

by and he shared them with Sailors. We will long remember Admiral Boorda for many great achievements. But I pray today we also remember the details.

He didn't just shake a Sailor's hand, he gripped and held it, and drew energy from the encounter even as he left the Sailor an indelible, life-long, memory of a moment with their CNO.

When the boatswain was finished piping, he always walked back through, shaking hands, patting shoulders, even exchanging high fives and tousling the hair of the rainbow sideboys who lined his arrival at every ship we visited at sea.

He answered the same question as thoroughly and patiently at the end of the day as he did at the break of dawn, seven ship's and seven helo rides earlier.

At each stop listening, really listening.

Making and keeping promises.

Standing on a destroyer flight deck, arm around a troubled Sailor, personally and privately, counseling him—then worrying later and directing follow up.

Making everyone feel special.

His schedule was so full, but he invariably found the time for one more Sailor; never, ever, saying no.

He was and is and will always be my HERO!

It is rare and special when your Hero is also your friend!

Steinbeck wrote once of a fictional hero:

"This man drives himself and is driven. It is impossible to see how he can do so much, can cover so much ground, can work so hard and be so effective. There's a man. There is really a man."

Of Admiral Boorda, we all exclaim today, "There was a Sailor. There really was a Sailor . . ."

Shipmates, a lot of work is well begun, and in the Boorda way of doing business "well begun is half done."

Our charge today is clear:

Carry on.

Lead with zeal, serve with pride, learn about and honor our heritage . . . and that will be the Admiral Boorda legacy and the only really fitting memorial and with it will come the strength to carry on.

God Bless you, Admiral Boorda. We love you and will forever miss you.

Will you join me now in the responsive reading of the Psalm.

CAROLYN THOMPSON-WALLACE  
AND MILTON HARRISON, COMMUNITY SERVANTS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two outstanding individuals who are both being honored by the Rotary Club of Newark, NJ at its Persons of the Year award ceremony. Mrs. Carolyn B. Thompson-Wallace and Mr. Milton L. Harrison have dedicated many years of their lives to help make the quality of life of young people better.

Carolyn Thompson-Wallace has been the administrator and executive director of the International Youth Organization [IYO] since its founding in the 1970's. The IYO has been acclaimed as one of the premier juvenile delinquency prevention programs in New Jersey. During the first 14 years of the organization, Carolyn faithfully volunteered her time and spent up to 18 hours a day playing a variety

of roles. In her role as administrator and executive director, she appeared on the CBS-TV documentary, "Crisis in Black America," and has even testified before Congress on family, social, and economic issues.

Since 1992, Milton Harrison has led the Newark YMCA from a state of virtual collapse to the restored and thriving institution it is today. Under his able leadership, the Newark Y membership has increased over 50 percent, and it enjoys a thoroughly revamped program with new equipment and renovated facilities. After embarking on a variety of career paths, from working at the Minneapolis Metropolitan YMCA to owning and operating his own company, Milton returned to the YMCA organization and later came to head the Newark Y.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues will join me in honoring these two extraordinary individuals. They have devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the youths of our community. It is wonderful that they are being commended by the Rotary Club of Newark.

#### INTRODUCTION OF WOMEN'S PENSION EQUITY ACT

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation today entitled the Women's Pension Equity Act. Sixty percent of seniors are women, but make up 75 percent of the elderly poor. Women are far more likely than men to live out their elderly life in poverty, making their older years anything but golden. According to the Department of Labor, only 37 percent of the women in Oregon and the west coast participate in a pension plan—one of the worst rates in the Nation. We need to take steps to ensure our senior women have the economic security they deserve.

It is clear that elderly women in America need our help. Women live longer than men, and there are 5 times as many widows as widowers over the age 40. In the last 20 years, the number of women over the age of 45 who are divorced has risen dramatically. Twenty percent of older women have no other source of income than Social Security. I would like to point out to my colleagues a striking fact: elderly women are twice as likely as men to be poor.

The need for these pension reforms is clear. Twenty-four million working women, nearly two out of three working women, do not have pensions plans. According to AARP, only 23 percent of divorced women over age 62 had pension plan coverage of any sort. Nearly 50 percent of married private pension recipients have a plan which will not continue to pay benefits in the event of their spouse's death. These cracks in our safety net have wreaked economic havoc upon our Nation's elderly women, often forcing them into poverty.

The legislation I am introducing to the House today will correct these inequities and ensure economic security for elderly women. My legislation is modeled on a bill introduced by Senator CAROL MOSELY-BRAUN, and will reform pension law in America to help protect senior women. First, it will make much-needed improvements in private pension law to help

protect women in divorce proceedings and simplify spousal consent rules for survivor annuities. It will make important changes to improve pension coverage for widows or divorced widows under the Federal Civil Service Retirement System as well as the Military Retirement System. Last, this legislation would improve coverage for divorced women under the Railroad Retirement Board.

Mr. Speaker, we must reverse the status quo which dictates that if you are old and a woman, you are poor. This legislation is about reforming the pension system to protect the economic security of our elderly women. Women who have worked hard their entire life serving their families, careers, and communities deserve no less.

I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation and work for its swift passage in the House.

#### 4TH ANNUAL ELIZABETH WATERFRONT FESTIVAL, A PROUD HISPANIC TRADITION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a much anticipated rite of spring for the residents of my district, the annual Elizabeth Waterfront Festival. This 3-day cultural celebration will take place May 25 to 27, 1996, along the newly renovated Veterans Memorial Waterfront Park in the city of Elizabeth.

This weekend's festivities acknowledge the tremendous contributions of the Hispanic community to the fabric of the lives of the people of Elizabeth. The Elizabeth Waterfront Festival is a showcase for the rich cultural traditions that Hispanics have brought to the city and the Nation. There will be exhibitions including art work, music, and dance to represent the cultural mosaic of Elizabeth. The festival will also include a wide range of Hispanic foods.

While the Elizabeth Waterfront Festival celebrates the diversity that exists within the Hispanic community, it also recognizes the role business can play in helping a proud people achieve their true potential. The success of the festival itself is a testament to the impact public-private partnerships can have on a community. In cooperation with the city of Elizabeth, sponsors of the festival include such nationally known companies as Anheuser-Busch, AT&T, Bustelo Coffee, Chivas Regal, and Pepsi Cola. Local sponsors of the festival include the Elizabeth Center at 13A, Twin City Supermarkets, radio stations Mega 97.9 FM and Suave 93.1 FM, Telemundo 47, TKR Cable of Elizabeth, and Noticias del Mundo. This important event is being produced by Melly Mell Productions.

The Elizabeth Waterfront Festival is not only an observance of the cultural and economic role played by the Hispanic community in Elizabeth, but also a showcase for all the city has to offer. As a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources, I am gratified to know the festival will take place on the waterfront, an underutilized resource. The city of Elizabeth's strategic location on New Jersey's coastline makes it a preferred destination for ships carrying goods from all over the world.