

HONORING STATE
REPRESENTATIVE JOHN CAREY

HON. DAN BOREN
OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man of determination, conviction and integrity—State Representative John Carey of Durant, Ok.

Carey, a former member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, served his district and state with distinction during the years of 2002 to 2010.

John's legislative work has been devoted to improving education, making the state government more efficient and helping the brave men and women who have served our nation in the military.

His personal career has also been focused on improving the lives of hard-working Oklahoma families through economic development, business growth and community outreach.

Representative Carey has been active in civic affairs for several years, serving as a Gear-Up mentor, a Crisis Control board member, a board member of the Oklahoma State University Consumer & Family Services Advisory Committee, past chairman of the Bryan County Junior Livestock Show and as a member of the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Homecoming Committee.

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to acknowledge not only his successes in the Oklahoma legislature, but also his work as a devoted father and a steadfast friend.

John Carey is the husband of Pam Carey and father of G.W., Emma, and Anna Carey.

The 21st House District of Oklahoma is a better place because of the service of my friend and colleague, John Carey.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. VERA WINN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Vera Winn.

Vera received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutritional Management from SUNY Empire State College. She is a New York State certified Dietitian-Nutritionist and, for 29 years, was employed by Nassau County as a dietitian.

Vera is an active member of the Brooklyn community. Since 1968, she participated in organizations such as the Stuyvesant Heights Lions Club and the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs ("NANBPWC"), Inc. Vera is widely recognized for her commitments. Among her list of accolades, she received the Lion Foundation's highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellow Award; and the NANBPWC's highest honor, the Sojourner Truth Award.

Vera is extremely dedicated to the NANBPWC and Lions Club, serving both organizations in several capacities over the years. Vera's list of positions with the NANBPWC includes Third Vice President in charge of Youth

and Young Adult Clubs, Chairperson of Public Relations, and Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee. Her list of positions with the Lions Club includes Fundraising Chairperson, Chairperson for Membership and Retention, and Chairperson for the Afternoon of Elegance.

From 1993 to 2003, Vera served as Public Board Member of the University of the State of New York's Education Department. She was later reappointed to serve on the peer panel as an extended member until September 2013. Vera received an award of achievement and appreciation from the University of the State of New York's Education Department for this dedication. The award was signed by President Mills and the Commissioner of Education.

Vera is a member of the American College of Counselors and a member of the World Changers Church of New York. Vera is the wife of the late Franger Winn, Jr.; mother to two daughters, Franshone Winn-Ameleah, Esq. and Gale Winn Inlaw, Library Media Specialist; and mother-in law to Edward Ameleah, M.D. She is also grandmother of Win Inlaw and David Franger Ameleah.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Vera Winn.

UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS LOCAL 135, LABOR UNION OF THE YEAR:

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very dedicated Labor organization that has distinguished itself in San Diego County.

In Labor, we realize that hard-fought victories can only be accomplished if we stand together to reach a common goal.

This is especially true when unions come together to stand up for issues that don't directly affect their membership. The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 135 is an example of how all unions can contribute to Labor's victories.

The blue and yellow of UFCW Local 135 can be seen at nearly every Labor Council event.

From precinct walks to rallies and job actions, UFCW Local 135 understands that Labor must stand up for each other in order for it to achieve success.

In the weeks leading up to June's primary election, at least a dozen UFCW Local 135 members volunteered for each precinct walk and weekly phone banks to protect union jobs in construction, an industry in which they have no members.

This was repeated in the fall as UFCW Local 135 strongly supported the election of Jerry Brown for governor.

This leadership by example was rewarded throughout 2010 as members from other unions supported UFCW Local 135's priority issue of requiring large big box retailers to prove they don't have a negative economic impact on neighborhoods.

The desire of other unions to write letters, make phone calls and attend community planning meetings was a result of the respect won by UFCW Local 135 for the solidarity they've shown other unions.

For their exemplary display of leadership and volunteerism, I join with the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council in honoring United Food and Commercial Workers Local 135 as 2011—San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council's Union of the Year.

PRO LIFE

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor notable women in America's history, like Alice Paul and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who fought to extend American rights and freedoms to every American citizen. These women, who played an integral role in extending the right for women to vote, held American ideals and standards in the highest regard. One of the principles that they considered to be sacred is the sanctity of life. Not only did America's founding women fight to ensure each and every citizen was vested with the unalienable rights granted by our Constitution, they also fought to preserve the life of every American, including the unborn.

Today, I firmly believe that the right to life needs to continue to be protected. As a pro life Member of Congress, I have made it a priority of mine to fight for the most vulnerable members of our society. I have been proud to uphold the sanctity of life by supporting legislation that affirms that life begins at the moment of conception, defunds Planned Parenthood and prohibits any federal funding from ever being used for abortions. I joined with my colleagues to repeal the government takeover of healthcare, which would overturn a 30 year bipartisan effort banning all federal dollars from being used for abortions.

I will continue to fight to preserve the America that these women fought for so hard, and this includes protecting the right to life for the unborn.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER DOUGLAS CASEY

HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH

OF NEW YORK

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Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Firefighter Douglas Casey of Kent, New York for his steadfast commitment and dedication to our community as a forty year active member of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department. Firefighter Casey is a founding member of the Kent Fire Department and has remained active for the entirety of its existence. Firefighters like Mr. Casey have a crucial role in protecting our homes and families. It is because of committed volunteer firefighters like Mr. Casey that our communities have active emergency responders that come to our rescue in our times of need. Mr. Casey has a longstanding history of commitment to his community and his fellow firefighters. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Firefighter Douglas Casey for his 40 years of outstanding fire service.

A TRIBUTE TO ANA WALKER-GOLDSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Ana Walker-Goldson.

Ana was born and raised in the Canal Zone of the Republic of Panama. She was exposed to business at an early age; her grandparents, Claude and Louise Walker, were proprietors of the McGrath Walker Business School and Publishers of the Panama Tribune. Ana holds two degrees from Long Island University: a B.A. in Business Administration and a M.A. in Communication. Over the years, she worked in an administrative capacity for several companies, including Beecher, Peck & Lewis and Borden, Inc.

Ana is a founding member, and former Senior Vice President, of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc (CACCI). She presently serves as the Director of Operations for the Flatbush Caton Market on behalf of CACCI. Flatbush Caton Market, located in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, houses over 45 vendors of diverse ethnic backgrounds and several offices. The market was envisioned and initiated by former New York City Councilmember Una Clarke to remove vendors from the streets. It was officially opened in January 2002. Under Ana's leadership, the market received the distinguished Village Voice "NYC 2009 Best Ethnic Market Award" and is recognized and showcased by numerous media outlets.

Ana is a mentor to many, including Aduke Aremu, with whom she partnered to create the International Arts Business School. Ana is widely recognized for her community dedication and youth advocacy. She received numerous awards from community leaders, including Congresswoman YVETTE CLARK and Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

Ana is married to a retired military officer, Fernando Goldson. They are proud parents of their daughter, Sonja, and equally proud of their grandchildren. Ana is truly a people person. She lives her life by being a blessing to those she serves. Ana's greatest accomplishment is her daughter, a soft cleft baby and a breast cancer survivor. She thanks her mother, Iona Walker, for the gift of life and gives God Almighty all the glory for the things He has done and will continue to do in her life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ana Walker-Goldson.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF TENSION ENVELOPE COMPANY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the 125th Anniversary of Tension Envelope Corporation, a prestigious family-owned business in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, which I am honored to represent. In 1886, the forerunner of

Tension Envelope opened in Kansas City, Missouri, as Berkowitz and Company. Named after its founder, William Berkowitz, the company specialized in popular advertising novelties and business stationery. In 1894, the company put into operation the first envelope machine west of the Mississippi River.

By 1901, the company began to fully concentrate on envelopes, which were in great demand by businesses and organizations. William Berkowitz's two sons joined the firm in 1907, and the company's first envelope patent was issued in 1909. Sons Walter and E.B. Berkowitz assumed management of the company as the 1920s approached. Walter soon discovered new high-speed envelope folding machinery that had been developed in Germany. The company purchased the North American patent and distribution rights and brought the equipment into the United States, revolutionizing the American envelope industry.

In 1937, the company acquired another pioneer in the U.S. envelope industry, the Tension Envelope Company of Brooklyn, New York. In 1944, all of the Berkowitz Envelope manufacturing and sales operations were consolidated under the widely recognized name of Tension Envelope Corporation. In 1962, Bert Berkley, grandson of the company's founder, became President and CEO of Tension. In 1988, Bill Berkley, great grandson of the founder, became President and CEO.

Today, Tension Envelope Corporation is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of envelope products, selling directly to companies and organizations across the United States. Tension manufactures many of the envelopes you see and handle every day. With its headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, the heart of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, Tension produces over eleven billion envelopes a year with plants, distribution, and service offices stretching from coast to coast.

Not only have Tension's leaders revolutionized an industry with their ingenuity, they are also dedicated philanthropists. Bert Berkley, Chairman of Tension, has a long history of participation in local, regional, and national civic and advisory councils. He even co-authored a book, *Giving Back*, on the subject of volunteering, sharing with the community, and involvement with charitable endeavors. My good friend, Richard Berkley, served as Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, for three terms prior to my election to that post in 1991. He currently serves as Tension's Secretary and Treasurer as well as several area civic advisory boards. Current President and CEO, Bill Berkley, has served on the boards of several area nonprofits, businesses, and education organizations.

Considering the tremendous contributions of Tension Envelope Corporation to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and surrounding areas, it is an honor and a privilege to recognize the leaders and employees for their one hundred and twenty-five years of excellent service to the Kansas City area and beyond. Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the Berkley Family and expressing our gratitude to Tension Envelope Corporation for their incredible dedication to both their industry and community.

JIM MAHLER, LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very dedicated committed leader of the labor movement who deserves to be recognized for his many achievements and contributions to organized labor.

The past year was an important one in the history of California's Labor Movement, with workers campaigning to restore a pro-labor governor for California.

Tens of thousands of California's union members dedicated 2010 to ensuring that our next governor would stand up for the fundamental right of workers to organize.

In San Diego, American Federation of Teachers Local 1931 President Jim Mahler answered nearly every call in ensuring that collective bargaining rights and worker protections remained a priority in California.

As workers prepared for the March for California's Future, which featured union members marching from Bakersfield to Sacramento in a call to solve the state's budget crisis, Mahler committed his union to driving its success. Several buses full of AFT Local 1931 members and their students left San Diego City College at dawn on March 5, bound for Los Angeles and Bakersfield, to kick off the historic march.

When the Labor Council proposed an aggressive approach to courting voters' support for Jerry Brown for governor, Mahler and AFT Local 1931 committed \$100,000 to fund the program. He also realized money alone could not win the governor's race, so he organized nightly phone banks to support Brown and Proposition 25, the simple majority budget bill. His organizing yielded phone bank nights and Saturday precinct walks that overflowed with student and teacher volunteers.

For his dedication to keeping California worker-friendly, I join with the Executive Board of the Labor Council in congratulating Jim Mahler as the 2011 Labor Leader of the Year.

A TRIBUTE TO DENISE SULLIVAN

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OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Denise Sullivan.

Denise Sullivan was born in Jamaica, New York, to Albert C. Wiltshire and the late Jeannette Morgan-Wiltshire. Denise has three wonderful children, Chris, Michael and Danielle. She takes great pride in her public school education and understands the importance of higher education; Denise graduated from Forest Hills High School and New York City Technical College (formerly known as New York City Community College).

While Denise pursued a liberal arts curriculum at New York City Technical College, she had career interests in healthcare. Denise entered the profession in 1985, as a Registration Clerk for the Cumberland Diagnostic & Treatment Center. Her exemplary work for this