

powerful spiritual force, he was also a great sports historian." Our close friend, Dr. Dorsey Miller, will always remember that, "Dr. Mack King Carter was a beacon of light in a sea of despair for those who sought hope, love, truth, and knowledge. He was the ultimate preacher, teacher, and practitioner of God's holy word."

Mr. Speaker, one of Dr. Carter's favorite words was "delicious." Without a doubt, our lives have been deliciously enhanced because of the profound Christian teachings of a son of Ocala, Florida. For almost 50 years, he dedicated his life to spiritual and community service, sharing his wisdom and love for teaching with countless others. While Dr. Mack King Carter will be dearly missed, his wife, Pat, and the family know that heaven has been "deliciously" improved.

IN RECOGNITION OF CURTI FAMILY INC., CURTIMADE DAIRY INC. & CURTI TERRA INC.

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my colleague Representative DEVIN G. NUNES, rise today to honor the Curti family, celebrating their 100 year anniversary as an integral part of the dairy and farming industry in the Central Valley of California.

Miro Curti emigrated from Italy and began dairying in 1910. In 1913, Miro and his wife Domenica moved their 32-cow dairy operation to Waukena, California.

Miro played an important role in the local dairy industry and was a valued member of the local community. He was a director of Dairyman's Cooperative Creamery Association, a trustee of Waukena grade school, an active member of the Sons of Italy, and in 1969, he was named the first "Farmer of the Year" for the Tulare District.

In 1975, Miro and Domenica passed away, leaving Curti Farms to be managed by their three sons, Amelio, Italo, and Leo. The three sons continued to grow the business and eventually Curtmaid Holsteins gained a reputation across the nation for their superior herd genetics. They mastered on farm embryo transfers and began exporting cattle internationally to Saudi Arabia, Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. The family was again recognized for their contribution to the local agriculture community when, in 1984, Amelio was honored with Tulare's "Farmer of the Year" award.

As the Curti family dairy continued to succeed, they were able to start a second dairy in 1988 and a third in 2002. The third dairy consists of over 500 Jersey milk cows. The third generation of Curti's are carrying on the family tradition of dairying and farming. Today the Curti family dairies consist of Curtimade Dairy, owned by Ben Curti, Curti Family, Inc., owned by Phillip Curti, and Curti Terra Inc., owned by Ken Curti. In 2005 Ben, Phillip, Ken, and Jeff Curti were honored with Tulare's "Farmer of the Year."

Today, the Curti family dairy operations consist of a mixed Holstein and Jersey herd along with the farming of alfalfa, corn, and wheat at Curtimade Dairy, Inc., a second mixed Holstein and Jersey herd at Curti Family Inc., along with farming alfalfa, corn, and wheat. In

addition to their dairy facilities they have a third diversified farming operation of pistachios, wheat, cotton, alfalfa, and beans at Curti Terra Inc.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that Mr. NUNES and I recognize the Curti family for their extraordinary impact on the farming industry in Central California and congratulate them on a century of successful business and farming.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS PASS IRRESPONSIBLE, PIECEMEAL STRATEGY TO COVER UP THEIR RECKLESS GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today on the House floor, instead of putting an end to the damaging Republican Government Shutdown by passing a clean funding compromise passed by the Senate, the House Republican leadership has chosen to take a different path to vote on more political ploys. They are doing this by continuing to offer mini-versions of appropriations bills in a cynical effort to give themselves political cover for causing this shutdown in the first place.

These bills are political gimmicks, not a responsible approach to governing. Republicans have shut down the government and are damaging our economy and the middle class. And today the House is considering the following five GOP piecemeal bills, which only fund selected pieces of the government—National Institutes of Health, local funds for the DC, the National Parks, certain funding for Reserve/Guard, and part of the VA.

Like my colleagues in the Democratic Caucus, I wholeheartedly support veterans, our National Guard and Reserve, the District of Columbia, important medical research and our national parks. However, these bills leave out many of the crucial services relied on by the American people such as Head Start programs, veterans' cemeteries, small business loans, education for our children to equipping and training our troops to building housing for military families to getting decisions on veterans disability claims, among many others.

Instead of opening up a few government functions, the House of Representatives should re-open the entire government. The harmful impacts of a shutdown extend across government, affecting services that are critical to small businesses, women, children, seniors, and others across the Nation.

The American people have seen enough, and the time has come for Republicans to abandon their reckless and irresponsible agenda and join Democrats to honor America's commitments to provide vital services our citizens pay for with their hard earned tax dollars. I urge Speaker BOEHNER, Leader CANTOR, and the Republican Party to end its shutdown by working with Democrats to pass a clean funding bill and end this charade immediately.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 485, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING WARREN HAMILTON WIDENER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Mr. Warren Hamilton Widener. Mr. Widener was an accomplished community activist, serviceman and humanitarian whose trailblazing work and strong commitment to social justice touched countless lives. As the first African-American mayor of Berkeley, Mr. Widener has left an indelible mark on the entire Bay Area community. With his passing on June 25, 2013, we look to Warren Widener's public legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Warren Widener was born on March 25, 1938 in Oroville, CA, in the Sacramento Valley. As a young man, he served his country as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, and he served his church leading the Methodist Youth Fellowship with his wife, Mary, at Downs Memorial United Methodist Church. Warren received his Juris Doctorate from Boalt Hall, School of Law. He worked as a lawyer and as President of the Urban Housing Institute before beginning his groundbreaking political career with his election to the Berkeley City Council in 1969 and his historic two-term election as the first black mayor of Berkeley, California, in 1971.

As stated in the October 1971 edition of Ebony Magazine's article on Warren's historic election, *The Guard Changes in Berkeley*, "Widener . . . was a somewhat shy man . . . Somewhat enigmatic, Widener was, if there was such, a cautious radical, a man who according to one of his colleagues on the council, 'is really more of a liberal in that he seems temperamentally capable of lobbying and staying cool and working patiently with political opponents' . . ."

After his last term as mayor, Warren would again return to public service with his election to the fifth district of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in 1988, succeeding John George, the first African-American supervisor for Alameda County.

A modern day renaissance man, in addition to his political career, Mr. Widener also had an appreciation and respect for the arts community and served as President of the Berkeley Repertory Theater Board from 1985 until 1986.

On a personal note, I met him when I was a student during the early 70s; I admired and respected Warren's quiet strength, his bold leadership, and his commitment to our community. Warren Widener was a good friend and longtime supporter.

He was a man for all seasons who lived life to its fullest and made this a better world. As

a humanitarian, Warren's tireless and successful efforts to improve his community, especially to improve the lives of the homeless following the Loma Prieta earthquake, will be long remembered.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and a stalwart community member, Mr. Warren Widener. In addition to being a beloved husband, brother, father of three, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he was a respected colleague and dear friend. I offer my sincerest condolences to Warren Widener's extended group of loved ones and to all who benefited from his generous spirit over the course of his incredible life. Warren's legacy of compassion and concern for others will continue in the years to come. May his soul rest in peace.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the upcoming National Day of the Republic of China, which commemorates the October 10, 1911, uprising that led to the establishment of the Republic of China on January 1, 1912.

The Republic of China, also known as Taiwan, is a friend to the United States and also a substantial trading partner. Taiwan is the largest per capita importer of U.S. farm products, and in 2011 the country imported more than \$267 million in goods from my home state of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, this anniversary presents an opportunity to recognize Taiwan and her people for their commitment to democracy and economic freedom. In that same vein, it is my hope that ongoing trade talks between the U.S. and Taiwan, as part of the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement, will strengthen our friendship and economic partnership.

The close relationship our countries have should continue to grow through increased cultural and economic exchanges and I look forward to the mutual benefits enjoyed through a strengthened diplomatic bond.

HONORING ELAINE POMEROY MCKELLAR

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary individual and former member of my staff, Mrs. Elaine Pomeroy McKellar. Elaine recently retired after an exceptional 46 year career dedicated to serving others, with the last 8 years serving on my staff. We join together in praise of her remarkable contributions to the Bay Area and our great nation.

She was born Elaine Pomeroy on August 3, 1944 in Thomasville, Georgia, where parents were stationed during World War II. Following the war, she and her family moved to Valley City, North Dakota where she grew up with her three younger siblings Linda, Earl, and Glenn. She received her Bachelor of Science in Social Work from the University of North Dakota, and obtained her Masters in Social Work (MSW) at the Washington University in St. Louis.

Armed with her MSW, Mrs. McKellar eagerly headed to the San Francisco Bay Area determined to work in the progressive political climate and change-oriented environment. She met her husband, Larry McKellar, while out on the front lines advocating for fair wages and walking a picket line for the United Farm Workers. They have one son, Dominic McKellar, who works with his father in the family-owned courier business.

She started her career off in the 1970s at Catholic Social Services in San Francisco. She primarily worked on foster care services and with youth transitioning out of the foster care system. She later went to the Children's Home Society as the Coordinator of Emergency Foster Care Family and recruitment, a non-profit agency serving children and families through critical child welfare services.

In the late 1980s, Mrs. McKellar's career took her to Bay View Hunters Point Foundation, where she helped to implement elementary school mental health programs with her experience and expertise in social welfare. Following her experience at the Bay View Hunters Point Foundation, Mrs. McKellar

worked at the UCSF Medical Center at Mount Zion, through a Robert Wood Johnson grant, and provided critical mental health services to children victimized by domestic violence.

Then in 2005, Mrs. McKellar came to work in my Oakland District Office. While initially starting as a part-time caseworker, she quickly rose to become the Senior Caseworker managing the casework services. She had spent the last 8 years providing outstanding constituent services to the residents of the 13th Congressional District. Mrs. McKellar's experience as a social worker was an asset to my office, as her institutional knowledge and expertise in social welfare easily allowed her to work closely with federal agencies and handle sensitive situations with the upmost professionalism and ease. She was committed to ensuring that my constituents received timely responses from agencies, frequently going above and beyond what was required of her.

Mrs. McKellar worked closely with veterans and constituents with issues relating to Social Security and Medicare. Her many contributions to the office have not gone unnoticed. For 5 years, she was responsible for organizing An Artistic Discovery, an annual Congressional high school art competition aimed at encouraging students to express themselves through the arts. Mrs. McKellar worked tirelessly to build relationships with high school art teachers and community stakeholders, which helped to successfully grow the event. In 2012 and 2013, Mrs. McKellar worked closely with staff from Congresswoman Jackie Speier's office to host the Veterans' Fix-It Event, an event to address the backlog in veterans' claims and cases with the Oakland VA Regional Office.

Elaine is an exemplary example of a public servant. She demonstrates the highest ethical standards and truly embodies the social work codes of ethics in all aspects of her life.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, Elaine Pomeroy McKellar, I salute you. Your more than 40 years of experience committed to serving others has been unparalleled. We thank you for your service, and best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.