

Carlos City Council from 2005 through 2009. In 2006 his colleagues elected him as Vice Mayor, and in 2007 they elected him Mayor. It was in these positions that he showed his skills as a pragmatist.

For example, during his first term on the city council San Carlos took a major step forward in meeting regional medical needs with the approval of a new hospital. When the economy nosedived in the wake of the global credit crunch of 2008, Mr. Lewis and his colleagues on the council took prudent, painful and necessary steps to balance the city's budget. He also participated in many other decisions leading to economic development within the city, resulting in projects that will bear fruit in the years ahead.

In 2011, San Carlos' Mayor passed away unexpectedly and the city council reached out to a seasoned resident—Brad Lewis—to fill the remaining months of Mayor Ahmad's term. There is no question that the council chose wisely because it took no time at all for Brad Lewis to learn the status of current issues and to adapt to council business. He is to be highly commended for serving these past few months in this challenging, basically volunteer position.

Mr. Lewis is an artist at heart and as a professional. While Mayor in 2007, he found time to win an Oscar for producing the Pixar film *Ratatouille*. He co-directed the 2011 Pixar hit *Cars 2* and has to his credit two Emmys and two Clio Awards. This is a man of unusual talents, and obviously one who cuts ribbons opening new businesses in town all the while cutting a swath through Hollywood.

In fact, Mr. Lewis' career has spanned decades in the television and animation business, having worked for Pacific Data Images, PDI, for over 13 years as vice president of productions, Pixar Animation Studios starting in November 2001, and Digital Domain's Tradition Studios division in Florida as of July 2011 where he is serving as director for a project set to release in 2014.

As Mr. Lewis said in an interview just a few weeks ago, he moved to San Carlos because a close friend lived in the city and because as a father he wanted to reduce a lot of the unknowns related to raising a child. He has two children, Jackson, age 22, and Ella, age 8½. His wife, Regina, has been an enormous source of support to him during his public service.

Mr. Speaker, San Carlos is a wonderful place to raise children, and Mr. Lewis has directly contributed to that family spirit through his leadership. He is now leaving the council and, at least for a time, leaving San Carlos as he makes his way in this next phase of his career. We have no doubt that he will return, however, to full-time residence and to the city that he has helped to shape for the betterment of all.

HONORING CATHY HUGHES AS A
DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT OF
THE 2012 NAACP CHAIRMAN'S
AWARD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an

outstanding human being and my dear friend, Ms. Cathy Hughes, on receiving this year's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, Chairman's Award, the highest honor the NAACP has to offer. Cathy is a true symbol of American entrepreneurship and success. From her humble beginnings growing up in an Omaha housing project to becoming a leader in the media industry, Cathy embodies the spirit of determination and hard work.

Cathy's story is nothing short of remarkable. Born Catherine Elizabeth Woods in 1947, Cathy was the eldest of four children. By the age of 17, Cathy had dropped out of high school and become a single mother. Although she attended two universities in Nebraska, she did not have the opportunity to graduate. Despite these challenges, Cathy knew that she wanted a career in radio from a very young age and, in 1969 at the age of 22, began volunteering at KOWH, an African American owned radio station based out of Omaha, Nebraska. There, she excelled in the radio business and caught the attention of the Howard University School of Communications in Washington, D.C., where she was offered a position as a lecturer and assistant dean. By 1978, Cathy had become the vice-president and general manager of WYCB-AM and, a year later, along with her former husband, founded Radio One and purchased her first radio station in Washington D.C., WOL 1450.

Times were not easy at WOL 1450. Because of the lack of funding, Cathy had to give up her apartment and live with her son at the station. She also filled several roles as owner, producer, radio personality, and DJ, since she could not afford to pay personnel. But her perseverance and determination to see her dream succeed kept her going. Today Radio One is the largest African American owned and operated radio broadcast network, with over 65 radio stations in every major market in the United States and the seventh largest network in the nation. In 2004, Cathy launched TV One, a cable television channel dedicated to capturing the rich and diverse experience of African American life, history, and culture.

On February 17, 2012, Ms. Hughes was honored at the 43rd NAACP Image Awards, the premier multicultural awards show that recognizes the achievements of people of color in the fields of television, music, literature, film, and creative social justice. Cathy's name has been added to an illustrious list of past honorees, such as U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Regina Benjamin, Former Vice-President Al Gore, then Senator Barack Obama, and Aretha Franklin. And no one could be more deserving.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, it is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize a pioneer in the media industry, a leader in the African American community, and my dear friend, Ms. Cathy Hughes. I commend her for her tireless dedication to empowering the disenfranchised and for continuing to be a powerful voice for those who too often remain unheard. Cathy, I wish you all the best for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF HERBERT
ADAMS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Herbert Adams of Worcester, MA. Herbert is being honored on March 13, 2012 by the Worcester City Council Chamber for his volunteer service to his community. Herbert was born in Maine, where he was adopted by an uncle after the tragic deaths of his parents. When the United States entered WWII, he repeatedly attempted to volunteer for the service, finally discovering that he was exempted from the military due to his job in the shipyards. Herbert applied just one more time—this time claiming to be unemployed. Once in the Army, Herbert again tenaciously fought his way into the line of fire. With determination and a little luck, he qualified as a paratrooper in time to take part in some of the most ferocious fighting of the war.

Like many paratroopers, Mr. Adams time and time again found himself in crucial battles. From North Africa he was shipped to Italy and fought on the beaches at Anzio. After Italy he went to the Western Front and took part in Operation Market Garden, where he was temporarily reported as missing in action to his wife, Beverly. A month later he fought in the Battle of the Bulge, playing a key role in the capture of an entire German company. After the German surrender Herbert was assigned as a personal bodyguard to General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He would meet President Eisenhower once more, when he visited Worcester during his presidential campaign.

Mr. Adams' military service, for which he was awarded two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart, is deserving of recognition on its own. But he has also carried his lifetime of public service into his civilian life. Herbert has been recognized for his exemplary four decades with the scouts and works endlessly to maintain Worcester's parks and monuments. Every American can aspire to imitate his lifetime of heroism and sacrifice. Today I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mr. Herbert Adams.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER MORGAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Morgan. Christopher is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christopher has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christopher has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christopher has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher Morgan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
LEAGUE OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Service League of San Mateo County which for a half-century has provided services and created hope for thousands of county jail inmates and their families. The compassionate volunteers and staff work tirelessly to make certain inmates and former inmates have access to programs, services and support networks they need to re-enter the community as contributing citizens and responsible family members.

Every day the Service League helps individuals who have lost their way get a step closer to productive lives and benefits our entire community by reducing criminal activity and recidivism. I am privileged to be a member of the Advisory Board of this great organization.

Under the outstanding leadership of executive director Mike Nevin, the Service League continues to offer a broad range of programs covering humanitarian, educational, substance abuse, recovery, spiritual and personal growth services. While some of the needs of inmates may seem obvious, such as contact with attorneys, probation officers and employers, the Service League also the less obvious needs. The "Jury Trial Clothes" program, for example, levels the playing field for inmates who are unable to afford clothing suitable for court appearances, jail procedures, or facility programs. The Service League solicits donations and dresses inmates for trial. "Inmate Orientations" are held twice weekly to provide information to newly-jailed individuals about the correctional process and facility programs, such as AA, NA, and church services. "Outreach to Families" of inmates provides friendly support, referral, advocacy and emergency assistance. The County Office of Education offers GED tutoring and testing at some facilities and the Service League supports this effort by training volunteers to tutor inmates one on one.

The Service League also operates six Hope Houses, two residential homes for women, two transitional homes for women and two transitional homes for men. Those facilities truly live up to their name! Karen Francone-Hart, director of the Service League, started the first six-bed Hope House in 1990. Thinking back to that time, Karen reflects that "each day, each step reminded me of nurturing a new infant."

Hope Houses provide a 180-day residential treatment program for women who are involved in the criminal justice program. These women are prepared to become responsible, productive and independent members of the community while living in a safe, nurturing and clean environment. After completing the 180-day treatment program, the women are allowed to move into a transitional living program—Hope House II—as long as they stay employed or are attending school. The suc-

cess of this program speaks for itself: 85% of the women who complete the program are reunited with their children, 70% remain clean, sober and crime free and 60% become gainfully employed.

Diane Joiner is one of the women who found her path through Hope House. While she was in jail, she participated in the "Hope Inside" program, a group led by the Hope House staff. When she was released, she sought residential treatment at a Hope House. She graduated from the 180-day program and is now happily employed by Goodwill Industries where she received a promotion shortly after being hired. Diane was given a second chance, regained her life and is now a proud, productive member of our community.

Mr. Speaker, the volunteers and staff of the Service League of San Mateo County recognize the humanity in every single member of our society. I ask this body to rise with me to honor their passion to build a better tomorrow for all of us.

COMMEMORATING THE UNVEILING
OF STONE MARKER ACKNOWLEDGING
THE ROLE OF ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS
IN CONSTRUCTING THE CAPITOL
OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today we honor enslaved African Americans with the unveiling of this great stone and marker once quarried by them for The Capitol of the United States. This dedicated marker will serve as a reminder to all who enter The Capitol of the hands and hearts that built this great place that fosters democracy at the highest level.

I include a poem penned in honor of those enslaved African Americans by Albert Caswell. The poem is entitled,

AND FROM THESE HANDS

And . . .
And from these hands . . .
As now so stands
A Temple to Liberty so very grand
One of Freedom, for every child, woman, and man
From these hands
For out of their blood, sweat, and tears
As upon this Hill as now so appears
Is but a shrine to democracy so very clear
From these hands
Whether Captain Pointer, pointing the way
Guiding those ships,
As upon them this most sacred marble and stone so lay
Or at the very top,
How poignant, Reid so helped Freedom to keep watch
Now both night and day
So listen so closely here,
As to heart speaks so clear
Of what it took to build this great temple here
And To Be Free
Much effort and sacrifice indeed
And as you enter your heart skips a beat
Into the great Rotunda at night, as like a prayer
Can you but not feel their very souls in there?
All because these fine men, who once so per-severed

Oh how ironic as was this fate
That this Temple of Freedom,
Was so once built by slaves!
From . . . These . . . Hands . . . which gave!
As their souls are so now etched everywhere
But look at what they so made

As generations have so come to pass
And new hands in this temple have labored
steadfast

All in our nation's struggle to so ask
The ones, who have so fought against hatred
so clear

Trying to vanquish discrimination year after year

Can you but not feel Martin's tears?
And today, if they could all be here
Would they but not so shed a tear?
All at what they so see here

So say a prayer, and all of these
Who but with their hands and hearts,
And souls so built this great Temple of Liberty

The ones who so placed this great stone
All in that fight
All in Freedom's home,
So one day we could all be here
Free

So on this day
This marker of remembrance we now place
All for what they so taught us,
So gave

As we see their great efforts all etched into this stone
They made

Like quarried stone, Freedom too does not come so easy!

Only through such blood, sweat, and tears can this all be!

In our lives, what have we made
From . . . these . . . hands . . .

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, during final consideration of H.R. 347, the Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011, I inadvertently voted "nay" on rollcall vote 73 when I intended to vote "aye". I would like the record to reflect that I support the bill, which creates sensible penalties for knowingly breaching the security of locations such as the White House and its grounds.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICK WYKOFF

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Foster City Councilmember Rick Wykoff for his decades of public service on the occasion of his retirement on December 5, 2011. He served on the City Council for the last ten years and was city manager from 1977–1994.

I have known Rick for over 30 years and have witnessed his dedication to, and passion for, our community. He thrived in the many positions he has held over the years throughout California.

Foster City is extraordinarily fortunate that Rick offered his experience as city manager, his wisdom and talent to the city council for