

imagination even further to realize that she achieved all of this while raising four children.

Within a few years of graduating from high school, Louise Bishop was named the "Youngest Voice in Radio," earned a degree from the American Foundation of Dramatic Arts, and later was awarded both an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Monrovia College and an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Eastern University. From the success of her own career, Louise has nurtured the careers of world-famous recording artists, including stars such as Aretha Franklin.

Called to the ministry early in life, Louise was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1978. A similar inspiration to benefit the community at large later led her to run for public office, and she was elected to the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives in 1988. The voting public already knew her for her good works as a broadcaster and a minister, and has not been disappointed by her record in office. In addition to her other roles, she is now a highly sought after public speaker, as admiration for her strength, character, and accomplishments has spread far and wide.

Today, Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to Louise Bishop upon her receipt of this award that she so richly deserves. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to recognize her for her many accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL LUSSIER

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Michael Lussier, the President and CEO of Webster First Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Webster, MA, on his recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). As a Member of the Financial Services Committee, I have enjoyed working with NAFCU to address the needs of our nation's federal credit unions. Mr. Lussier has been a vocal supporter of credit union issues at both the state and national levels and I know he will be an asset to the NAFCU Board.

Mr. Lussier's election to the NAFCU Board is just one more in a long list of accomplishments that has spanned his 19 years with credit unions. He has served as the Chairman, and is currently a Board Member, of the Massachusetts Share Insurance Corporation (MSIC). His illustrious experience further includes service as the Credit Union Ambassador for the United States for Australia and New Zealand and he is a former Director of the Credit Union League of Massachusetts Insurance Agency.

As the President and CEO of Webster First, Mr. Lussier has focused on ensuring his members receive helpful, personal service that caters to the needs of his members and their financial goals. Through his credit union, he is teaching kids necessary life skills by fostering a "Credit Union at School" program to teach

the importance of savings to elementary aged children.

Mr. Lussier's involvement to improve the lives of others can be further illustrated in his commitment to the American Red Cross where he presides as a local Board Member. He spearheaded an effort to build a much needed Red Cross facility in Worcester, MA, by coordinating area credit unions to donate funds to pay for the facility.

It is because of the good work of Mr. Lussier, and others like him, that the credit union movement enjoys the success it has today. Such service is the hallmark of the credit union movement and I wish him the best of luck in his new role as a member of the NAFCU Board of Directors and look forward to working with him in that role.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN ED ROYBAL

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mourn the passing and celebrate the life of former Congressman Ed Roybal, an individual who had an extraordinary and inspiring dedication to public service. Ed Roybal's fight for social justice and the rights of the underserved mark him as a true American patriot.

Congressman Roybal's lifelong commitment to public service began at the California Tuberculosis Association, where he eventually became the Director of Health Education. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and then returned to Southern California to found the Los Angeles Community Service Organization, an agency dedicated to mobilizing Los Angeles' Mexican-Americans against discrimination. He was the first Hispanic to serve on the Los Angeles City Council. Representative Roybal was also the first Hispanic from California to serve in the United States Congress in nearly one hundred years. During his 30 years of service, Representative Roybal sat on the Appropriations Committee and chaired the Treasury, Postal Service General Government Subcommittee.

Representative Roybal spent his career fighting for and protecting the rights of the underprivileged. Through his leadership in Los Angeles, he advocated for an end to discrimination against Mexican-Americans in housing, employment, and education. On the national level, Representative Roybal fought for funding for civil rights, health programs, and education initiatives. In 1967, he introduced and won approval for the first federal bilingual education law, which established English classes for migrant children and others. Representative Roybal was also one of the first members of Congress to press for HIV/AIDS research funding. In addition, he fought for the elderly, campaigning for funding for senior programs and successfully maintaining Meals on Wheels. In 1993, the retired congressman founded a non-profit agency dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of health and human services for older persons.

Representative Roybal will be remembered for his distinguished service and his remark-

able leadership in the fight for civil rights and justice. His work is a legacy that serves as an important example for all of us about the immense good that a dedicated and committed public servant can accomplish. I am proud to serve with Representative Roybal's daughter, Representative LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, who continues the legacy of her father with honor and distinction.

HONORING THE FRANK AND OCLLO BOYKIN HUNTING LODGE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Frank and Ocllo Boykin Hunting Lodge on the occasion of its 100th year.

Stories of Congressman Frank Boykin are certainly not unfamiliar to many in this chamber. For nearly three decades, spanning much of the Depression, World War II, the Korean War, and the space exploration and civil rights eras, Congressman Boykin tirelessly served as the representative of Alabama's First Congressional District.

During this time, "Mr. Frank" invited some of the most prominent government, military and business leaders to his hunting lodge in Washington County, Alabama. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the residents of southwest Alabama, ensuring that their needs and concerns were always heard and that their individual problems received the attention they deserved over the course of his 14 terms in the House of Representatives. To say that he loved the people of his district would be an understatement; even the sign at the Boykin Lodge underscored his very love of life... "Where everything is made for love."

Starting with his first year in Congress, Congressman Boykin would bring congressional colleagues and other officials to his hunting lodge on a chartered Pullman car. Guests of the Boykin Lodge included three different Speakers of the House and almost every Alabama governor during the congressman's career. The hunts are held a few days after Thanksgiving every year and are attended, even to this day, by local and statewide officials.

Stories of a Boykin hunt weekend almost always included hound dogs, barbecue, cold "adult beverages," a game or two of cards and shotguns. In addition to the hunting stories, the lodge also served as a place for colleagues to relax, enjoy being away from Washington, D.C., and to bond with one another. Many of the friendships fostered at the Boykin Lodge extended far beyond the boundaries of this rural part of Washington County.

It is my sincere hope that the Frank and Ocllo Boykin Hunting Lodge will continue to be such a source of relaxation, good fellowship and camaraderie for another 100 years, and I rise today to salute this proud family and the many contributions they have made toward the betterment of south Alabama.