

HONORING GUY WILLIAM KAY OF  
NAPA COUNTY

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Guy William Kay on the occasion of his recognition by the Napa Chapter of the Sierra Club with the Earl Thollander Environmental Award. Mr. Kay is being honored for his contributions to environmental causes in the Napa Valley, and I would like to add my voice to those applauding his work as a steward of our natural resources.

Mr. Kay was born in New York and grew up in New Jersey. He attended Penn State University where he studied botany while finding time to win an NCAA championship as a runner. After a stint as a medic with the United States Armed Forces in Korea, Mr. Kay went to work for the Nestle Company, where his ability quickly garnered a move into operations management. He transferred to the Napa Valley in 1972 to direct the operations of the Beringer Winery, then newly acquired by Nestle.

Mr. Kay has been active in the Napa community for many years, and this has continued beyond his retirement from Beringer in 1993. Having served two terms as President of the Napa Valley Vintners' Association and as a City Councilman for my hometown of St. Helena from 1978 through 1984, Guy Kay has maintained his civic commitment through his seat on the steering committee for the Napa County General Plan.

Mr. Speaker, balancing economic development and the desire to preserve unblemished, natural spaces is a quandary all too familiar for residents of the Napa Valley. Mr. Kay has been working for many years to address this through his participation in the Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa Valley. His vision and experience has been welcome as Napa County continues to develop. At the same time, he has channeled his love of bird watching into a project with the Audubon society surveying the activity of breeding birds, ensuring that their habitats are undisturbed.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate at this time that we thank Guy Kay for his contributions to the Napa Valley, and congratulate him on this recognition by the Sierra Club. His active participation in the life of Napa County is invaluable, and I know that he will continue to find roles from which to better our community.

**EXTENSION OF THE HIGHER  
EDUCATION ACT**

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, once again, I rise today to support an extension of the Higher Education Act, and to express my concern for the dangerous direction in which this Congress has taken our country's college students and our nation's valued higher education system.

We should be voting on a bill today that would make college more affordable and make a higher education attainable for Americans. Today, we are once again voting on the sixth HEA extension—which maintains the status quo—despite skyrocketing college costs and cuts to student financial aid earlier this year. Our students and higher education system will have to continue to wait for legislation improving college access and affordability. This Republican Congress has failed to make access to higher education or our global competitiveness a priority. This became clear to me and the families of my District when Republicans voted earlier this year to cut \$12 billion from the student loan program—the largest cuts in the history of federal student financial aid and is further evidenced by the failure to move HEA to the top of the agenda.

The only good news is in this extension. The good news is that the current law that will be extended today is better than the Republican bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, H.R. 609, which does nothing to make college more affordable for students—the expressed purpose of the Higher Education Act. In addition, this extension includes provisions that will make it easier for Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) to serve their students. I applaud these changes.

But more must be done for American students and their families. I support Democratic plans to provide substantive increases to the Pell Grant and to cut the student loan interest rates in half. As a cosponsor of the Reverse the Raid on Student Aid Act, I believe that Congress can be a better partner for students and families in making college more affordable. We must recommit federal resources to increase the purchasing power of the Pell Grant and to ensure student loans are affordable.

As I've stated in earlier extensions—today, this temporary extension is necessary, but I will continue to work to ensure that college students are not forced to bear the weight of this Republican Congress's irresponsible fiscal policies that have slashed student aid in order to pay for tax cuts that only benefit one percent of the nation's wealthiest.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. LOIS  
BAUMANN AND THE MAYWOOD  
FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION**

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, each year the Columbia College Arts, Entertainment of Media Management Department pays tribute to those who support, the business of culture with its Arts Entrepreneurship award. The Maywood Fine Arts Association has been a unique entity for many years which offers an environment where children can develop skills and appreciation for the arts.

To develop and sustain what is essentially a grassroots cultural and arts group is no easy task and yet Lois Baumann has been able to generate community support sufficient to keep this effort alive and on course. She and her family have worked day in and day out, they have scrubbed, patched and painted, to make the center a great place. They have given of

their own time, energy and resources to make this program and to make this center work. I commend Ms. Lois Baumann and her family for making the Maywood Fine Arts Association a real program for Maywood and its surrounding communities.

**RICHARD L. CEVOLI POST OFFICE**

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 28, 2006*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3187, a bill that would designate a post office located in East Greenwich, R.I., as the "Richard L. Cevoli Post Office." I thank my Rhode Island colleagues in the Senate for introducing this bill to honor U.S. Navy Commander Richard Cevoli, a life-long resident of East Greenwich who proudly served his country in World War II and the Korean War.

Richard Cevoli was born in East Greenwich, R.I. in 1919, and graduated from LaSalle Academy and Rhode Island State College, which is now the University of Rhode Island. In World War II, Commander Cevoli was awarded the prestigious Navy Cross for his bravery during the Battle of Leyte Gulf off the Philippines Coast in 1944. In addition to the Navy Cross, Commander Cevoli earned two Distinguished Flying Crosses and eight Air Medals during his active flying career. He was also inducted into the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame. Commander Cevoli died serving his country when his plane crashed during a training mission on January 18, 1955, leaving behind his wife, Grace, and three children, Steven, Carol, and Elizabeth.

I ask my colleagues to support S. 3187 so that all Rhode Islanders can be reminded of Commander Cevoli's duty to his country and his impressive accomplishments.

**OXI DAY SPEECH**

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 29, 2006*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Hellenic-Americans and Philhellenes in my district and throughout the country in celebrating "OXI Day (No Day)," which falls on the 28th of October. This year marks the 66th anniversary of a very important day in Hellenic history, the day on which brave Greek patriots said "No" to fascism, "No" to injustice, and "No" to slavery.

For those individuals who lived through that momentous period and their descendants, many of whom live in the 14th Congressional District of New York, "OXI Day" is more than a memory: it is the embodiment of Hellenism and its highest ideals.

On October 28, 1940, a terrifying sound went up throughout all Greek cities and towns, the sound of sirens and klaxons announcing the invasion of Greece by the Nazis. Walls that before had echoed only with the tolling of church bells now reverberated with the din of alarms.

At a time when Europe was descending into the inferno of another world war, the people of