

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

“an institution of the people” and “a child of the churches” by preparing spiritually-rooted leaders through rigorous scholarship, practical training, and immersive footwork. Firmly cemented in the history of social justice in the United States, the school served as a building block for ongoing service including pastoral ministry, non-profit and civic leadership, and public policy.

In 1901, the school moved to its first Berkeley location near the University of California, Berkeley campus. By 1916, because of the school's new nondenominational status and the faculty's growing interest in the importance of the world's religions to the Christian faith, the name was changed to its current name: Pacific School of Religion.

During World War II, former President Arthur C. McGiffert and his colleague John C. Bennett voiced concerns of community members against Japanese internment camps, including the imprisonment of several seminarians. After the war, President McGiffert went on to remedy war-torn communities in both Europe and Asia through the establishment of the Post-War Rehabilitation School at PSR which trained students to minister to these communities.

Similarly, the school provided necessary leadership for other intuitions with similar goals to promote education and dialog in underrepresented communities. The school later formed the Graduate Theological Union, a daring experiment in ecumenical cooperation between Protestant and Catholic institutions. This development aimed to bridge Protestant and Catholic Studies and bring forth new fields of study in religion, such as LGBTQ and Gender Studies.

Over the years, the Pacific School of Religion has gathered some of our nation's leading voices of social change and theological writers, including Georgia Harkness who later became the first tenured woman professor at the school in the 1950s. Today, graduates are well recognized in their respective fields and are a leading force in promoting social justice and compassion based-practices around the world. Their leadership and commitment to theology and religious studies have been critical starting points to cultivating positive change throughout our nation.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Pacific School of Religion on this important milestone. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to its success over the years. I wish the faculty, students, and administration continued success in the years to come.

HONORING REV. DR. CHARLEY  
HAMES, JR.

**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 career and the service of Rev. Dr. Charley Hames, Jr., as he celebrates with friends, family, and his congregation 25 dedicated years of faithful service and ministry.

Dr. Hames was born to Charley Hames, Sr. and Leona Elizabeth Steadman-Hames on January 10, 1974, on the south side of Chicago, Illinois.

After completing high school, Dr. Hames went on to graduate from Chicago State University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in African-American studies. He would then go on to study at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois and in 2000 he earned his Masters of Divinity. In 2004, Rev. Hames earned and received his Doctor of Ministry degree in Evangelism from the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, Texas.

In 2003, Dr. Hames had obediently fulfilled his calling to serve as Senior Pastor of Beebe Memorial Cathedral (BMC) in Oakland. Dr. Hames has received many accolades including being named “Pastor of the Year” by the CME 9th Episcopal District.

A passionate fighter for the men of color in our communities, Dr. Hames was amongst a group of pastors and community leaders selected to meet at the White House in 2012 to discuss the killing of Trayvon Martin with President Barack Obama. He has also been a commentator on CNN to speak about the relationships between police and communities of color. He volunteers as chaplain of 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc., president of the National Action Network's Oakland chapter, Chairman of the Board of the Oakland African-American Chamber of Commerce and is a proud Life member of the Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, making him a true champion of our community.

Dr. Hames is married to Lady Michelle J. Gaskill-Hames who serves as a Senior Vice President with Kaiser Permanente. He is also the proud father of two sons, Charles Jonathon Hames, Elijah Immanuel Hames and daughter, Jael Deon Hames.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors the outstanding Rev. Dr. Charley Hames, Jr. His dedication and commitment to our local faith community has

impacted many lives throughout the district and the nation. I wish Dr. Hames many more years of faithful and compassionate service.

HONORING MR. MICHAEL  
DAVENPORT

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 22, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with my colleague, Congressman DESAULNIER to honor the extraordinary career and invaluable service to our community from Mr. Michael Davenport.

A native of Richmond, California, Michael attended Richmond public schools and graduated from Harry Ells High School, going on to study at Contra Costa College.

Michael began his career at Ford Motor Company in Richmond, where he worked as a train car unloader and later as an electric forklift mechanic. He also tried his hand in numerous trades, but ultimately found his passion when he began working in the security industry.

In 1996, Michael co-founded DP Security. The company initially operated out of his van, but he was able to grow and establish the company as a reputable business in the community. The company would eventually sign contracts with Richmond Sanitation, Chevron Richmond Refinery, Ford Assembly Building, and many others.

Since its inception, DP Security has employed 180 individuals, the majority of which have been residents of Richmond. Furthermore, Michael has been a civic leader, and has dedicated his life to influencing Richmond's youth by his active involvement in Richmond Little League's baseball organization, Salesian Boy's and Girl's Club, and the Richmond Black Firefighters Youth Academy. He has also been a longtime participant in the Smart Cookie Factory, donating supplies and bicycles to elementary school students.

He has also been a member of the Richmond Police Activities League board, a member of Richmond Main Street, an executive board member of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the president of the Kiwanis Club, and the president of the Black Men and Women political organization.

On behalf of the residents of California's 11th and 13th Congressional Districts, I would like to congratulate Michael Davenport on a well-deserved retirement.