

do next. I congratulate her on a distinguished career, and I thank her for her many years of service.

COMMENDING THOMAS GILMORE
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE NEW
JERSEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Thomas Gilmore for nearly three decades of leadership and dedication to the New Jersey Audubon Society. Tom Gilmore is a known conservation visionary and respected voice for wildlife and I congratulate him on this well deserved retirement.

Under Tom's dedicated watch, thousands of acres of threatened and endangered species habitats have been protected and open space, farmland and historic preservation became a priority in our great Garden State.

Throughout Tom's tenure, wildlife research and environmental education blossomed across the state. Tom's leadership paved the way for the Audubon Society's Citizen Science program to flourish. This important program empowers volunteers of all skill levels and backgrounds to engage in wildlife conservation and leverages the strengths and talents of hundreds of individuals while training our state's future conservation leaders.

Tom's passion, skill and perseverance have transformed New Jersey, marshalling in the preservation of our most significant and beloved natural treasures.

I honor this remarkable leader and welcome the new era of conservation talent that will guide the Garden State's environmental future.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DR.
DOROTHY INGRAM

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to pay tribute to a great educator, pioneer, mentor, and role model, Dr. Dorothy Ingram.

Dr. Dorothy Ingram, the first African American teacher in San Bernardino County, passed away March 14, 2012, at the age of one hundred six.

Dr. Ingram was the youngest of 7 children, born on November 9, 1905, to Henry and Mary Ingram in San Bernardino, California. She started school in 1911 at Mt. Vernon Elementary School and graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1923.

Dr. Ingram later attended San Bernardino Valley College from 1928 until 1933, where she wrote the school's alma mater, which is still in use today. Dr. Ingram was the first African American student to attend the University of Redlands. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in music education in 1934.

After graduating from college, and teaching in Texas for a few years, Dr. Ingram moved back to San Bernardino in 1939 to continue her teaching career. In 1951, Dr. Ingram was promoted to the position of principal of Mill

School. In 1953, Dr. Ingram elevated to the position of the San Bernardino School District Superintendent. That made her the first African American school district superintendent in the State of California.

Based on her childhood experiences and the strong example set by her parents, Dr. Ingram was an outspoken advocate for underprivileged children to have an equal opportunity to succeed. She stood above the racial prejudices of her time and served as an excellent role model for others to emulate. Dr. Ingram was seen as a mentor for her tireless work and dedication to the children of San Bernardino.

As a community leader, Dr. Ingram encouraged others to always do their personal best and to work towards making a positive contribution to society. In recognition of her numerous contributions, the City of San Bernardino honored Dr. Ingram in 1977 by naming one of the city's libraries after her. At age 97, she was again recognized for her outstanding work by receiving an honorary doctorate degree from California State University San Bernardino.

Dr. Ingram's siblings also left their mark on San Bernardino. Her brother, Howard, was the first African American physician in San Bernardino. Another brother, Ben, worked as a chef at one of the finest restaurants, the Chocolate Palace. And her sister Ruth worked as a nurse.

My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Rialto City Councilman Joe Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Dr. Ingram's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to pay tribute to Dr. Dorothy Ingram.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE CRAWFORD
HOUSE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary organization in Colorado Springs that provides shelter and services for homeless veterans in Southern Colorado.

The Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of its Crawford House this year. The House provides emergency shelter to veterans in downtown Colorado Springs.

Established in 2002, the House is named after World War II Medal of Honor recipient, retired Master Sergeant William J. Crawford.

The Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition takes great pride in offering safe, healthy, alcohol and drug-free emergency housing. The group also offers VA-sponsored substance abuse rehabilitation.

The Crawford House and the transitional homes can take in up to 25 residents at a time. Currently, the House has a waiting list of 100 veterans. The Crawford House is very unique in homeless programming in that, they provide job placement assistance through coordination with workforce centers, compensated work therapy and numerous other partners including the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition has served more than 1,100 homeless veterans since it was established.

Eighty-one percent of veterans who successfully completed the 90-day homeless program were gainfully employed and moved into their own housing.

I thank the Colorado Veterans Resource Coalition for their compassionate service to our veterans in Colorado Springs and congratulate them on the 10th Anniversary of the Crawford House.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
RICHARD MILANOVICH

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to pay tribute to a great tribal leader, role model, and veteran Richard Milanovich. Richard, Chairman of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, passed away on March 11, 2012, at the age of sixty-nine.

Richard was born on December 4, 1942, and spent his childhood living with his mother, LaVerne Saubel, who was a strong advocate for Indian rights in her own right. LaVerne set an outstanding example for her son, and was a member of the all-female tribal council that persuaded Congress to allow self-governance for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in 1957. Richard's upbringing in his mother's home instilled in him a passion for the Indian community.

Richard lived with his mother until the age of 17, when he left home to join the United States Army. After his time in the service, Richard worked as a door-to-door salesman, selling items such as vacuum cleaners and encyclopedias, until joining the tribal council at age 35.

Richard was one of the earliest patriarchs of Indian gaming in California. During his first few years on the council, he convinced the tribal council to purchase the Spa Hotel in downtown Palm Springs in 1992. This purchase helped to revitalize downtown Palm Springs and paved the way for the future economic stability of the Agua Caliente band of Cahuilla Indians, as well as other tribes in California.

At the time of his passing, Richard was the Chairman of the Agua Caliente band of Cahuilla Indians. Richard's 30 years of service to the tribe left a lasting impact not only on his tribe, but California at large. Richard was not only passionate about protecting the future and stability of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, but he also gave back to his surrounding community through his advocacy for the gaming industry. Indian gaming is one of the surest ways to create economic development in a region; proving jobs and revenue for tribal self governance, maintenance, and education.

Richard's strong advocacy at the state and national level for the rights of the Indian people and gaming allowed his tribe to gain respect and high standing among tribes across the country.

Richard was known as a great mentor to the younger leaders; his tireless work on behalf of the Indian community left younger tribal leaders with a strong example of hard work and

dedication. He taught young tribal members the importance of cherishing and understanding the past, in order to pave the way for a bright future for the Indian community.

Richard is survived by his wife, Melissa, and their six children. He leaves with cherished memories and a loving family. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Rialto Councilman Joe

Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Ruben's family at this time. Mister Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a beloved community member and tireless advocate, Richard Milanovich.