Mr. Speaker, as The Commonwealth Medical College’s 2016 Scholarship Gala Service to Community Honoree, Mr. Rangel. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month to join the community of El Barrio, The Village of Harlem, the City of New York, and the Nation in commemorating an outstanding public servant and community leader, Mr. Robert “Bob” Sancho. Through his many years of service, Robert has spent nearly half a century tirelessly advocating for his community and uplifting many citizens.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF ALAN PERRY

Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, Mr. Delahunt, Mr. Nunes, and Mr. Valadao to recognize Mr. Alan “Al” Perry for his dedication and commitment to the veterans of California’s Central Valley. Mr. Perry, who has proudly served as the President of the Central Valley Honor Flight. As he embarks on his last trip to Washington, D.C., it is important that we recognize him for all his benevolent work and for ensuring that our Valley World War II and Korean War veterans are given the opportunity to take a final tour with honor.

Mr. Perry’s dedication to working with veterans stems from his own background as a Vietnam Era veteran. He served as an officer in the Army Medical Service Corps from 1971 through 1973. Mr. Perry has also worked for numerous Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers and has held different leadership positions within the VA. In 1998, Mr. Perry was appointed director of the Central California VA Medical Center. He was also a member of the Board of Veterans for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and served on the Board of Trustees for the Board of Veterans for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and served on the Board of Trustees for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and served on the Board of Trustees for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and served on the Board of Trustees for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. He has also been an advisor for the U.S. Army Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Currently, Robert serves as a Member of the Board of Trustees for the Center for Educational Innovation/Public Education Association, the Icahn Charter Schools, and the Multi-Cultural Committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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