RECOGNIZING MIMI GARDNER GATES

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to offer special recognition of Mimi Gardner Gates on the occasion of her retirement as the Illsley Ball Nordstrom Director of the Seattle Art Museum. During her tenure, the Seattle Art Museum has become the premier art museum in the Pacific Northwest, distinguished by its splendid exhibitions and its commitment to the arts communities of our region. Under Mrs. Gates' leadership, the Seattle Art Museum has increased its endowment, its attendance, and its membership; it has diversified its board, staff, and audience; created a conservation department and studio; and added to its collections more than 6,500 works of art from a wide variety of cultures. And, thanks to Mimi Gates' vision and tireless effort, the Museum has created the Olympic Sculpture Park, a nationally and internationally acclaimed outdoor display that brings an exciting new dimension to Seattle's arts environment. Seattle and the entire Pacific Northwest region have benefited immeasurably from Mimi Gates' talent and dedication to public art, and I am privileged now to acknowledge her outstanding work and to thank her for her many years of exceptional service.

Mrs. Gates also has made considerable contributions to the arts in the classroom, and she has held leadership positions with several arts organizations. She served on the staff of the Yale University Art Gallery, where she currently is a member of the Governing Board, and is a fellow of the Yale Corporation. A past president of the Association of Art Museum Directors, she also chaired the Federal Indemnity panel at The National Endowment for the Arts, and served as a member of the Advisory Board of the Getty Leadership Institute. Mrs. Gates is also an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Art at the University of Washington, and she serves on the boards of directors of the Northwest African American Museum, the Greater Seattle YWCA, the Downtown Seattle Association, and Copper Canyon Press.

Madam Speaker, Mimi Gates has been an enormous asset to the Seattle arts and civic communities. The people of Seattle, including thousands of patrons, students, and professionals, are grateful for the guidance and leadership she has shown, and I join them in thanking Mrs. Gates for her service, and in wishing her the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, on March 11, 2009, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 121, concerning H. Res. 226, recognizing the plight of the Tibetan people on the 50th anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama being forced into exile and calling for a sustained multilateral effort to bring about a durable and peaceful solution to the Tibet issue. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted ''aye.''

On March 31, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 166, concerning H. Res. 296, providing for the consideration of the Senate Amendments to H.R. 1388. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted ''aye.''

On May 7, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 238, concerning H.R. 1728, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-predatory Lending Act. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted ''aye.''

On May 12, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 244, concerning H. Res. 413, supporting the goals and ideals of ''IEEE Engineering the Future'' Day on May 13, 2009, and for other purposes. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted ''aye.''

On May 14, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 260, concerning H.R. 2187, the amendment to the title of the 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted ''no.''

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAREER GEAR

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. NADLER of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Career Gear. In June of 2009, Career Gear is celebrating its 10th Anniversary by hosting its Capital PerSuit Awards Dinner in New York, NY.

Career Gear, a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in New York City in 1998 to promote the gainful employment and self-sufficiency of disadvantaged men who are actively seeking employment. The organization began with the goal of providing appropriate business clothing for those seeking jobs and has grown to provide services and resources that help clients retain employment and advance in the workplace.

Once employed, a client is encouraged to participate in an alumni program that is designed to provide peer support and networking opportunities to others in need. This program affects other non-employment issues like budgeting and financial management, emotional coping skills, as well as family and child support. All of these matters impact an individual's ability to remain employed.

Over the past 10 years, Career Gear has provided clients with assistance in starting a new chapter of their lives. The success over the past decade is evident by the fact that through the good work of Career Gear, 18,000 men have reentered the workforce with a renewed sense of confidence and have become self-sufficient members of their communities. It is for this attitude of empowerment that I rise today and commend Career Gear.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ROGER ANDERSON

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding citizen in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Roger Anderson is an individual who is dedicated to serving the public and has given much of his time and expertise in helping community groups achieve success.

Madam Speaker, there is no question that our citizens are the foundation of our country. From the earliest day of our nation's history, the men and women of the United States have worked to create opportunities that would provide a better life for future generations.

Roger Anderson has contributed to our community as a volunteer for various clubs and committees, as an educator, an advocate for non-profit organizations, and a public servant. Mr. Anderson served as a Bowling Green City Councilman from 1976–1980 and was a member of Bowling Green's Planning and Zoning, Public Lands, and Building Committees.

Roger Anderson has also held a leadership role in twelve different organizations including the Bowling Green Kiwanas Club, the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees, the WSOS Community Action Commission, and most recently, the League of Women Voters, where he was elected the first ever male president.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Roger Anderson. Mr. Anderson's selfless commitment and dedication to the betterment of his community have set an example for future generations to follow. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize the service of Roger Anderson.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 I was in a meeting and missed the vote on the Kirk amendment to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. Had I been present I would have voted ''yes'' on the Kirk Amendment No. 19 to H.R. 2410 (Rollcall 326).

ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR COMPANY

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize American Honda Motor Company—whose North American headquarters is located in my Congressional District—on the