

In 2003, after 33 years of service, Pastor Pearls stepped down and the church elected Pastor Rickie L. Williams. Under his leadership, the church has continued to faithfully serve the West Oakland community through various outreach programs. Although the church was ravaged by fire in September 2013, the congregation bonded together and rebuilt the church on the same property to continue its ministry in the West Oakland community.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to Zion First Church of God in Christ on the celebration of its 100th year of worship. I wish Zion First Church of God in Christ many more years of authentic and compassionate service.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE RIVERA
AND HIS WINNING SUBMISSION
TO THE 2016 VETERANS DAY
ESSAY CONTEST FROM NEW
YORK'S 14TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the winner of the 2016 Veterans Day essay contest from New York's 14th Congressional District. George Rivera, a student from I.S. 61 in Corona, Queens submitted the winning essay on the topic, "What Veterans Day Means To Me." George's essay reads as follows:

Veteran's Day is a public holiday in the United States and it is celebrated on November 11th. On this day, we honor those who fought for our country and thank them for all they have done. The U.S. Armed Forces risk their lives every day for us. The Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and the Navy, all make up the United States Armed Forces. Taking time out of our day to honor them is the least that we can do compared to what they have done for us. This holiday is not only for those who served in our military, but also for the ones who are still serving today. Many people take for granted what they do for us; not only this, but some people even forget about them without realizing that without them, we probably would not have the freedom that we have today. These soldiers sacrifice so much for the people they don't even know; they leave their families to fight for our country. Many people enjoy their freedom without knowing that soldiers are dying behind the lines for them to keep their freedom and rights. All of the soldiers show love to our Nation through this big sacrifice.

There are U.S. soldiers located all around the world and I know they miss their families but continue fighting for us. My brother is currently serving in the U.S. Army. Right now he is in Guam which is an island near Japan. I know he misses us but he still strives to keep people from taking our freedom. Throughout U.S. history, many soldiers have lost their lives. In World War I, nearly 11 million military soldiers died, and in World War II even more soldiers died to save our world from tyranny; they wanted to keep the United States safe.

At least two soldiers, on average, die each day trying to fight for our country. Imagine, that is between 600 and 800 soldiers that die

every single year, leaving their families with tears. It is really not that hard to honor these men and women; all you can do is take a little time out of your day to visit a Veteran's nursing home and thank all the veterans there. Families worry every single day and hope that their sister, brother, son, daughter, mother, or fathers are okay.

On Veteran's Day, I honor my brother and all U.S. soldiers that are serving. My brother has made me grow as a person, many soldiers have to face struggles and sometimes they have to kill just to keep the rest of us safe. Would you kill someone to keep other people you don't know safe? Not everyone can be a soldier so we should thank and love the soldiers who keep us and our families safe. Without them, our lives would be completely different and probably more dangerous. Even the soldiers who are located in the United States on the borders should earn the same respect as the soldiers who fight in Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan. Every soldier has the same duty and mindset to keep danger away from the United States. That is what Veteran's Day means to me and I think all the soldiers who have served in the past and who are serving now deserve our respect and gratitude.

HONORING WILLIAM BYRON RUMFORD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of an outstanding member of the East Bay community, the Honorable William Byron Rumford.

He was born in Courtland, Arizona in 1915. As a child, he shined shoes, sold newspapers, and graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Phoenix in 1926. After finishing his studies at Sacramento Junior College in 1931, he earned his pharmacy degree at the University of California, San Francisco. After he graduated, he took a number of exams for employment and was discriminated against at every turn. He fought his way through by appealing his oral examination, ultimately becoming a member of the California Board of Pharmacy.

Mr. Rumford worked in the Bay Area as an assistant pharmacist and as a venereal disease investigator for the state. In 1942, he co-invested in a pharmacy on Sacramento Street in Berkeley, which he later purchased and renamed Rumford's Pharmacy (now known as the Rumford Clinic). Later, he served as the director of the Oakland chapter of the Red Cross, president of the East Bay Health Association, and was on the region's Democratic Central Committee.

Mr. Rumford went on to lead an impactful and significant political career, and ultimately became the first African American legislator from Northern California. Inspired by the disparities he witnessed in his pharmaceutical career, he joined the Berkeley Emergency Housing Committee in 1942 and the Berkeley Rent Board in 1944. In addition, he worked with the unofficial Berkeley Interracial Committee which was intended to ease tensions between the Black community of Berkeley and White Southerners who were moving in. He was also a member of the Appomattox Club, which was one of the first African American political orga-

nizations in the country; there was little hope for an African American candidate at that time, so the organization supported White candidates who they believed were right on political issues affecting the African American community.

Mr. Rumford did not seek to become a professional politician; instead, he was a neighborhood pharmacist who was passionate about addressing the biggest issues impacting his community. Eventually, Mr. Rumford ran for election in the California Assembly and won in 1949. At first he represented mostly African American areas of Oakland and a portion of South Berkeley. In 1960, however, the district was enlarged to include all of Berkeley and parts of Albany.

As an Assembly Member, Mr. Rumford produced several effective pieces of legislation. In 1949, he worked tirelessly to pass the Bill to end discrimination in the National Guard. He also introduced legislation early in his Assembly tenure pertaining to fair trade, small businesses, child polio immunizations, atomic energy conversion, and environmental pollution.

Today, Mr. Rumford is best remembered for three pieces of legislation: the California Fair Employment Practices Act of 1959, which lessened the impact of race on hiring decisions; the Good Samaritan Act of 1959, which garnered national attention as the first law in the country to protect professionals in emergency situations; and the law that bore his name: the Rumford Fair Housing Act of 1963, which failed to survive a referendum challenge, but was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States. This act served as California's main enforcement authority against race-based housing discrimination, by way of housing covenants, until the passage of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1968.

His tremendous legacy paved the way for civil rights legislation nationally, and has been beautifully honored by the William Byron Rumford Memorial Project. This project is led by a diverse group of community members who see the rapid changing of South Berkeley's demographics as a ripe time to honor his leadership, activism, and community, while preserving the neighborhood's history.

On a personal note, William was a trailblazer. Had it not been for him, I never would have been elected to the CA legislature. I owe him a debt of gratitude and I will be forever grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the legacy of the Honorable William Byron Rumford. His contributions have truly impacted countless lives through the East Bay area and the country. I join all of Mr. Rumford's loved ones and the community members involved in the William Byron Rumford Memorial Project in celebrating his incredible life and legacy.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF INNER CITY ADVISORS
FUND GOOD JOBS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 20th anniversary of ICA Fund Good Jobs. Today November 17th, 2016, ICA Fund Good

Jobs celebrates its many achievements in supporting small businesses and creating good jobs throughout the Bay Area.

ICA Fund Good Jobs was founded in 1996 as Oakland Advisors (later Inner City Advisors). Its mission is to create jobs for people with high barriers to employment, by helping entrepreneurs with consulting, education, and investment services. ICA focuses on high-growth small businesses in order to create accessible jobs that provide living wages, health benefits, and opportunities for advancement.

In 2013 ICA founded a partner organization called "Fund Good Jobs", which provides small businesses with capital investments and helps reduce the burden of relying on commercial lending for start-up businesses. In 2015 ICA and Fund Good Jobs combined their operations to become a comprehensive support structure for local businesses in the East Bay.

In its 20-year history, ICA Fund Good Jobs has worked with more than 500 companies to create more than 5,000 jobs and generate over \$65 million in local employee wealth.

ICA Fund Good Jobs is a certified Community Development Financial Institution, and has used its expertise and capital to support successful startups including Revolution Foods, Blue Bottle Coffee, and newer successes such as Firebrand Artisan Breads and Back to the Roots. These companies and others supported by ICA Fund Good Jobs have spurred economic growth throughout the East Bay, and are examples of the fulfillment of ICA Fund Good Job's mission.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate ICA Fund Good Jobs on 20 years of exemplary service as it continues to solve long-standing problems in new ways, and move the needle on some of the Bay Area's most challenging indicators of socioeconomic inequality. I wish ICA Fund Good Jobs well as it continues to work toward ensuring that every worker has access to a good job.

HONORING MRS. ETHEL MAE MOLO

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Ethel Mae Molo, who was affectionately known by family and friends as GG.

Mrs. Molo was born on October 27, 1914 in Homer, Louisiana. After graduating from McDonogh Thirty Five High School she attended and graduated from Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work.

After moving to California Ethel married Mr. Raymond Molo, she also had three beautiful children. Once in California she was given the opportunity to hold a position on the Kaiser shipyard as a Rosie the Riveter, helping to support the war efforts for World War II. She later continued her service at the Naval Air station working on aircrafts. After many years as a dispatcher, she retired from the Air Station.

Following her retirement Ethel was very active throughout her community. She worked with political leaders Ronald Dellums, Willie

Brown, and Don Peralta on projects in the Bay Area. On a national level she was an active member of the NAACP, for fifteen years she helped fundraise money for Fannie Lou Hamer and the voting rights act in Mississippi.

As a strong woman of faith Mrs. Molo worshiped at the Presbyterian Women of Faith East Oakland Fellowship Circle and was the secretary of her church.

All in all, Ethel was a woman of many colors. Her interests were diverse as were the many people she touched with her hard work and dedication to her community and those that were less fortunate than her.

Traveling, sewing, reading and cooking big meals for her friends and family were among her many hobbies. She spent her golden years reading, comfortably eating her favorite cookies, spending time with her family and watching her game shows.

She leaves to celebrate her life, her three loving children, Dovelyn Burbridge-Winbush, Gene Hennen, and Alfreda Gibson-Hampton. She also leaves six generations of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren along with her nieces and nephew.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes the legacy of Mrs. Ethel Mae Molo. Her contributions have truly impacted countless lives throughout the Bay Area. I join her loved ones in celebrating her incredible life and offer my most sincere condolences.

RECOGNIZING STEPHEN L. RITCHIE FOR RECEIVING THE AJC'S JUDGE LEARNED HAND HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a highly deserving recipient of the Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award, Stephen Ritchie. Presented by the American Jewish Committee (AJC), this honor is given to distinguished attorneys who have shown an exceptional commitment to justice, individual rights, and civic leadership.

To those who know Steve, it is no surprise that he is receiving this prestigious recognition. Steve has earned a reputation among his clients and within our community for excellence and leadership. Throughout the past decade, he has consistently been recognized as one of the best lawyers in America, all while showing remarkable dedication to his family and civic and charitable endeavors. Through his service to AJC Chicago, AIPAC's Illinois council, Teach for America, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Steve has made a true imprint on our community and our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to consider Steve a friend and congratulate him on receiving the Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award.

HONORING MS. PATRICIA MARIE JONES

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and invaluable service of Ms. Patricia Jones, who passed away August 5, 2016.

Patricia Marie Jones was born on September 3, 1944 in Vallejo, California to Booker T. and Mildred Jones. At a young age the family relocated back to its homeland of Heidelberg, Mississippi where Patricia graduated from Southside High School at the top of her class.

After her high school graduation Patricia moved back to the Bay Area and enrolled at Vallejo Junior college. Patricia earned her Associates Degree. Understanding the power of education, Patricia transferred to San Francisco State University where she would earn her Bachelor's Degree two years later in Journalism. She then enrolled at University of California, Berkeley and in 1973 earned her Master's Degree in City Planning.

Patricia had a distinguished career in public service that included local, state and federal service. She served in the city of Richmond as the city planner, the assistant to the City Manager for External Affairs and Assistant Director of Housing Development. She also served as a Board member of the East Bay Community Foundation. Most recently Patricia served as Assistant Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments, a regional planning agency representing nine cities in the Bay Area.

Patricia was committed to excellence known for her work ethic, integrity, creativity and fierce determination. She excelled at everything she did.

Patricia was also a world traveler and over the years had visited Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and Cuba. She lived a full life and inspired all those around her to do the same.

But no matter her accomplishments, Patricia always put family first; she always made time for them no matter the time of day or size of the problem. She leaves to honor her memory, brothers Terry and Kenneth Jones, along with her many nieces and nephews.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District remembers the extraordinary life of Ms. Patricia Jones. Her contributions have truly impacted countless lives throughout the Bay Area. I join her loved ones in celebrating her incredible life and offer my most sincere condolences.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of the Pacific School of Religion.

Founded in 1866, the Pacific School of Religion (formerly known as the Pacific Theological Seminary) was established to serve as