of organizations. Groups like 4-H and the Elk Creek Homemakers Club benefited greatly from Elna's participation. Elna also served as Secretary for the Garfield County Farm Bureau and sat on the Founders' Committee for the New Castle Recreation Center. An industrious woman, Elna was a farmer and rancher; she owned and operated Shady Court Trailer Park—raised ostriches, emus, and chinchillas—and wired her house and those in her neighborhood for electricity.

Mr. Speaker, Elna Mae Ryden was a talented and industrious woman. She gave liberally to her family, friends, and community. While Elna has passed on, her legacy will continue to live. I am honored to join with my colleagues in honoring Elna here today. My thoughts are with her family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING GERALD W. RAU

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Gerald W. Rau, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked honorably and diligently on behalf of our United States Veterans for thirty years.

Mr. Rau's significant service to others began in 1970, when he became a member of the United States Air Force. After four years of service to his country, Mr. Rau embarked on his career with the Veterans Administration as a Veterans Benefits Counselor.

Throughout his significant tenure with the VA, Mr. Rau forged solid and effective bonds with community leaders and agencies. Besides his role as Benefits Counselor, Mr. Rau's many roles included that of Educational Liaison, Outreach Contact for our homeless veterans, and for the past nine years, Congressional Liaison. In that capacity, Mr. Rau worked with diligence, heart and dedication—enabling my Congressional Staff to assist our veterans and their families when needed.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor, gratitude and recognition of Gerald W. Rau, for his exceptional work and advocacy on behalf of the veterans of our Cleveland Community. His compassion, integrity, expertise, and more importantly—his deep concern and compassion for helping others—has uplifted the lives of countless veterans and their families—and has fortified our entire community.

GUTIERREZ AFLAGUE ''LARRY'' LORENZO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a very dear friend, Mr. Gutierrez Aflague ''Larry'' Lorenzo, who passed away on September 24, 2003 at the age of 88 years.

Larry was an institution at Government House, the official residence of the Governor of Guam, serving as Chief Executive Chef during the terms of Governors Bill Daniels, Manuel F.L. Guerrero, Carlos G. Camacho, Ricardo J. Bordallo, and Paul M. Calvo. While working for these Chief Executives he served their First Ladies, including myself, not only as our chef, but as a friend, and as a teacher and advisor in the culinary arts. His long tenure at Government House was as much a credit to his recognized skills and talent with food as it was to his warm personality and winsome demeanor. Larry made everybody feel at home in Government House.

Larry's fine cuisine was sampled and eagerly savored by visiting dignitaries including several U.S. Presidents and Vice Presidents, Presidential Cabinet members, Members of Congress, and Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip of England and Pope John Paul II. As a true Chamorro, Larry understood the important role food plays in all social gatherings on Guam.

Larry did not start his life as a cook. At the age of 25, he joined the U.S. Merchant Marines and was assigned to Wake Island. In early 1941, he was transferred to Honolulu. When America liberated Guam Larry returned to his island home to work for Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Recognizing his aptitude for the culinary arts, Admiral Nimitz introduced Larry to a German Chef who trained the young Guamanian to master the art and science of food preparation and presentation.

In 1961, Larry was hired by Governor Bill Daniels and so began his twenty-five years of service to a succession of Governors, First Ladies and the people of Guam. In those years, he became well known for the quality of his cooking but he became most famous for his pastries. His attention to exquisite detail in his cakes often found people commenting that they thought the flowers on his cakes, especially the roses, looked real.

As First Lady, I knew Larry for eight years. During those years, I learned so much about Chamorro cooking—Larry was an advisor and mentor in the preparation of my Leblon Finatinas. In all official functions, Larry was ever present, advising, supervising and making sure that everything was just right. Larry was appreciated by everyone who knew him. To those of us who learned and worked closely with him, he will always have a special place in our hearts.

Adios Larry Si Yu'os Ma'ase para todos y un naane ham, para todos y un fanague ham. Adios, my friend.

TRIBUTE TO JOE HUBER OF STARLIGHT, INDIANA

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, to the people of southern Indiana, Joe Huber is well-known as both a restaurateur and farmer. To his friends and family, Joe is a loving father and husband, equally devoted to his community. Among the long list of Joe's noteworthy accomplishments, I would especially like to comment on his long and devoted leadership of the Harrison County local rural electric cooperative—Harrison REMC, where Joe has served on the Board of Directors since 1974.

As Joe prepares to retire from the cooperative board, I would like to share with my fellow colleagues in the House just a few of the many important contributions Joe has made to Indiana rural electrification over the past three decades.

Joe is a remarkably driven individual, always willing to jump into a cause wholeheartedly to ensure success. This legacy of dedication was evident the moment Joe decided to run for a seat on the REMC board. Going beyond the usual lobbying required of a board candidate, Joe actually packed school busses full of his friends, neighbors, and supporters from across the community, and transported them to the Harrison REMC board meeting to vote for him. And, to nobody's surprise—he won.

Since his election, Joe has been able to lend his foresight and influence to the co-op through a period of unprecedented expansion. Harrison REMC nearly tripled the number of electric meters during his tenure. To this day, the REMC's growth-and its sterling service to its customers-continues.

Like any other well-established organization that has climbed the ladder of success, the co-op has had its share of difficult moments. Yet, true to character, Joe displayed his resolve during these trying times by maintaining an open and optimistic mind, working hard to help the co-op find new solutions, new ways of thinking, and new promising directions to take as it continued to meet the needs of the community it served.

Just a few years ago, one of the worst scenarios for a rural electric utility struck Harrison County as a terrible ice storm swept through the region. Joe Huber decisively, and humbly, stepped to the fore to lead the effort to restore service throughout the county. He led crews among downed power lines and helped direct crews from outside the region navigate unfamiliar terrain in terrible conditions. He coordinated food and care for the hardworking crews so they could maintain a level of comfort while concentrating on the quick restoration of power.

Joe's leadership has extended well beyond Harrison REMC. He has served as a board member for the rural electric trade group Indiana Statewide, as well as having been on the board of directors of the Cooperative Finance Corporation—the influential national financial organization within the rural electric industry. Joe has been called upon by the National Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives to serve on blue ribbon panels, speak at seminars, and share his wisdom and insight with other representatives of rural utility companies from around the country.

Joe Huber has long been an individual of integrity, perseverance, and distinction in southern Indiana. He has always placed his family and his community first in his heart, and demonstrated to the people of southern Indiana his unwavering values through his actions.

As Joe ends his career on the board of Harrison REMC, it is fitting that we take these moments to congratulate him on his lifetime of hard work and good deeds, and recognize that he has established an enduring legacy in the realm of Indiana rural electric programs.