma Elliott-Stevens; Earl Fowlkes, Jr.; and Jhabriel Moore, Sr.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all who are attending the 20th Annual DC Black Pride celebration.

#### HONORING JUDGE ARNOLD ROSENFELD

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor a friend and community leader, Judge Arnold, Arnie, Rosenfield. Judge Rosenfield is retiring after a distinguished career marked by his commitment to children and families and his foresight in establishing successful programs to serve them.

Born in Connecticut, Arnie Rosenfield attended Vanderbilt University, where he earned his J.D. in 1971. That same year he married Phyllis Ann Rubins, and the couple has two children, Jessica and Asa.

Judge Rosenfield began his career as a Deputy District Attorney in San Luis Obispo County, CA, where he demonstrated early on his passion to serve those not always well-represented in the justice system. He handled one of the first large successful consumer protections trials in California, and in 1977, after taking the same position in Sonoma County, he established a Consumer Protection Unit. He later opened a private practice and served as the first Commissioner of Sonoma County Superior Court before being elected Superior Court Judge in 1984, a position he held until his retirement on December 31, 2009.

The majority of Judge Rosenfield's cases involved the juvenile court, and he was always a strong advocate for children at risk for emotional trauma. In 1996 he initiated the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Sonoma County, which advocates for the needs of abused children caught up in the justice system. He instigated the development of the Redwood Children's Center for easing the process of interviewing and examining these children and has been a supporter of Social Advocates for Youth, the Valley of the Moon Foundation, Jewish Children and Family Services, and the Parent Education Project of Sonoma County. He also served on the Advisory Committee on Juvenile & Family Law for the California Judicial Council. "I have been very involved in my career in trying to make the court system work better for kids and families who find themselves caught up in it," he says.

Judge Rosenfield was also a strong proponent of restorative justice, an approach in

which offenders work with the victims and the community for repair of the harm they have done. He used these techniques, especially for kids, before there was an actual movement and became a leader in the field as well as an instructor at Sonoma State University, Empire Law School, and California Judicial College.

For his work, Judge Rosenfield has received numerous awards including Juvenile Court Judge of the Year by the California Judges Association and the 2009 Rex Sater Award from the Sonoma County Bar Association for Excellence in Family Law.

Madam Speaker, Judge Arnold Rosenfield has provided Sonoma County with a legacy of innovative programs and, more importantly, an example of what passionate leadership can accomplish. "It's my belief that for the most part what we do to kids and families here in the justice system continues to be destructive," he says, "and I've spent my time trying to make it more constructive. I try to care about the families that I see and am very gratified to see lives turn around." Thank you, Judge Rosenfield, for the many lives you have turned around and for showing us what can be done in the name of justice.

#### HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER COMMENDATIONS

#### HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate several New Jersey law enforcement officers who are to be commended for performing above and beyond the call of duty. Our law enforcement officers are held to the highest standards, and it is a great honor to recognize them for their outstanding efforts. These officers will be recognized at the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office 22nd Annual PROCOPS Award Banquet. PROCOPS, or Prosecutor's Recognition of Citizens or Public Servants, recognizes members of law enforcement and civilians whose significant actions, bravery and concern for the well being of society have made Burlington County, NJ a safer place to live.

I would like to commend the following officers: Detective Richard Naff of the Moorestown Twp. Police Department for his outstanding investigative work that led to the dismantling of a residential burglary ring; Officers Duane Grazioli & Dean Potts of the Burlington County Sheriff's Office for crawling under a burning tractor trailer and pulling the driver to safety; Ptl. Nicholas Czepiel of the Florence Township Police Department for administering medical assistance to a fellow officer following a serious collision; Det. Robert Bennett of the Maple Shade Police Department for his sustained involvement in the life of a troubled juvenile who came to him for help; Patrolmen Brandon Conard and Paul Barnes of the Riverside Police Department for their tenacious search that led to the discovery of an injured and disoriented citizen; Detectives Linda Chieffalo, Irene Angelaccio, Patrolman Thomas Polite of the Westampton Police Department for skilled police work that led to the identification and arrest of an armed gas

station robber; and Patrolmen Shaun Welthy & Ryan Bieri also of the Westampton Police Department for administering life-saving CPR.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in extending congratulations and thanks to these exemplary law-enforcement officers.

#### RECOGNITION OF DR. RAMMOHAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO MS RE- SEARCH

#### HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Kottil Rammohan for nearly three decades of providing care to patients and conducting ground-breaking research in central Ohio. Dr. Rammohan, who is retiring from Ohio State University this year, has touched the lives of countless patients and people throughout the world living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) or other neurological disorders.

As a faculty member in the neurology department at OSU, Dr. Rammohan's dedication to MS research has led to numerous advancements in his field. One of his achievements was discovering a breakthrough in treating fatigue, a symptom that plagues many of those living MS. His discoveries help improve the quality of life for the hundreds of thousands of Americans who live with this disorder.

Outside of OSU, Dr. Rammohan has been active in several medical organizations including the MS section of the American Academy of Neurology and the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers. He also has served as the acting chair of the Buckeye Chapter Clinical Advisory Committee and the national Clinical Care Committee for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. His valuable contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society have earned him recognition in its Volunteer Hall of Fame.

Dr. Rammohan, who has been repeatedly recognized as one of America's Best Doctors, has been asset to our community for decades. On behalf of all Americans living with MS, I am happy to congratulate and thank Dr. Rammohan for his distinguished career in the field of neurology and for his lifelong devotion to helping others.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. CHARLES TOWNES ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LASER

#### HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 2010*

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleagues in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the laser. This is a unique and fitting opportunity to recognize Charles Hard Townes.

South Carolina has the distinction of claiming Dr. Townes, who was raised on a farm just outside of Greenville and graduated from Furman University. His long career led him to the historic Bell Labs, Columbia University, the