EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BONNIE MILLER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bonnie Miller, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Bonnie Miller, a member of the board of directors of the Fair Oaks Community Center, conducted several fundraising efforts which resulted in the group being able to provide food for many people who would otherwise have gone without. She organized her community to make the Taft School a drug-free zone, and was a founding member of a coalition which developed the Taft/Healthy Start Family Center in 1995. She is the owner of a small business and has been active in the Women's Financial Information Program, a 7-week course that was designed to help women conquer their fear of finances. She has raised seven children and received the Unsung Hero Award from the Redwood City Interservice Club and the Sequoia Award for Outstanding Volunteerism.

Mr. Speaker, Bonnie Miller is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

HONORING BRADFORD MILLER FOR HIS AWARD OF HIGHEST HONOR FROM THE AMERICAN ROAD AND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bradford Miller for winning the American Road and Transportation Builders Association Award, the ARTBA's most prestigious award.

Mr. Miller is the current executive vice president of the Tennessee Road Builders Association [TRBA]. Under his leadership, the TRBA has grown to nearly 380 members and is one of the largest and most supportive chapters in ARTBA.

Since Mr. Miller has served as executive vice president, TRBA has passed significant legislation for our State's transportation system in the Tennessee General Assembly and has seen its highway construction program grow from $250 million to a record $540 million in 1996. Mr. Miller has developed close relationships with the Tennessee delegation, which prompted the passage of numerous pieces of legislation that have greatly benefited the highway, paving, and aggregate industries in Tennessee. He has been able to gain the support of the legislature for highway and ARTBA issues. In fact, Tennessee was one of the few and the largest State delegation where all the House Members voted in favor of removing the transportation trust funds from the unified Federal budget.

Mr. Miller, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, has led an active life, dedicated to leadership. Before becoming the association executive, he owned and operated a grading, base, paving and rock quarry company, an asphalt paving company, and two water, sewer, and gas line companies. He has served as chairman of the ARTBA Council of State Executives in 1990 and is an active member of the ARTBA bridges and structure committee.

Mr. Miller is a respected citizen in the community. He is married to June Miller, has four children and six grandchildren. He is a devoted family man and a devoted representative of TRBA and ARTBA. I congratulate him on his award and wish him the best of luck.

RECOGNIZING ARNOLD ARONSON

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 87th birthday of Arnold Aronson, an ardent crusader for civil rights. Arnold Aronson's distinguished career in civil rights transcends several generations including Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. Mr. Aronson, with Roy Wilkins launched the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization, an organization, which later became known as the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. This civil rights organization marched on Washington to protest intolerable race-based injustices and lobbied for greater civil rights protections for Black Americans. Arnold Aronson drafted a report assessing needs of Black Americans which later became the 1957 Civil Rights Act.

While at the helm of the Leadership Conference for the first 13 years of its origin, this champion of civil rights also was the program director of the National Jewish Community Relations. Throughout his activist career, Aronson allied the Jewish and Black communities in the struggle for civil rights. He is one of the original 10 organizers and leaders of the 1963 March on Washington. A tremendous amount of legislation was initiated under his direction at the Leadership Conference. Most notably included are the 1957 and 1964 Civil Rights Acts, the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

In the early days of the Leadership Conference, Mr. Aronson worked closely with my uncle, C.L. Dellums, and A. Phillip Randolph the legendary president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, to prompt President Roosevelt to issue an Executive order which barred discrimination on the basis of race, creed, or national origin in any war-related industries.

I proudly join with others to salute the efforts of Arnold Aronson to bring civility to the United States through positive action. To date Arnold Aronson is an active member of the Leadership Conference. Largely due to Mr. Aronson's perseverance and coalition building, today's Leadership Conference includes nearly 200 organizations and continues to confront all fronts of racial, religious, national origin, gender and sexual orientation bigotry and discriminations.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN MILLER OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, within every community, there are individuals who, through their acts of kindness and selflessness, touch many lives. Quite often, they are the silent leaders following a path that many others have traveled. Those who travel with them find prosperity at the end. One such leader is Jean Miller.

In April 1997, Ms. Miller will be retiring as president of the Southern Chester County, PA, Emergency Medical Services, Inc. For Ms. Miller, this marks the end of an impressive and rewarding career. She served 25 years in the Navy, including three tours as a surgical nurse during the Vietnam war. Ms. Miller was also an active member of the West Grove Fire Co. She has been admired by her colleagues for her skills in the operating room as well as the warmth she displayed in the recovery room.

Credited for improving ambulatory services in the Chester County community, Ms. Miller expanded the services to include routine ambulance transportation and emergency basic life support services. In addition, she was the guide for providing basic life support professional staff to local ambulance services, augmenting such services during daytime hours when volunteer help was limited.

On March 16, the citizens of Chester County will honor Jean Miller for a lifetime of unselfish service. As she receives accolades from the citizens present at this event, individuals across the country who were touched by Ms. Miller's caring hands will once again feel her touch as the last chapter of an illustrious career comes to an end.

As chairman of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, it is my honor to pay tribute to Ms. Miller on behalf of the 320 Fire Caucus members.