

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OPPOSING EFFORTS TO CUT THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES AND THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, although we must fix the economic problems America now faces, we cannot afford to obliterate important programs that educate and expose our citizens young and old to American culture. Our minimal investments in the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts yield large community benefits and must be protected. For this reason, I oppose the severe cuts proposed to these key programs via the FY12 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies bill.

The programs supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, or NEH, benefit millions of Americans each year. Last year, NEH made over 1,200 grants totaling \$143 million that benefited communities throughout our Nation—communities big and small, urban and rural. For example, over 4,300 college, community college, and school teachers benefited from education programs supported by NEH. Almost 22,000 citizens from museums, libraries, archives, and historical organizations obtained training in appropriate preservation and ways to expand public access to humanities collections. Approximately 35 million people benefited from 24 television and radio projects funded by NEH that produced 88 broadcast hours of programming related to arts and humanities.

My State of Illinois and my Congressional District have received vital support from NEH funds as well. These funds allowed cultural institutions to leverage their dollars to educate the public more broadly than would have been possible without these funds. From getting a grant to help expand the Hull-House Museum to the Illinois Meaning of Service program that works with thousands of young people to help them understand the nature and rewards of volunteerism. An NEH grant is contributing to the digitization of the papers of Abraham Lincoln so that these important historical documents are available to the Nation, not just to those in driving distance of Springfield. My constituents rely on these programs for education and cultural awareness. Especially during hard economic times when travel and vacations are not possible, the programming supported by the NEH provides significant educational resources for Americans.

Cutting funds to NEH will negatively affect our citizens, not help them. It is a unique source of funding for a wide range of local non-profit institutions and organizations across the country. NEH has already experienced dramatic funding cuts; slashing this program more will directly curtail programs and projects in millions of communities for minimal deficit

reduction, which means jobs will be lost, services will be gone, and local communities will lose educational opportunities. So I urge my colleagues to oppose provisions that would cut the National Endowment for the Humanities or the National Endowment for the Arts any further.

HONORING MR. MARK BUNGER, OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of retiring California Highway Patrol Officer Mark Bunger, for his outstanding service in Napa County, California.

Mr. Bunger was born on Travis Air Force Base in 1959. He attended Napa Valley College and Cavalry Chapel Bible School, and later obtained his Federal Aviation Administration Pilot's Certificate and graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy.

Mr. Bunger has been a dedicated member of the California Highway Patrol for 29 years, 24 of which he served in Napa County. He has also been honored with the position of CHP Flight Officer Golden Gate Division Air Operations Unit with the Napa County Airport and served as the Public Affairs Officer for the highway patrol from 1995 to 2001.

Having grown up in Napa, Mr. Bunger has a deep sense of community and has chosen to get involved in projects which would improve the lives of Napa citizens. One of these projects was a program called "Every 15 Minutes," which simulates alcohol-related driving accidents and their aftermath at high schools throughout the state. His other projects include "Lights for Life," a sobriety challenge, "CHiP's for Kids," a Christmas toy drive, a high school driving program at Sears Point Raceway, and a Child SafetySeat Program.

Mr. Bunger is well known in the Napa Valley community for his wit and sharp sense of humor. He is fortunate enough to be surrounded by his loving family and life-long friends. He and his wife of 26 years, Laura, currently reside in Napa. Their two children Rebekah, age 20, and Joel, age 18, are both currently attending college.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Mark Bunger for his decades of devoted service to the Napa Valley community on this day.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 64TH ONE WORLD DAY CELEBRATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 64th One World Day Celebration

held at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens at the Ukrainian Garden on August 28, 2011. This day of celebration also happens to fall after the 20th anniversary of Ukrainian independence which is August 24, 1992. The main component feature was the celebration of the presentation of the newly restored statue of Lesya Ukrainka.

Lesya Ukrainka was one of Ukraine's best poets and writers as well as a leading woman writer in Ukrainian literature. She was, in her short life, a significant political and civil activist for the freedom of Ukraine. This year happens to be the 104th anniversary of her birth in 1871 and the 50th anniversary of her statue's installation at the Ukrainian Garden.

Along with myself, several other dignitaries will attend and participate in the 64th One World Day Celebration such as President Paul Burik of The Cleveland Cultural Gardens federation, President Ihor Diaczun of United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio, Most Reverend John Bura DD of Eparch of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, Lesya Ukrainka Poem "Rondo" recitation by Christina Skabyk, President Marianna Zajac of Ukrainian National Women's League of America, and Professor of History Mary Hovanec at Cuyahoga Community College.

The restoration of the monument and the rejuvenation program of the Ukrainian Garden along with the program for this event was organized by the President Dozia Krislaty of Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 8, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 64th One World Day Celebration and the efforts of the people who made the time to collaborate and organize an event which commemorates the country of Ukraine and the efforts of its prominent political figure, Lesya Ukrainka.

TINO ADAME RECOGNITION

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2011

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I rise today to honor Faustino Adame, Jr. who is a dedicated community member and a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Born January 27, 1947 in French Camp, California to Faustino Adame and Lupe Gutierrez, Tino is the eldest of four brothers and one adopted sister. Tino is the proud member of a family of veterans. His Father and his brother Joe are Marine Corps Veterans, his brother Frank is an Air Force Veteran, and his brother Henry an Army Veteran.

As a young man Tino attended Jefferson, Roosevelt and Fremont Junior Highs before graduating from Franklin High School in 1965. He went on to attend San Joaquin Delta College before joining the Marine Corps at the age of 19 on January 18, 1966.

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Tino served as a Small Arms Proof Technician during the Vietnam War where he was wounded while participating in operation "Prairie" in Dong Ha Vietnam. Tino was discharged from the Marine Corps on October 31, 1967 and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, a Rifle Marksman Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Upon completing his military service, Tino began working for Tracy Defense Depot and married his wife, Mary Hope Lopez in June, 1970. Tino and Mary have been married for 45 years and though they do not have any children of their own—they have many nieces and nephews and more than 20 god-children.

Tino is an active and proud veteran, who served as the first Latino Commander of the Karl Ross Post 16 in Stockton, California. He also served as Chairman of the 4th of July parade, Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Ceremony and assisted in coordinating and carrying out many other events at the post.

Mr. Speaker, Tino Adame, is truly an outstanding individual who served his country, his family and his community with the utmost honor, compassion and dignity. I respectfully ask my colleagues to rise and join me in recognizing his service and dedication.

RECOGNITION OF HENRY L.
"HANK" LACAYO'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo, an exceptional individual who has dedicated his life to public service, community leadership and social activism. On August 20, 2011, the Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo Tribute Committee will be celebrating Hank's 80th birthday, and honoring him for his endless contributions to the county of Ventura, the State of California and our Nation.

Hank is currently serving a fifth term as State President of the Congress of California Seniors, a statewide senior advocacy organization. But Hank has been an active and engaged community leader for more than half a century. He first began his labor career in 1953, and was soon elected to become the President of UAW Local 887, representing over 32,000 workers at North America Aviation/Rockwell International in Los Angeles.

During his presidency Hank served as an instrumental figure in several events that forever changed our nation. Hank's activism during the civil rights movement was one of them. In August of 1963, Hank led a delegation from the L.A. area to join Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Washington DC. civil rights march. Hank also showed his support of Cesar Chavez by serving as a key individual in encouraging the UAW to financially aid farm workers.

Although Hank's trajectory has been focused within the work of labor unions, he has also been heavily involved within the Latino Community. Raised in Chihuahua, Mexico, Hank has stayed close to his roots and culture. He joined the late Willie Velazquez and Dr. Juan Andrade to help found the U.S. His-

panic Leadership Institute, and he served as its first President and Chairman of the Board. Hank also currently serves as the Chair of the Vision Committee and co-founder of Destino: The Hispanic Legacy Fund of the Ventura County Community Foundation.

Hank has been recognized on numerous occasions and has received various prestigious honors and recognitions. These include the Tri-Counties Labor Leader of the Year, The Pat Brown Institute Life-Time Public Service Award, California Lutheran University Exemplar Medallion and, among many others, the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute National Hispanic Hero Award.

Hank has been able to expand his life legacy to many broad aspects of community leadership and public service. It is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join with me in wishing Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo a happy 80th birthday and in saluting him for his years of public service and community leadership.

HONORING THE SONOMA COUNTY
INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT OF
SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague, LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor the Sonoma County Indian Health Project on its 40th anniversary, celebrated August 19, 2011.

Sonoma County Indian Health Project was founded in 1971 to provide health care to the Native American population residing in Sonoma County. Since its establishment, the Indian Health Project has grown considerably, serving evident unmet needs in our community and leading to its move into the large, modern health care facility it occupies today.

Through its relationship with the California Area Indian Health Service, the Sonoma County Indian Health Project assists in serving not only a large Native American population, but also a non-Indian population lacking sufficient access to care. Hundreds of families and individuals from communities across our region seek care at the facility each year, from traditional medical or dental treatment to nutritional consultation or transportation services for those in isolated areas.

Supported by the Cloverdale, Dry Creek, Lytton, Graton, Manchester-Point Area, and Stewarts Point Rancherias, the Indian Health Project also puts an emphasis on providing its services in a manner that respects and contributes to Indian culture. It is a symbol of the strength and determination of our Native American community and a proud part of what makes our region unique.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join us in thanking the Sonoma County Indian Health Project for its longstanding contributions to the health and welfare of Sonoma County, and in wishing the organization many more years of success.

THE IJAW DIASPORA CONVENTION
AND EDUCATION TRUST FUND

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 19, 2011

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the launching of the Ijaw Diaspora Convention and Education Trust Fund and the presentation of the Ijaw History Project by the Ijaw Community in the Diaspora.

From August 19 to August 20, 2011, the Ijaw Community in the Diaspora is assembling in New Jersey along with the nine governors of the Niger Delta States and scores of dignitaries and officials in Nigeria and the United States with Distinguished Prof. E. A. Alagoa of the University of Port Harcourt to present the "Ijaw History Project"—A Five Year Landmark Research Project on the Izon people and to launch the Ijaw Diaspora Convention and Education Trust Fund.

The Ijaw History Project and the Ijaw Diaspora Convention and Education Trust Fund are being launched with the support and endorsement of the Special Guest of Honor for this prestigious event, His Excellency Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Nigeria Governors Forum.

Mr. Speaker, this historic event will focus on "Transforming Niger Delta Ijaw Communities through Investment in Education and Capacity Development"; and promote the core beliefs of the Ijaw Community in the Diaspora. The organization stands for the power of literacy to end poverty, injustice, discrimination and violence; strengthen peace, democracy and prosperity; transform lives, families, communities and societies; reduce high infant mortality and preventable infectious diseases, and adapt to the challenges of globalization and technology.

The Ijaw Diaspora Education Trust Fund will be used to support the Federal University at Otuoke Bayelsa State's current efforts to develop a library, provide University Scholarships and develop special projects such as research, education and training in Biotechnology to further the efforts of the U.S. based Corporate Council on Niger Delta Affairs in the development of a Biotechnology Industrial Park.

The Federal University at Otuoke Bayelsa State is in the heartland of the Ijaw community of the Niger Delta and is a major contributor to meeting the goals of the US-Nigeria Binational Commission on meaningful development of the Niger Delta Region in the areas of food security, regional and economic security, environmental mitigation and energy.

Mr. Speaker, the Ijaw Education Trust Fund has the potential to have a lasting beneficial influence of on countless families, individuals, and institutions in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Ijaw Community in the Diaspora and Bayelsa State Nigeria.

I express my gratitude for the influence and contributions the Ijaw History Project and the Ijaw Diaspora Convention and Education Trust Fund will bestow to meeting the goals of the US-Nigeria Binational Commission on meaningful development of the Niger Delta Region.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to the supporters and donors of the Ijaw Diaspora Convention & Education Trust Fund on