recognition of the Unions' exemplary work in the Greater Cleveland Area.

Cleveland's UAW Local 1050 became a chartered member of the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America Union (UAW) 60 years ago this month. The UAW is one of North America's largest unions, representing workers from nearly all sectors of the economy. The UAW Local 1050 represents over eight-hundred employees of the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) Cleveland Work's Facility. The facility specializes in manufacturing large aerospace, small aerospace and car and truck wheels. A testament to the workers, the facility is thriving and even during times of economic hardship. The Union members work together to ensure each other's safety and collective success in the workplace. The UAW Local 1050 has numerous committees promoting community including a Veteran's Committee, Women's Committee, Recreational Committee and a Retiree's Committee.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the UAW local 1050 on the occasion of their 60th anniversary, and in recognition of the outstanding work of all of its members.

HONORING MARSHA AND GARY FORMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Marsha and Gary Forman have deeply involved themselves, both personally and through organizations, in helping their community and the people in it.

For 15 years Marsha has served on the Rockland Jewish Family Service Board. Further, she is Vice President of Community Development for RJFS, Chair of the Outreach Committee, and Co-Chair of the RJFS/ ARC Collaborative Project.

Gary has committed himself to the RJFS, sharing his talents and abilities for fundraising and in the creation and design of the Life Member Wall. Together they have sponsored the RJFS Sunday Social Respite Program for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and the Caregiver Support Group for families with children on the Autism spectrum.

Away from RJFS Marsha has been a school nurse at the Reuben Gittleman School for fourteen years, while Gary is a partner and Executive Vice President of HenschelSteinau. They are parents of Brian and Corrie.

They both have served on the Board of the Gittleman School with the middle school being renamed The Marsha and Gary Forman Middle School. Both serve with numerous community organizations.

I join with Rockland Jewish Family Service in honoring these two wonderful people in recognition of all the good works they have performed for their community.

TRIBUTE TO EDEN HOUSING

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Eden Housing's 40th Anniversary Celebration. Eden Housing, based in Hayward, California, was founded in 1968 by a dedicated group of volunteers committed to expanding housing opportunities for disadvantaged communities. This group of six community activists was concerned about the lack of non-discriminatory, affordable housing in Alameda County.

These pioneers, working out of makeshift ''headquarters,'' such as local coffee shops, were initiated into affordable housing development by rehabilitating six older homes in Oakland for first time homebuyers. Their next project was a much larger development, the 150-unit Josephine Lum Lodge for seniors in Hayward.

Since those pioneering days, Eden Housing has developed 5,072 units of affordable housing for low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities. Its buildings are located in 21 cities in six Northern California counties.

Although Eden Housing's initial home base for development was Alameda County, Eden's charter calls for the organization to work wherever there is a need for affordable housing in California.

In the mid-1990s, Eden expanded the scope of affordable housing development to include provisions of free onsite support services and programs for its residents. To design and implement its resident support services, Eden founded an affiliate, Eden Housing Resident Services, Inc.

I join the community in honoring all who have contributed to the success of Eden Housing. The community activists who provided the vision and leadership for the creation and early development of Eden Housing are noteworthy.

Eden Housing continues to revitalize California communities through its affordable housing development and property management activities, through the partnerships it establishes and the investments it makes in California neighborhoods and through the free social services and supportive programs they provide to meet the needs of their residents.

Happy 40th anniversary Eden Housing. I send you my best wishes for many more years of successful service.

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SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of my colleague and dear friend, United States Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, who left us far too soon.

STEPHANIE's fearless passion for social justice, unyielding commitment to improving the lives of her most vulnerable constituents, and limitless love for her family and friends, will forever resound throughout our Cleveland community and across our nation. Her professional achievements were many—her success as a county prosecutor, municipal judge, trial court judge and Congresswoman are well known, but it was her strength of character in the face of personal hardship, her dedication to and ability in helping others and her luminous zest for life that ran through everything she did. It is these attributes, framed by her hearty laugh and generous heart—that will forever be remembered.

STEPHANIE's life touched and inspired countless lives, young and old, and her energy and positivity knew no bounds—reaching from the block clubs of Cleveland, to the halls of Congress, across the country and around the world. Wherever she went, people were drawn to her quick smile, sharp intellect, easy going nature and passion for making the world a better place. The child of devoted, working class parents, STEPHANIE blazed a trail of possibility and hope for women everywhere, especially for African American women, when she made history upon being elected as the first African American woman from Ohio elected to Congress. STEPHANIE was not afraid to stand up against the tide—she was one of the Representatives to vote ''no'' to authorizing the use of force in Iraq—an action she believed to be a grave affront to the honor of United States veterans and the honorable service of our United States military women and men.

STEPHANIE's sage advice and ability to get to the heart of the matter was coveted by her family and wide circle of friends. Her warmth, friendship and loyalty inspired and strengthened the lives of many, including my own. People from all walks of life—from United States Senators to the cashier around the corner—called STEPHANIE ''friend'' and ''sister.''

STEPHANIE's most cherished roles were as wife and mother. Her unwavering devotion to her family was evidenced her entire life. Together, STEPHANIE and her late husband, Mervyn Jones Sr., raised their son, Mervyn, Jr., who was heart, soul and center of STEPHANIE's life.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of my dear friend and confidant, Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES. Our shared experiences—from our Cleveland childhood to standing together in the House of Representatives—was the foundation for a friendship that grew and strengthened over the past thirty years.

Her passing is a profound loss for all of us, and especially for her beloved son, Mervyn, yet her fiery spirit, love for her family and friends, and commitment to serving the most fragile of our society will be forever reflected in those who loved and knew her well—in Cleveland, Washington, and far beyond. The indomitable spirit, love for life and passion for social justice that defined my friend, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, will live on forever, through every friendship she ever forged and within everyone whose life was improved, inspired and lifted because of her, and she will be remembered always.