

given the esteemed honor of being named the "Man of the Year" for the Salesian Boys' & Girls' Club. He was a person of great humility who constantly showered those around him with the abounding generosity of his heart. He will always be remembered for his passion for life, his love of music—especially opera, his sense of humor, and his generosity of heart.

Yesterday a memorial service celebrating Joey's extraordinary life was held at Saints Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco. Joey will always be remembered for his incredible work ethic, generosity, love of family, and sense of humor. His dedication to his family and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Joey's family and friends; although Joey may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

AFGHANISTAN WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 28, which would require the removal of all U.S. forces from Afghanistan by December 31, 2011.

Last Congress, I voted to give the President a year to plan for an orderly withdrawal from Afghanistan. I also voted to defund military operations except for the minimum needed to safely withdraw. I am disappointed that those measures failed, but I am even more disappointed that the administration has not yet acted decisively to chart a clear course to bring our troops home.

We are spending billions of dollars a month to prop up a corrupt Afghan government that has not proven capable to the challenges of governance. Flawed elections, rampant bribery, blatant nepotism, banking abuses, and a lack of accountability have crippled the best efforts of the international community to establish rule of law. After nearly a decade of conflict, it is time to step back, reevaluate, and correct our course.

Thanks to the efforts and sacrifices made by our troops and coalition partners, we have seen successes in the fight against terrorism in Afghanistan. CIA Director Leon Panetta has estimated that the number of al Qaeda operatives remaining in Afghanistan has substantially diminished. We should not minimize the gains our troops have made. But we must recognize that when open-ended nation building eclipses our original military objectives, we commit our blood and treasure to an uncertain, costly, and unconstrained course.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a perfect bill. But I believe it is the best way to send a clear message. I applaud President Obama for disengaging us from Iraq. Now it is time to do the same from Afghanistan. Let's do what it takes to bring our troops home.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF LOIS LEES CLUMECK

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Lois Lees Clumeck, who passed peacefully into eternity at her home in San Mateo, California, on March 21, 2011, at the age of 97 years. She was the pillar of her family . . . a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Lois Clumeck raised her family to live life to the fullest and help others do the same. Her daughter Jill and son-in-law John Freidenrich took this message to heart, becoming active philanthropists committed to causes in medicine, education, and art. The passion and philanthropy that the Clumeck and Freidenrich families have demonstrated have transformed countless lives and left a legacy of light and love.

After Jill was diagnosed with breast cancer, Lois became particularly passionate about aiding women with breast cancer through an organization the family created, Breast Cancer Connections. Just as Breast Cancer Connections provided a support network for families struggling to cope with the disease, Lois was always the support network for her entire extended family, whom she deeply cherished.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Lois Clumeck's children . . . Jack and Gloria Clumeck, and Jill and John Freidenrich; her grandchildren, Linda, Alan, Karen, Danny, Gail, Andrew, Eric, Amy, Cindy, and Adam; and her great grandchildren, Benjamin, Lauren, Evan, Danielle, Jacqueline, Samuel, David, Theodore, Lucille, Beverly, Sylvia, Justin, Jacob, Ross, and Alexa.

Lois' devoted daughter Jill once said, "Find something you're passionate about and give as much as you can to that, and you will feel a richness beyond all riches." Lois Clumeck found her passion in people, and her life was rich beyond measure because of it. The memory of her words and deeds are a blessing, and I'm especially grateful to have known such a remarkable woman. She made her community better and strengthened our nation with her love, her generosity, her gentleness and her integrity.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN HAWLEY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California, are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Brian Hawley is one of these individuals. On March 24, 2011, Brian will be honored as the "Volunteer of the Year" at the 111th Inaugural Celebration of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

Brian Hawley is Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of Luminex. Founded in 1994, this privately held, global, growing, and consistently profitable company develops distinctive data storage products based on proven technologies that tackle the complex challenges of storing, archiving, distributing and protecting data.

In 2002 and 2003, Luminex was named to the Deloitte Fast50 list as being one of the fastest growing technology companies in Southern California. In 2003, Luminex was one of the select few companies named to both the Inc. Magazine "Inc. 500" and Deloitte "Fast 500" as one of the 500 fastest growing companies in the United States.

Along with his co-founders, Luminex received the Spirit of the Entrepreneur award in technology, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Small Business Eagle award, the UC Riverside Bourns College of Engineering Honored Alumni Award, and was honored as a California Small Business of the Year.

Luminex has twenty-seven employees headquartered in Riverside, California, and additional development offices in San Diego, California, and Beaverton, Oregon.

Prior to co-founding Luminex, Brian owned and managed Computer Systems International, a consulting firm specializing in corporate business computing and software development in a variety of industries.

Brian has served on Riverside's High Tech Task Force, is past chairman and a founding member of the Riverside Technology CEO Forum, a past chair of the Science Technology Education Partnership, and is currently Chair of the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee.

Brian has participated in the Chamber's annual advocacy trip to Sacramento, advocating for the best interests of the region. He was called upon by the California Chamber of Commerce to testify in support of a bill that allows employees greater flexibility in their work week.

In light of all Brian has done for the community of Riverside, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce named Brian their Volunteer of the Year. Brian's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. He has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

HONORING WOMEN IN THE CLASSROOM

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, El Paso, Texas has a history of producing strong, passionate, and caring educators who motivate and engage our children to become lifelong learners. As a parent and grandparent, I am grateful for the contributions of our teachers in the El Paso area, and today in honor of Women's History Month, I want to take this opportunity to honor women who are serving as teachers in El Paso.

There are so many dedicated and talented women in the schools of the 16th congressional district of Texas who deserve to be recognized and thanked for their commitment to providing the best possible education to our children. From Rosa Guerrero, a pioneer in education who was awarded a lifelong membership to the Texas Parent Teachers Association and was the first Hispanic woman in El Paso to have a school named after her, to our more recent Texas Teachers of the Year, we have been blessed with many dedicated and talented women in the classroom. Across the country, female educators make up 76 percent of the classroom workforce and serve as the core of the teaching profession, inspiring and supporting our youth. El Paso has been particularly blessed with incredible female educators and their work has been recognized year after year by the State of Texas and the Texas Teacher of the Year program. I am proud to note that El Paso has had ten Texas Teachers of the Year and six have been strong and passionate women.

Today's teachers are working under a tough budget crisis. Yet, in such difficult times our teachers continue to work hard every day to educate and inspire our children. Education is one of the fundamental building blocks of our Nation, and our teachers deserve to be acknowledged for all of their hard work and dedication.

In honor of Women's History Month, I would like to salute all the women in our classrooms in the 16th District of Texas, and also enter the names of the previous female recipients of the Texas Teacher of the Year Award from my congressional district.

NAMES OF EL PASO'S FEMALE TEXAS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

- Yushica Walker, Texas Teacher of the Year for 2010—Morehead Middle School
- Christine Gleason, Texas Teacher of the Year for 2009—Fabens High School
- Dana K. Boyd, Texas Teacher of the Year for 2007—Dolphin Terrace Elementary School
- Kyann McMillie, Texas Teacher of the Year for 2004—Canutillo Elementary School
- Rosa E. Lujan, Texas Teacher of the Year for 1992—Ysleta Elementary School
- Rita Harlien, Texas Teacher of the Year for 1982—Eastwood High School

HONORING MR. BLAS CASTAÑEDA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Blas Castañeda. Mr. Castañeda is the External Affairs and Economic Development Officer at Laredo Community College in Laredo, Texas. He dedicates his career to educating the next generation of highly skilled workforce and fostering growth in the business community in Laredo and South Texas.

Mr. Castañeda contributes to the community of South Texas by fostering close working relationships between public and private partnerships and regional planning for public and higher education. He is continuously and proactively engaged with the local, state, and international businesses along the Texas-Mexico border. As Laredo Community College's

economic development officer, he has brought major capital facilities for the Laredo Community College. He is the leader in developing and maintaining the distance learning program that is part of the virtual college of Texas online systems. Mr. Castañeda also established the Laredo District V Scholarship Bound program in 1989, which has awarded several hundred thousand dollars in scholarships to talented youth of limited income.

His career began when he was elected council member to the Laredo City Council in 1988 and served for eight years, including as Mayor pro tempore. Governor Ann Richards appointed him to the Texas Workforce Investment Council in 1990 where he served for four years. By 2006, he was on the Board of the Future of the Region Inc. as Ex-Officio President and as President. This organization serves a 47-county, non-profit economic development initiative that addresses key issues in South Texas. In January of 2009, Mr. Castañeda was nominated to be a member of the South Texas Workforce Solutions Board and he represents Adult and Continuing Education. He also serves on the Board for the Texas Migrant Council, which promotes family literacy, education, and consumer education in Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, New Mexico, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Nevada. Mr. Castañeda continues his efforts for the community as a member of organizations including Big Brother/Big Sister, Rio South Texas Workplace Literacy Council, and the Texas Community College Teachers Association.

Mr. Castañeda is a highly respected member of the South Texas community. He has received numerous awards such as the Liberty Bell Award, the "Salute to Labor" Star Award, and the Tejano's High Achievers Award. The Laredo Independent School District recently named him a "Tiger Legend" for his dedication and for serving as a role model to Laredo's youth.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize Mr. Blas Castañeda's accomplishments and service in South Texas. His tireless efforts for economic development and education have truly impacted the community.

TRIBUTE TO DEBBI HUFFMAN GUTHRIE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Debbi Guthrie is one of these individuals. On March 24, 2011, Debbi will be honored as the "Citizen of the Year" at the 111th Inaugural Celebration of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

Debbi Huffman Guthrie is retired from her 27-year career as the third-generation owner of a roofing company established by her grandfather in 1921. Since 1993, Debbi has served as a Director with Provident Bank, a

publicly traded, community bank established in Riverside in 1957. Debbi is the current and former member of numerous organizations including: member, Riverside Community College District Capital Campaign Executive Committee; Chair, Riverside Aquatics Complex Fundraising Committee; Chair, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Inaugural Ball Committee; Chair, ATHENA of the Inland Valleys Committee; Member, Board of Directors—Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; Member, Riverside Sport Hall of Fame Induction Celebration Committee; Trustee, University of California Riverside Foundation; Chair, University of California Riverside A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management Dean's Leadership Council; Chairwoman, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; Chair, Governmental Affairs Committee and Leadership Riverside Program, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; President and Member, Kiwanis Club of Riverside; President, Riverside Community College District Foundation; State Director, ATHENA Foundation; March Air Force Base Military Affairs Committee (Honorary Commander's Program); Inland Empire Council Boy Scouts of America, Distinguished Citizens Committee; and Junior League of Riverside.

Debbi is the recipient of many awards including: the 2010 Riverside YWCA Irene Bonnett Volunteer of the Year; the 2010 Riverside Downtown Partnership Roy Hord "Volunteer of the Year"; the 2003 Association of Agency Executives, Spirit of the Non-Profit Award; the 2003 Gold Key Award, Soroptimist Club; the 2001 Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award; the Riverside Community College Inaugural Community Service Award; the 2001 Kiwanis International George Hixson Fellowship Award; the 2001 President's Award, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce; the 2000 Management Leader of the Year, Private Sector, UC Riverside A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management; and the 1999-2000 Volunteer of the Year, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

In addition to her continued involvement with Provident Bank and her volunteer commitments in Riverside, Debbi now lives part-time in southern Utah where she takes pride in working with her husband to manage their 1300-acre ranch. She enjoys being with her family, horseback riding, house-boating on Lake Powell, hikes in Zion National Park and international travel with friends. Debbi is a native of Riverside and attended Ramona High School and California State University, San Bernardino. Debbi and her husband, Jim, have four adult daughters and four grandchildren.

In light of all Debbi has done for the community of Riverside, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce named Debbi their Citizen of the Year. Debbi's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. She has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she receives this prestigious award.