

Manuel was active in the civil rights era. In 1982 he was instrumental in getting Copiah County redistricted. He won the 1983 election but it was taken from him. Manuel didn't get elected until 1985 as the first black Supervisor in Copiah County.

He is an active member of the Copiah County NAACP, the Copiah County Democratic Executive Committee, and is a Mason.

#### HONORING BETTY DAVIS

#### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 15, 2011*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for almost a half a century, Betty Davis—affectionately known as Miss Betty—has been serving the community at Queens University in Charlotte. Having been at Queens for nearly a third of the university's history, she's its longest serving employee, and everywhere you look, you can see Miss Betty's influence.

She began working at Queens in 1962 as a housekeeper in one of the residence halls. She then became a housemother, saying recently in an interview that the girls in her houses respected her because she respected them.

It's her respect for those around her that has made Miss Betty more than just a friendly face on the Queens University campus—she's someone that students, faculty and staff know they can turn to at any time.

In 1978, university President Dr. Billy O. Wireman took notice, and asked Miss Betty to be his personal assistant. She says that she became like family with Dr. Wireman. He presented her with the Honorary Alumna Award in 1988; she sat with his family at his funeral in 2005.

Close to starting her 50th year at Queens, Miss Betty has recently been named the doyenne of the Queens dining hall. When she's not caring for what she calls her "Queens children" during the school year, she's often spotted around Charlotte—whether shopping or walking around Freedom Park. She's a celebrity-type figure, and anywhere you go around town, you're sure to find someone who knows Miss Betty.

In an article recently published by the Queens University Magazine, Miss Betty recalls a piece of advice her friend and mentor Dr. Wireman once told her: "Gal, don't ever say no. Say you'll try your best." And that's exactly what Miss Betty has been doing for Queens University, her family and the Charlotte community for five decades. We appreciate her service to generations of Charlotteans, and look forward to many more years of her guiding influence.

#### HONORING MARY EVELYN ARNOLD OF SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 15, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, LYNN

WOOLSEY, to recognize Mary Evelyn Arnold, who has been named the City of Sonoma's 2011 Alcaldessa, or Honorary Mayor.

The title "Alcalde," or "Alcaldessa," when referring to a woman, is the Spanish word for "Mayor." During the Spanish colonial period in California, the Alcalde was the primary civil authority. In modern times in the City of Sonoma, it is an honorary title and the contemporary Alcalde or Alcaldessa presides over ceremonial events for the city.

Alcaldes and Alcaldessas are nominated by the community and are representative of individuals with a long record of volunteer work. Ms. Arnold is no exception to this rule.

At the top of the list of Ms. Arnold's volunteer passions is the library. She has served on both the Sonoma County Library Commission and as Chair of the Sonoma Valley Library Advisory Board.

She also serves as Treasurer and Chair of the Investment Committee at Vintage House, organizes the Wednesday cooking crew at Meals on Wheels, and bakes birthday cakes for the WillMar Center, which offers support and counseling for children and teens grieving the death of a loved one. Pets Lifeline (where she is the unofficial cat cuddler), Kiwanis Club of Sonoma Plaza and the AAUW Scholarship Committee round out her volunteer community activities.

Ms. Arnold is also very active in her church, serving on the Committee on Ministry of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ and serves as Vice Moderator of the First Congregational Church of Sonoma.

Ms. Arnold moved to Sonoma County in 1987 and was the co-owner of a specialty wine business and worked for the Wine Business Monthly and Wine Business Insider for several years, finishing her career with internet.com.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Evelyn Arnold is the quintessential volunteer, a dynamic and well respected member of the community. It is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge her today as the City of Sonoma's Alcaldessa for 2011.

#### IN MEMORY OF KATHY RADKE AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

#### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 15, 2011*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, along with my wife Cynthia, my sons George and Stephen, I rise today to join with the citizens of my hometown, Martinez, California, to mourn the death of our friend and neighbor Kathy Radke.

Kathy was a friend in the best sense of the word, and she was a neighbor in the largest sense of the word: she worried about us, inquired after us, and supported us as individuals and as families.

Kathy, along with her husband Ted, brought a vision of community that would be supportive of children, families, and our elderly. Hers was a vision that included environ-

mentally sound policies to make our city safer and our community a more enjoyable place to live.

Time and again she was successful in realizing this vision, as she moved through Martinez as a parent, as an elected official, as a volunteer, and as an organizer.

We were all shocked and saddened to learn of her serious illness last year and her passing last week. It's difficult to think of our town without Kathy's caring, her vision, and her drive.

Now along with Ted and her sons HT and Dylan, we will all have to work harder to maintain and grow the many gifts she left for us. We all are going to miss her and the strength of her spirit.

I know that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Kathy Radke, and expressing our condolences to her family and her many friends. I want to draw my colleagues' attention to an article in the Martinez News-Gazette about Kathy and her great legacy, and I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

[From the Martinez News-Gazette, Feb. 10, 2011]

KATHY RADKE: ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION,  
CIVIC LEADER, CHERISHED FRIEND TO MANY

(By Greta Mart)

The woman largely responsible for protecting Mt. Wanda from development, conserving the Franklin Hills as open space and galvanizing community support for Alhambra Creek died this week: Kathy Radke passed away on Monday from pancreatic cancer. She was 71.

During her two terms on the Martinez City Council, Radke focused on water quality issues and worked to bring cleaner water to Martinez residents. Later, the geriatric peer-counseling program she created became a model for others around the state. Another late career change saw her becoming licensed as a conservator, managing financial and health matters for elderly patients.

On Wednesday, her son Dylan Radke, currently the chair of the Parks, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission, spoke about his mother's life and touched on the many roles Kathy played in the civic life of Martinez.

Born in December of 1939 and raised in Chicago, Kathy was the middle of three sisters. Her father Otto ran a family beer distributing business, said Dylan, and she attended the Chicago Commercial High School, graduating at age 16.

For a few years Radke worked for the American Medical Association in Chicago and then New York City as an executive secretary until she volunteered for the newly-established Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps took her to rural Guatemala, where she taught nutrition and trade skills. When her stint was up, she moved to San Francisco and enrolled at San Francisco State to earn a B.A.

There she met Ted Radke, who was a fellow student and served as a teaching assistant for one of Kathy's classes.

The two were married and she dropped out when the pair moved to Martinez and had their first child, Harold Theodore III in 1969.

Asked the reason his parents chose Martinez, Dylan said it was a combination of his paternal grandparents living here and his father securing a job at what was then