

Caruso, North Carolina's 2011 Small Business Person of the Year.

IN HONOR OF MARY HOZE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise in honor of Mary Hoze, who passed away on May 9, 2011 in Sacramento, California.

Mary was born on April 16, 1930 in Shubuta, Mississippi to Willie and Fannie Penilton. She was the younger of the two children. Her life was filled with devotion and love for her husband, Walter Earl Hoze, and for her family. She and her husband raised eight remarkable children.

In 1957 Mary and Walter moved to Sacramento, California where they became active and respected citizens in their North Sacramento community. She devoted her life to raising her children, caring for others and gardening. Mary loved reading and sharing God's word. She was a faithful member of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Sacramento. She served as a Sunday school teacher, president, and bible teacher for the General Mission and Senior Women's organizations. She was also an active member of the Deaconess and Mothers' Boards. Mary was well known throughout Sacramento for her compassion, warmth and sense of humor.

Mary is survived by her children: Bonnie, Johnnie, Gwen, Allen, Danny, Connie, Cynthia and Shelia. She also leaves behind nineteen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, along with countless relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in paying honor to Mary Hoze for being an exemplary member of the Sacramento community. Her life and legacy—as a mother and member of our community—will be an inspiration to us all. I ask that we take a moment and extend our utmost respect and condolences to her family.

HONORING THE PEOPLE OF
SEATON, ENGLAND

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the people of Seaton, England. The people of Seaton were invaluable partners prior to the "D-Day" invasion of June 6, 1944. Seaton's unwavering support and hospitality allowed U.S. troops to launch a successful invasion of Europe and ultimately win World War II.

The kindness of the people of Seaton manifested itself in many ways. They welcomed, housed, and supported the men of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division from January 1944 through early June, 1944. Many of these soldiers were taken in and treated like family, and respected members of the community.

This feeling of community was made evident when the people of Seaton organized dances,

entertainment, and other events, for the troops. There's no doubt that this welcoming atmosphere helped ease the transition for the young soldiers, most of whom were away from home for the first time.

Seaton was instrumental in the continued training of our forces providing marksmanship instruction alongside the British guard. This training inevitably led to our nation's forces being better prepared for battle and ultimately saved American lives.

Seaton's lasting legacy is the positive atmosphere that it helped to foster. In fact in the five months that it housed American troops there were no recorded adverse incidents to speak of and many troops who were stationed in Seaton had some of their fondest memories of the war while stationed there.

Seaton had a significant strategic impact on the war. The town's support of the 2nd Battalion was instrumental in allowing it to become the first to land on Utah Beach, during "D-Day", and obtain all of its objectives within the first few hours of Operation Overlord.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lasting legacy of the people of Seaton, England and their contributions in support of American forces prior to the "D-Day" landing on June 6, 1944.

RECOGNIZING 2011 EDUCATION
FINANCE CAPITOL HILL DAY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to acknowledge the 2011 Education Finance Council Capitol Hill Day. This event brought state agency and not for profit student lenders from across the country to Washington, DC. In my home state of South Carolina, the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation has provided higher education access and completion programs for thousands of students in the Palmetto state since its inception in 1973.

Nationwide, state agency and not for profit student loan organizations offer college access and completion programs including—financial literacy programs, scholarships, grants and low cost supplemental loans—to students, families, and high schools in their states, at no cost. For nearly twenty years the Education Finance Council has been the strong voice in Washington for state agency and not for profit student lenders.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the work these entities are doing to increase the number of college graduates in our country.

DAYTON, TEXAS IS 100 YEARS OLD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the citizens of Dayton, Texas on the celebration of their city's 100th anniversary. Towns like the quiet, country living, of Dayton, Texas are why so many new people and businesses continue to move to Texas.

Beginning as a small agricultural village, Dayton was home to rugged Texas ranchers, farmers, and loggers. For many years, lumbering and ranching were the main industry until they established a drainage system. This establishment worked to make Rice the area's major crop. Still today, rice farms are still thriving in Southeast Texas. I am proud to represent Texas Rice Farmers, who continue to be hard-working, well-educated, God fearing Americans.

Modern amenities were brought to Dayton at the turn of the 20th century. They opened a bank, had two cotton gins, as well as a weekly newspaper. So much so that in 1911, Dayton was recorded as an incorporated municipality. The 20s roared in with the nearby founding of Humble Oil and Refining Company, which later became Exxon. As a result, Dayton grew along with the refinery when oil roughnecks began purchasing homes in and around the town.

The 1930s and 40s solidified the Greatest Generation in our Nation's history. Dayton is home to many heroes who served in our military during this time. Twelve such heroes who live in Dayton are the Ripkowski brothers. Growing up on a 200 acre Corn and Cotton Farm, they were a long way from the theater they would soon find themselves fighting in. Nonetheless, As World War II began; each of the brothers answered their country's call of duty to serve in the military. One after the other. Miraculously, all of the brothers survived the war and returned to Texas! These brothers are typical of the hard-working, law-abiding Texans that live in Dayton, Texas. They are charter members of the Greatest Generation.

Bringing air conditioning, the baby boom, and the Vietnam War the 1950's and 60's presented many more changes to the small town. The 1970s saw the biggest rise in fame and fortune with the oil boom, but was followed by the biggest fall from grace in the 80s. Nonetheless, Dayton emerged unscathed in the 1990s, and continues today as a unique, thriving, city that is rich in history, pride and perseverance.

Today, farming and logging and oil are still a part of this diverse, vibrant community. Dayton continues to live up to its rich legacy of industry mixed with community spirit. Dayton is a thriving community, home to growing families, excellent schools, community organizations, friendly churches, new library, new community center, rodeo arena and parks.

Dayton, like many other Texas towns, Dayton residents are still heavily involved in supporting our Troops. One such example is the recent creation of two war memorials, each paying tribute to the men and women who have served our country. Patriotism is truly a part of these folks makeup. Never more so was this patriotism demonstrated than on July 10, 2010. At the age of 24, Staff Sergeant Jesse Ainsworth of Dayton, Texas was killed by enemy action in Afghanistan. At his funeral, hundreds of residents lined the streets of Dayton paying tribute to one of their heroes. Many of those on the streets carried flags and yellow ribbons; while others held signs saying "Proud of You", "Proud to be an American" or "Thank You." As the funeral procession made its way to throughout the town, residents of Dayton, with tearful eyes and grateful hearts, saluted the Ainsworth family.

Dayton's fire and police departments are among the best in Texas. Dayton ISD provides outstanding educational opportunities for

students. Dayton High School is home to a Texas religion-Texas Football. The entire community comes together; people from all walks of life get together every weekend and share in the tears and cheers and root their team to victory.

It is an honor to represent the citizens of Dayton, Texas in the United States House of Representatives. I am proud to have worked with Dayton Mayor Steve Stephens and the city council on numerous projects concerning the city. I commend them for their leadership in helping Dayton grow. I am truly proud to represent this patriotic town.

I look forward to seeing Dayton prosper in the future and wish the city "Happy Birthday" as it celebrates its 100th anniversary.

That's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on May 13, 2011, I missed a vote on the Amendment to H.R. 754 by Rep. GIBSON of New York.

I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO OPENING OF NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS' PARK

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark and pay tribute to the opening of the North Carolina a Veterans' Park. As the Representative of the Third District of North Carolina, I bear the heavy burden of watching Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen deploy from Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base to protect our Nation's freedoms. I have and continue to support their efforts through legislation and advocacy on their behalf.

Even before our Nation was founded, North Carolinians have answered the call of duty to their Communities, State and Country and continue to answer the call in response to terror, tyranny and disaster. On July 4, 2011, the 235th celebration of our independence, the City of Fayetteville will unveil the North Carolina Veterans' Park to celebrate all North Carolina members of the Armed Forces, who continue to sacrifice their today for our tomorrow.

The park is located in Fayetteville, home to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, from which brave men and women deploy to place themselves in harm's way to defend our way of life. The City and the designers of the park have commemorated each phase of service; leaving civilian life and swearing the oath to protect the Constitution, to the time spent serving; to the time that they separate from active or reserve service, when the warrior returns to civilian life.

The dedication and devotion of the citizens of the Tar Heel State are etched in the annals

of this great Nation. North Carolinians are feared by their enemies, trusted by their allies and revered by those they serve. The opening of this park is a fitting tribute to all those who have served, are serving, will serve or have a loved one who has served.

I congratulate the City of Fayetteville for the building and dedication of this fine tribute.

CONGRATULATIONS TEPPARA FAMILY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

MR. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate my good friend and former Chief of Staff Dino Teppara and his wife Vatsala on the birth of their daughter Meghana Lakshmi Teppara. Meghana was born on Friday, April 8, 2011, in Fairfax, Virginia.

Meghana Lakshmi Teppara is six pounds and twenty inches of pride and joy to her loving grandparents, Dilip and Gita Teppara of Columbia, South Carolina, and Vijay and Vasanti Alsi of Vienna, Virginia.

I am so excited for this new blessing to the Teppara family and wish them all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Fall River, Massachusetts. St. Anthony of Padua has served as a vibrant center of faith and community for the Portuguese population of Fall River for generations.

St. Anthony of Padua evolved in 1911 due to an influx of Portuguese immigrants in Fall River. Early on, Reverend B. Carmo administered to Portuguese speaking immigrants in the crypt of another church, to which parishioners would walk several miles in order to attend Mass in their native language.

Through the hard work, fundraising, and labor of dedicated parishioners, the edifice of St. Anthony of Padua was completed and dedicated on February 2, 1913.

Over the past hundred years, St. Anthony of Padua has shown a steadfast commitment to Fall River and the surrounding community. As its spiritual community continues to grow and thrive, St. Anthony of Padua continues to open its doors and serve all in need.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the United States House of Representatives joins me in recognizing St. Anthony of Padua for the indispensable role it has played in our community over the last 100 years, and hopefully many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO FATHER MARTIN MORONEY

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Father Martin Moroney, who is retiring this month from his pastoral responsibilities at St. John Vianney parish in Rancho Cordova, California. A native of O'Callaghan's Mills, Ireland, Father Moroney chose to enter St. Patrick's College Seminary in 1960. St. Patrick's forms priests for overseas work and Father Moroney chose to come to the Sacramento Diocese because its rural nature reminded him of Ireland. Arriving in Sacramento in 1967, he has spent the past forty-four years serving Californians. After a brief stint at St. Mel's in Fair Oaks, he moved to St. Anthony's in Mt. Shasta, a small lumber town in the Cascade Mountains. For the next six years he served at St. Theresa's in South Lake Tahoe before returning to Sacramento to serve at Sacred Heart and then All Hallows.

In 1981, Father Moroney was given the opportunity to return to a rural community when he was asked to become the pastor of St. John's in Quincy, while also taking care of the mission church in Greenville. For twelve years, he drove twenty-two miles each way to Greenville twice a week to care for the community there in the mountains of Plumas County. Quickly integrating into his new community, he was even recruited to work the first down chains at local high school football games.

Father Moroney has always been a man of prayer. When he was faced with a difficult decision in 1993, he turned to God for guidance. Giving up his rural post in Quincy, where his parish consisted of 250 families, he decided to assent to his bishop's request to move to a parish in the suburbs of Sacramento, consisting of 1,500 families. There, at St. John Vianney's, Father Moroney has been serving as pastor for the past eighteen years. Under his guidance, the parish has grown in unity and diversity, adding a Spanish and an Indonesian outreach program. He also proved to be a skilled financial manager, eliminating \$200,000 of debt and growing the parish school endowment dramatically.

All of these achievements are not just material achievements. They were motivated by a heart filled with compassion for all people and accomplished by a man willing to sacrifice himself—and even his health—for the betterment of others. It is truly a privilege to offer Father Moroney my sincere gratitude and congratulations for all of his service as a priest. I wish him all the best in the coming years.

CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD M. ROSA

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 23, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Richard Rosa, for his outstanding service to our Nation and the United States Air Force.