

evolved into a base of economic security for young and old alike. Although the original program provided just old-age insurance benefits, monthly Social Security benefits now keep about 12 million elderly people out of poverty.

Of the nearly 43 million people receiving monthly benefits, 12.4 million are children, spouses, widows, and widowers who receive benefits because a worker in their family became disabled or died. Benefits also are paid every month to 4 million disabled workers.

Social Security is an integral part of American life. It is an essential element of the nation's economic well-being. Social Security addresses these uncertainties well-being. Social Security addresses these uncertainties brought about by death, disability, and old age. It continues to fulfill its historic commitment to serving the American people in a caring, effective way.

The North Broad Street office of Social Security has contributed greatly to the lives of Philadelphia's seniors, and I am proud to commemorate August 16, 1995 as Social Security Day.

MATTHEW ADAMS, JR. HONORED  
FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY  
AND CHURCH

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 1995*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Matthew Adams, Jr., who is celebrating 26 years in the ministry and 11 years of service as pastor of Grace United Methodist Church.

Dr. Adams began his service with the ministry in 1969, when he joined the Metropolitan Community Methodist Church. During his tenure there, he served as community developer and was also the youth minister. In 1977, Dr. Adams became pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in New Rochelle, NY. His impact on the community was tremendous, as he wasted no time in starting a children's choir, a gospel choir, an inspirational choir, and a prison ministry. Under his inspirational leadership the church building was also beautifully renovated and restored.

It was in 1984 that Dr. Adams became pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in New York. When he first arrived at Grace UMC he was entering a despondent community that had just lost their church building to a tragic fire. Dr. Adams helped rebuild not only a new church, but also strengthened the ministry's faith and spirit. After sharing space with Trinity Lutheran Church, Dr. Adams and the congregation proudly entered their new church on December 22, 1991.

During the last 11 years, Dr. Adams' brand of urban ministry has helped Grace UMC reach further out into the surrounding community. Under his outreach programs, the ministry has organized a children's choir, a Christian Academy, and a program called, God's People With A Purpose, which provides assistance and food for the homeless and needy.

In recognition for his outstanding service to the community, Dr. Adams has received several awards, including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award. He has also received the Ted Weiss Community Service

Award in recognition of his distinguished leadership of Grace United Methodist Church for his contributions to the Upper West Side Community.

In addition to being a gifted minister and community activist, Dr. Adams is also a devoted family man. The support and love of his wife Anzetta King Adams and two wonderful children, Martin Luther and Tammi Marie give Dr. Adams the inspiration he needs to bring joy and happiness to his congregation day in and day out.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Dr. Matthew Adams on his 26 years of faithful service in the ministry. In addition, I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing him continued success as pastor of Grace United Methodist Church.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S  
SUFFRAGE

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 4, 1995*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 75th anniversary of the enactment of the 19th amendment by paying tribute to some very important women's organizations that not only worked to get women the right to vote 75 years ago, but that continue to be leaders in enabling women to fully participate in the political process. There are numerous organizations in California's Marin and Sonoma Counties that deserve recognition as we celebrate this Diamond Jubilee of Women's Suffrage. Their work spans many decades of service to our community.

The League of Women Voters is one such group, leading the way for the past 75 years. In the 6th congressional district, we are fortunate to have two active and longstanding chapters—with the League of Marin County serving the community for 59 years, and the League of Sonoma for 42 years. I want to express my gratitude to these two remarkable leagues for their significant contributions to the political and cultural well-being of our local community. They truly reflect the vision of the suffrage movement and work to inform and engage women fully in the democratic process.

Even though securing the vote for women was a major breakthrough, the work of numerous individuals and groups continue the pursuit of women's rights and equality. In the congressional district that I am privileged to represent, there are two Commissions on the Status of Women, which were initiated in 1974 with the Marin County Commission, and then in 1975 when the Sonoma County Commission began. The Sonoma Commission is celebrating its 20th anniversary on August 26, 1995, which is also the 75th anniversary of women's suffrage, with a special event to signify the connection between the past and present effort for women's equality.

Mr. Speaker, this is of particular note to me because I was privileged to serve for 4 years as a commissioner during the formative stages of the Sonoma County Commission. Over these 20 years, 126 women have served as commissioners who have provided the vision and energy for numerous worthwhile projects including: creating the Women of Color

Humanitarian Award, publishing the Women's Health Directory, sponsoring Domestic Violence Awareness Month, establishing a County Affirmative Action Officer, and initiating a Community Task Force on Violence Against Women. I congratulate the commission for their ongoing commitment to the women and children of Sonoma County and know that they will continue to challenge all of us to build a society that respects the rights and dignity of every person.

One of the commission's more notable projects, which eventually became a national movement, was the countywide declaration of Women's History Week in 1978, and then Women's History Month in 1979. The commissioners recognized that until women are put back into our history, and our children learn about women's contributions to society, there can be no true recognition and appreciation of women's equality. In 1981, Congress declared the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress designated March as National Women's History Month and used the exact wording from Sonoma County's declaration 8 years earlier.

I salute the National Women's History Project, incorporated in 1980 and still located in Sonoma County, for their continued leadership across this Nation. In particular, they encourage our schools to put women back into history so our children can learn the whole story. It gives me a great sense of pride that the 6th congressional district has been leaders in our national commitment to improve the quality of life for girls and women, and thereby our entire communities.

Raising the public's consciousness of important issues, and working toward solutions for society's problems, requires the dedication of numerous women's organizations that have multiplied in recent years. The National Women's Political Caucus [NWPC], the National Organization of Women [NOW], the National Abortion Rights Action League [NARAL], the National Federation of Business and Professional Women [BPW], and the Soroptimist Club are all excellent examples of the work that women are doing all over our country to improve the lives of us all. I am extremely proud to have active affiliates and members of these organizations in the 6th congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to give special recognition to a group of women who have been a positive force in our community long before any of the aforementioned groups. The Petaluma Women's Club formed in 1895, when this region was developing into a major agricultural region. This amazing group of women has not only been an essential support base for one another but their positive influence has been felt throughout our community for a century. I know that they will continue this legacy for years to come.

I commend all the individuals and organizations who have participated in the shaping of our country, and continue to make major contributions to this Nation. It has been an honor to work with them, and I look forward to continue working closely with them in the years ahead.