

Daufuskie has lost one of its strongest spirits. But inasmuch as Daufuskie is a heavenly place for all who are called to its shores, I look forward to landing at the ultimate heavenly place that calls all of us one day home—and seeing him there. Dave will be more than just waiting for us. Perhaps on a shinier dozer, he will have cleared a path for islanders and non-islanders alike. He will be giving perhaps a touch too much direction and leadership—but this indeed is the Dave of Dave.

Until that reunion, Godspeed.

HONORING HARRIET SOL

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Congresswoman LOIS FRANKEL, rise today in memory of Harriet Sol, who passed away on November 20th. Her strength of character and her ever-outgoing and optimistic attitude is greatly missed by her loved ones and all who knew her.

From the man she met on a Northeast train who eventually became her husband to the many recipients of her charity work, Harriet made an impact on everyone she met.

Harriet never shied away from a new challenge to help others. Upon retirement, she and her husband Ed settled into life in Delray Beach, where her selfless efforts fundraising for the Andy Roddick Foundation for Children in Distress and for the local National Football League chapter charity earned her the “Volunteer of the Year” award at the Lakes of Delray.

As vice president of the United South County Democratic Club and an active volunteer for the Palm Beach County Democratic Club, Harriet was known as a passionate activist and outreach expert.

Harriet worked hard to better our community, and we have lost a great friend and mentor. It was an honor to have known her and to have represented her in the United States Congress.

HONORING CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHANCELLOR HELEN BENJAMIN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Congressmen MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCNERNEY, and ERIC SWALWELL, rise today to honor Helen Benjamin for her long commitment to the future of our youth and her belief in the power of education to improve our lives and our communities. Over the last 27 years,

Helen's leadership has been instrumental to the vibrant academic culture of the Contra Costa Community College District, spending the past twelve years as Chancellor.

Helen was born in the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, and attended Bishop College in Texas and earned her Master's and doctoral degrees from Texas Woman's University. Helen began her professional career as a public school teacher before taking a position at a four-year institution and moving to a community college. Helen joined the Contra Costa Community College District in the early 1990s as the Los Medanos College Dean of Language Arts and Humanistic Studies and Related Occupations. She also participated in the inaugural class of the League for Innovation in the Community College's Expanding Leadership Diversity program.

Helen has held several positions within the district over the years, including President of Contra Costa Community College, before becoming Chancellor in 2005. She leaves behind a legacy of passionate advocacy for higher education, cultural diversity, professional development, and expanding opportunities for the students and faculty at the district's three main campuses of Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College, and Contra Costa College. Helen has also been a guiding force in the expansion of the college district with a new campus in San Ramon and the consideration of a new campus in Brentwood.

Helen is highly respected throughout the Bay Area and beyond as an inspiring public servant. I, along with Congressmen MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCNERNEY, and ERIC SWALWELL, wish Helen and her family well in her retirement and thank her for her years of dedicated service to those seeking to improve their lives through education.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ESPERANZA WORLEY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the deep and selfless commitment of a public servant who holds a special place in my heart. 2016 will mark the final year that Esperanza Worley works in my District office. We share that, a deep love for Dallas. I have known her since before I was elected into office, and she has worked on our team every single day of my Congressional career. Though my team and the constituents of Texas' 30th District will lose an exceptional and caring advocate, they will gain a friend who will be rightfully enjoying some much-deserved retirement.

Her attention to detail and warm demeanor have made her an excellent congressional staffer, but an even better friend to all of us. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the selfless

dedication Esperanza Worley has given to the people she has worked with and for in Dallas and beyond. For this she deserves our utmost respect, admiration, and praise—though her humility will likely not allow her to accept it. But more than anything, I want to show how much we like her, and wish her the best.

ANNE OTTERSON

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, San Diego recently lost a giant presence in our community with the passing of Anne Otterson.

Anne was a beloved part of San Diego, and she concentrated so much of her life to giving back. Through her work as an activist and philanthropist with Project Concern International (PCI) and the University of California San Diego, she left behind an enormous impact on the community.

A former Fulbright scholar, she was very quick and intelligent, but in a way that was inclusive and encouraging of those around her. Anne had an ability to bring people in. She was always listening and wanted to learn about other people's experiences.

She had a dedication to helping her community and used her resources and talents to do just that. Anne was a celebrated chef and teacher at the local culinary school Perfect Pan School of Cooking. She took that passion to the next level and used it for the good of others by establishing the annual Celebrity Chefs Cook Gala in 1981—this event has gone on for decades and has raised over \$9 million for cancer research and care at UCSD's Moores Cancer Centers.

Anne had a wonderful sense of humor, she was engaging, and had a presence that made people feel good. People just liked being around her.

I was lucky enough to have spent time with Anne, and what always struck me about her was her strong sense of service. Her genuine interest was advancing PCI's mission: spreading women's empowerment, democracy and creating opportunity.

Of all her many accomplishments, Anne considered her children and grandchildren to be her greatest achievements. She leaves behind a proud legacy.

I also love what she described as her philosophy of life—I think it spells out the way she saw the world and how we can all learn from her. Anne said, “Laugh at yourself, be curious and care about others, and listen to the world about you—whether it is the babbling brook, the melodious sounds of a flute, or the plaintive cry of oppressed people.”

These are the words that Anne Otterson lived by and they are an inspiration that lives on.