

COMMENDING LEICESTER CARPET SALES ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leicester Carpet Sales on 40 years of successful business and commend them for recently committing to only selling products made by American workers. With that commitment, Leicester Carpet Sales became western North Carolina's first All-American flooring store.

Leicester Carpet Sales was founded in 1971, by Mr. JB Snelson, a Vietnam veteran, and his wife. After starting the business in their home, Mr. Snelson and his wife moved the store twice to accommodate the demand for their expert craftsmanship and high-quality customer service. Mr. and Mrs. Snelson retired in 1995 and entrusted the store to their son Brad Snelson.

After taking ownership over the company at the young age of 21, Brad Snelson kept his parents' tradition of excellent customer service. He moved the company to its current location in Asheville and opened another facility in Hendersonville.

Leicester Carpet Sales has proven to be an important element in western North Carolina. By giving back to the community and helping to sponsor the Crossfire Christian Ministry, Mr. Brad Snelson continues to reflect Christian values in the family company. With his morals leading the way, the company recently announced its decision to exclusively sell American made products. Leicester Carpet Sales hopes this move will raise the morale for supporting American jobs, products, and the economy.

Leicester Carpet Sales has shown extraordinary dedication to our community and has had an indelible impact in western North Carolina. I am proud to represent Leicester Carpet Sales and the Snelson family. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 40 years of this company and their remarkable commitment to their community and country.

HONORING FORT LUPTON, COLORADO

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175th anniversary of the founding of Fort Lupton, Colorado.

The city was originally founded as a trading fort by LT Lancaster Platt Lupton. The post thrived as trappers bought furs and other supplies from Native American tribes.

Settlement around the fort continued throughout the mid 19th-Century and the town of Fort Lupton was incorporated by 1889.

By the 1900s, Fort Lupton was transformed from a simple trading post to a thriving community with a rich agricultural economy.

With the addition of strong oil and gas industries moving into the area, Fort Lupton

flourished into a vibrant town in Eastern Colorado.

However, when the manufacturing community moved to Fort Lupton, the old Fort had to be torn down to accommodate the growth. There are very few original artifacts remaining from the original foundation.

To coincide with the 175th anniversary, the South Platte Valley Historical Society worked to create an exact replica of the adobe fort that was originally built in 1837. It will open to the public as part of the 175th anniversary celebration.

I am proud to recognize this historic city on their 175th anniversary. Many people of Eastern Colorado call Fort Lupton their home.

HONORING HUGH L. CAREY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Hugh L. Carey, former Governor of New York, Member of Congress and decorated World War II veteran, who passed away on August 7, 2011.

Governor Carey's life is truly indicative of what it means to be an American. His accomplishments were many, and I know he will be remembered as one of the greatest New Yorkers in history.

Born to first-generation Irish immigrants, the Governor at an early age dedicated his life to serving his city, State and country. As a member of the U.S. Infantry's 104th Division during World War II, Carey and his unit courageously helped liberate the citizens of France, Belgium and the Netherlands, as well as the prisoners of the Nordhausen concentration camp. After returning from the war, he finished his undergraduate and law degrees at St. John's University in New York City, and in 1961, Governor Carey was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he represented the people of New York until 1974.

In addition to his many successes serving as a Congressman, most New Yorkers admire him for his role in saving the city and State of New York from fiscal insolvency during the economic crisis of the 1970s. During a period of great economic uncertainty, Governor Carey had the insight, fortitude and wisdom to make the tough decisions to repair New York's finances. Employing a system of shared sacrifice, Governor Carey brought labor, industry and government together to the negotiating table to hammer out an agreement that pulled the city back from the brink of insolvency. As a leader during some of New York's darkest times, his willingness to make the difficult choices and bring disparate parties to the bargaining table should be an example to leaders today.

The Governor had far too many other accomplishments to list them all. However, a common thread connected all of his efforts—from his work to promote peace in the North of Ireland to his efforts at expanding aid to students in need, the Governor always put the people of New York first. Because of his commitment, his perseverance and his love of New York, the impact of his life is felt today by all New Yorkers. We will all miss a great American and true son of New York, Governor Hugh L. Carey.

A TRIBUTE TO ANN AND RICHARD MARSHALL ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary couple, Ann and Dick Marshall, as they celebrate a great milestone in their lives on September 9, 2011—fifty years of marriage.

They are the proud and devoted parents of Katie, Richard and Kristin; the loving grandparents of eight grandchildren—Annie, Gabriel and Lochan Flaherty; Seph, Tonnann and Raffi Marshall-Burgardt; and Owen and Fiona Marshall-Young. They are also the terrific mother and father-in-law to John Flaherty, Madeline Marshall and Paul Young.

Ann Dillon and Dick Marshall met at St. David's School in New York as they were each pursuing their careers in education. They were married in 1961, at St. Augustine Church in Larchmont, New York, and went on to build a storied life, filled to the brim with children, grandchildren, educational pursuits, a love for learning and the betterment of humankind, nourished by the deep faith they share.

Ann and Dick made their home in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where Dick taught Russian and Russian literature at the University of Toronto, and Ann taught ESL to generations of immigrants.

One of their great loves is their farm—Valley Haven—where Dick, the gardener extraordinaire, raises hundreds of varieties of daffodils, taps his own maple syrup, raises turkeys, and makes his own wine.

Ann and Dick are avid readers, travelers and adventurers. Dick cooks marvelous meals and Ann lights all the candles, and together they light up everyone's life and the world around them.

The Marshalls are devoted parishioners of Holy Rosary Church, and it is there, with their entire family, that they will celebrate 50 years of marriage at Mass.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Ann and Dick Marshall on their 50th wedding anniversary, and pay tribute to them for the integrity of their lives together—for their extraordinary work as parents, grandparents and educators, and for being a source of joy and inspiration to me and countless others for so many years.

HONORING TINO ADAME

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished service of Tino Adame—Marine, Vietnam veteran, and 15-year Commander of the American Legion Karl Ross Post 16 in Stockton, California. I am proud to know Tino and have seen firsthand how hard he works on behalf of the men and women who served our country. He is a passionate

advocate, a mentor for his fellow veterans, and a leader in our community.

Tino Adame was born in French Camp, California, and graduated from Franklin High School in 1965. After two years of study at San Joaquin Delta College, he joined the U.S. Marines at the age of 19 and has proudly worn the honorable title of Marine ever since that day. Tino was stationed with the "2/9 Hell in a Helmet" unit in Vietnam, and as a result of his service, earned a Purple Heart, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Rifle Marksman Badge, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Tino completed his service in Vietnam in 1967 and came home to work at the Tracy Defense Depot. He married Mary Hope Lopez in 1970 and continued to work at the Depot until he retired after 33 years.

Tino Adame has dedicated himself to serving his fellow veterans. In 1998, Tino became the first Latino Commander of the American Legion Karl Ross Post 16. One of his first initiatives was a successful petition of the Stockton City Council to sponsor an Independence Day parade honoring veterans—the first such parade to take place in 10 years. Tino then went on to chair both the Independence Day and Veterans Day parades.

Tino has also taken part in many community initiatives involving our community's young people. He has taught students correct flag etiquette, including the proper way to retire old flags and dedicate new ones. He has recognized JROTC cadets at his alma mater, Franklin High School, with plaques of achievement. He has also worked with young students to write Valentine's Day cards to veterans at the VA facility in Livermore.

Following the attacks on 9/11, Tino requested and obtained a piece of limestone from the part of the Pentagon that was damaged during the attack. That limestone is now enclosed in front of the Karl Ross Post and serves as an important reminder to our community about the 9/11 attacks and the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform.

Tino also played an important role in convincing the Department of Veterans Affairs to select San Joaquin County as the home for a new veterans' medical facility and nursing home. Thanks to his hard work and the efforts of many in the community, the Valley's veterans will be able to get medical care close to home.

Tino Adame's steadfast commitment to his country, community and fellow veterans is an example to us all. I know his work to improve the lives of our heroes will make a lasting impact for years to come. It is for these reasons that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tino Adame for his exceptional service to our country and our veterans.

HONORING NEA JAZZ MASTER
RANDY WESTON

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, legendary jazz artist Randy Weston will be honored this year by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation at the Jazz Issue Forum and Concert that

will take place during the 40th Annual Legislative Conference. Mr. Weston will also perform at the concert, which will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington, DC.

Randy Weston is an internationally renowned pianist, composer, bandleader and cultural ambassador, whose compositions encompass the vast rhythmic heritage of both America and Africa. After six decades of active work, he is widely recognized as a true innovator and visionary who continues to inform and inspire. Mr. Weston has had an outstanding career that deserves the recognition of this body. Let me share some of the highlights from his biography.

Randy Weston was born on April 6, 1926 and raised in Brooklyn, New York, son of parents from Jamaica and Virginia. New York City has long been a Mecca for jazz giants and Weston cites Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and Art Tatum as his piano heroes. It was Thelonius Monk, however, who made the greatest impact. "He was the most original I ever heard," Mr. Weston remembers. "He played like they must have played in Egypt 5000 years ago."

Much of Mr. Weston's connection to African music stems from his father, Frank Edward Weston, who told his son he was "an African born in America. . . . He told me I had to learn about myself, about him and about my grandparents," stated Weston, "and the only way to do it was I'd have to go back to the motherland one day." Inspired by Nigeria's newly won independence from the United Kingdom, Weston started to incorporate tribal music with a type of West African pop music known as High Life. This blend culminated in Mr. Weston's 1960 album *Uhuru Afrika*, which featured traditional African percussion and rhythms in the form of a jazz suite.

In the late 1960's, Mr. Weston took his father's advice and left the United States for Morocco, travelling throughout Africa to experience each country's musical diversity. One of the highlights of his travels was the 1977 Nigerian Festival, which drew artists from 60 cultures. "At the end," Weston says, "we all realized that our music was different but the same, because if you take out the African elements of bossa nova, samba, jazz, blues, you have nothing. . . . To me, it's Mother Africa's way of surviving in the New World." He had the honor of playing at the Kamigamo Shrine in Kyoto, Japan in 2008 and commemorated the 50th Anniversary of his *Uhuru Afrika* album in 2010. With his strong connection to African music, Weston has enjoyed success with the dozens of albums he released over the past 50 years.

Randy Weston has received awards and acclaim at home and abroad, including the prestigious Jazz Masters Award from the National Endowment for the Arts, NEA, in 2001. He has also received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from Brooklyn College, City University of New York, in June 2006. In 2009 he was added to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Jazz Wall of Fame. On May 11, 2011 Weston received the award of Royal Wissam of National Merit of the Order of Officer by command of His Majesty the King Mohammed VI of Morocco, for his lifelong commitment to Morocco. His memoirs, *African Rhythms: The Autobiography of Randy Weston*, composed by Randy Weston

and arranged by Willard Jenkins, was published in 2010.

Mr. Speaker, Randy Weston is a living jazz treasure and I urge all members to join me in commending him for his magnificent contribution to jazz fans around the world.

RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL
SULLIVAN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I stand before you today to congratulate Mr. Michael J. Sullivan on his retirement from his position as General President of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, SMWIA. For 46 years, Mike has devoted his life to serving, protecting, and improving the lives of all Americans who want to earn a living wage for their labor. This is particularly true for the members of the Sheet Metal Workers. Michael Sullivan will be honored for his many years of dedicated service at a retirement celebration on September 20, 2011, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

Michael Sullivan's leadership over the years has been indispensable for the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association. During his tenure, Mike has held numerous positions. I'm proud that his career began in my home state, in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he completed his apprenticeship. In 1973, Mike was elected business representative. He later became the business manager and financial secretary of Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 20. While residing in Indiana, he served as president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) for the state of Indiana. Later, he was appointed by the Governor to serve as a member for the Indiana Workers' Compensation Commission and Hoosier Alliance Against Drugs. Mike was vice president of the SMWIA General Executive Council for 10 years and then served as the General Secretary-Treasurer of the SMWIA. In 1999, Michael became President of the SMWIA, a position that includes supervising and directing 157 Sheet Metal Workers' Local Unions throughout the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. This vital group provides skilled services to various industries including sheet metal, air conditioning, kitchen equipment, transportation and other metal related manufacturing. Mike has also served as the vice president of the AFL-CIO Executive Council, while also participating in several AFL-CIO executive committees. In addition to the prestigious positions held by Mike, he has served as the labor co-chairman of the Democratic Governors' Association and also currently serves as president of the Eugene Debs Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Mike Sullivan represents the very best values of his home state of Indiana: hard work, perseverance in the face of setbacks, and a selfless nature of wanting to serve others before being served. He is a gentleman in the truest sense of the word: strong, decisive, but governed by compassion and kindness.

Michael's dedication to his fellow members throughout his outstanding career is exceeded