

276th Infantry Regiment in the European Theater of Operations for 16 months. During combat, he worked the front lines administering medical treatment to the wounded and performing emergency surgeries. Mr. Berrera carried out his many duties with exemplary courage.

On March 20, 1945, Mr. Barrera was injured and received 2nd degree burns to his eyes from a mine explosion. On April 15, 1946, Joe returned to the United States receiving his Honorable Discharge on May 8, 1946.

Upon return to civilian life, Mr. Barrera owned and operated the Metro Barbershop in Los Angeles near Cal State L.A. from 1948 to 1989, and he and his wife raised four wonderful children. His two daughters, Kathy and Carol, are both happily married and have successful lives. His son John is a Foreman in the Los Angeles County Fire Department. His other son, Joseph, who passed away in 1992, had been employed by Northrop Grumman constructing Stealth Bombers.

After 41 years of running his own business, Joe retired to enjoy a well-deserved leisure life. Today, he continues to be a happy and modest man surrounded by a wonderful family and many friends.

I would like to urge all my House colleagues to join me today in recognition of Mr. Joe Barrera's remarkable service and contribution to our Nation and to offer our personal congratulations as he receives his Purple Heart Medal this Veterans' Day.

FOR THE RELIEF OF PERSIAN
GULF EVACUEES

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of a bill that unanimously passed the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims and our Full committee. This private relief bill on behalf of 54 families and individuals seeking permanent resident status in the United States has much merit.

These families, known as Persian Gulf evacuees, have lived and worked in this country being evacuated out of Kuwait, at the behest of the United States government, just prior to U.S. Military Intervention in the Iraqi invasion of that country.

Many of these individuals, by order of then President Bush, were evacuated to keep them out of harms way when the United States intervened militarily in Kuwait, and hid them in their homes against Iraqi retaliation. Once here, the majority of the 2,000 evacuees adjusted their own status, often through asylum procedures. These 54 families remained in limbo, facing deportation and loss of work permits in the United States.

The Persian Gulf evacuees, are well educated, English speaking, mostly professional individuals perfectly capable of working and supporting themselves here in the United States without becoming wards of any State in which they have settled.

This action is good for this Congress and for America, and I support its passage.

PUERTO RICO STATUS PLAN

HON. JOSE E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4475, the FY 2001 Department of Transportation appropriations bill, includes provisions which I support that will promote informed self-determination for Puerto Rico. It is historic that Congress has authorized the President to cooperate with the Elections Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to develop a legally valid and politically realistic program to support political status resolution for Puerto Rico. However, it was necessary to ensure that Congress can review the program plan before funding can be expended. Given the powers vested in Congress to determine the ultimate status of Puerto Rico based on a legitimate process of self-determination, the process of Congressional review contemplated by this legislation is entirely fitting and critical to a successful status resolution program.

MR. LUIS P. VILLARREAL

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate Luis P. Villarreal, who received the 2000 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring for his work in developing science education and research programs to assist minority students at the high school and university level. Mr. Villarreal is a professor of molecular biology and biochemistry at the University of California, Irvin (UCI). He was selected as one of ten individual recipients to receive this prestigious award.

Mr. Villarreal began his academic career when he enrolled in a community college to become a medical technologist. Encouraged to continue his education, he went on to complete a four year degree in chemistry and then entered graduate school. As a researcher in biology, Mr. Villarreal is currently doing research on the connection between cervical cancer and viruses. He also manages a million-dollar annual budget for the minority science program at UCI.

One of his greatest accomplishments is to help struggling students achieve success in college, and to encourage them to become scientists. One of his students remarked that he is relaxed, but brilliant and very funny. Through his mentoring program, Mr. Villarreal has guided many under-represented students into the sciences. These students participate in a rigorous academic and research training program that is mentored by faculty members. The program includes paid internships, tutoring, academic advising, faculty seminars and participation at national conferences.

I ask my colleagues to please join with me as we honor Mr. Luis P. Villarreal for his outstanding academic and educational achievements.

HONORING MR. GARTH GARDNER

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today and honor Mr. Garth Gardner, an extraordinary American Citizen who served our Nation with honor and bravery during World War II. On November 11, 2000, this Veterans Day, I will proudly present the Purple Heart Medal to Mr. Gardner for his acts of bravery during WWII.

Mr. Garth Gardner was born on September 25, 1922 in Carbon County, Utah. He graduated from Carbon County High School in 1940 and attended Carbon County Jr. College for two years. At the age of 19, Mr. Gardner enlisted as a cadet in the U.S. Army Air Force. On March 27, 1945, Mr. Gardner departed to New Guinea, where he flew 29 missions against the enemy in a B-24 liberator with a crew of 10 servicemen.

Following his return to the United States, Mr. Gardner was married to Mary Ponti on December 30, 1945. In 1948, Garth graduated from USC, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Following his graduation, Garth bought a house in Pico Rivera where he and his wife raised their three sons. Mr. Gardner worked for the County of Los Angeles Flood Control District for 25 years and upon retiring from the County in 1976, became a California Probate Referee—a position he has held for the last 26 years.

In March 2001, he will retire from the Pico Rivera City Council after 29 years of service. He has served 8 terms, including his final term, as Mayor. One of his major accomplishments is completing the flood control project, which began in 1991 and will be completed in 2001. This important project begins at the Pacific Ocean and extends 26 miles to the Whittier Narrows Dam and costs \$250 million.

Mr. Gardner will always remain active in his community and continue a life of service. I would like to urge all my House colleagues to join me today in recognition of Mr. Garth Gardner's remarkable service and contribution to our Nation and to offer our personal congratulations as he receives his Purple Heart Medal this Veterans' Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. DOMINICK
CONDO AND DR. SALVATORE
LAPILUSA, "2000 MEN OF THE
YEAR"

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Dominick Condo and Dr. Salvatore LaPilusa, who are being honored by the Sicilian Citizens Club as "2000 Men of the Year" at the 73rd annual dinner-dance celebration.

On Saturday, October 28th, two of New Jersey's most talented and dedicated physicians will be honored for their contributions to medicine, to the health of the residents of the City of Bayonne, and to philanthropic causes.

Dr. Dominick Condo, whose parents, Domenico and Rosa Condo immigrated from

Calabria, Italy, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on August 13, 1954. Dr. Condo was raised in Bayonne, New Jersey, where he practices medicine today. In 1975, he received his B.A. from St. Peter's College; studied medicine at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico, graduating in 1980; and performed his medical internship and residency at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey.

Dr. Condo is an attending physician of internal medicine at Bayonne Hospital in New Jersey. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the American College of Geriatrics. Dr. Condo was named the Hudson County Physician of the Year in 1994, and was recently named one of the 100 Best Doctors in the New York Metropolitan area in New York Magazine (7/99).

Dr. Salvatore LaPilusa, the son of Sicilian immigrants, was born in Bayonne, New Jersey. He received his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and his medical degree from Loyola Medical School in Chicago. Dr. LaPilusa received his orthopedic training at New Jersey Medical Center and Iowa University. After serving in the Korean War, he returned to America to start his own practice, and was certified with the American Board of Orthopedics.

Dr. LaPilusa was married to Lorraine McNally, a nurse at the Jersey City Medical Center, with whom he had a son, Richard. When his wife lost her battle with cancer, Dr. LaPilusa founded the Lorraine McNally Pavilion, in order for cancer patients to remain close to home for treatment. In addition, he started a scholarship fund at the University of Notre Dame, which currently provides support for 15 students. Dr. LaPilusa also volunteers his time and skills in developing countries, such as Vietnam, Indonesia, Bangladesh, and Bhutan.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Dominick Condo, and Dr. Salvatore LaPilusa, the Sicilian Citizens Club's "2000 Men of the Year." They are truly exceptional physicians and dedicated community leaders.

HONORING ROSAURA SEGURA-
LOPEZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Rosaura Segura-Lopez, the recipient of the Napa County Hispanic Network Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Segura-Lopez is an outstanding member of the community and has worked tirelessly to improve the conditions of low-income housing and public education for migrant farmworkers.

Recognizing a great need, Rosaura Segura-Lopez established the Immigration Services Office in St. Helena with a credit card in March, 1989. Since then, she has served as a board member of the St. Helena Public School Foundation from 1990 to 1993 and has worked on the County of Napa Grand Jury for the Fiscal Year 1991-1992. Also, since 1994, she has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors. In addition, Ms. Segura-Lopez acts as Vice-President and Sponsor for "Club Los Haro" which raises

funds for her birthplace, Los Haro in Zacatecas, Mexico.

As a child, Rosaura vividly remembers how tired her father, a farmworker, was when he arrived home in the evenings. This prompted her to become involved with the Migrant Farmworker Committee and she has served as its Chairperson since 1994. She has been selected to serve on the Napa County Housing Committee, which has the task of gathering data and making recommendations regarding the update of the County's Housing Element and has been named Vice-Chair of the newly formed Napa County Farmworker Housing Oversight Committee.

In April 1999, Rosaura Segura-Lopez was honored with an award from the California Human Development in recognition of Community Business for Excellent Service Provided to the Community.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Ms. Rosaura Segura-Lopez for her dedication and commitment to worthwhile causes, as she is an inspiration to everyone. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this woman for her continuing distinguished service to the people of Saint Helena and all of Napa County, California.

CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH WED-
DING ANNIVERSARY OF LOUIS
AND BERTHA WILLIAMS OF
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, Louis and Bertha Williams were married in Aiken County, South Carolina on October 27, 1950. Their marriage symbolizes commitment, tenacity, and a spiritual bond between them that fosters a deep and comfortable friendship and partnership. Mr. Louis Williams retired from the Granitville Company in Granitville, South Carolina after 35 years of dedicated service as a shift supervisor/Mrs. Bertha Williams retired from the Aiken County Public School System after 37 years of dedicated service as a math teacher and high school basketball coach. Faith in God and family means everything to the Williams'. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Williams have two adult daughters, Carolyn and Barbara who reside in Maryland.

HONORING JOE GARCIA III

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to congratulate a very good friend, Joe Garcia Sr., who celebrated his 75th birthday on October 21, 2000.

The Mexican revolution left Mexico devastated with little food and medication. Joe's father was deathly sick and a relative in El Paso, Texas wrote them to let Joe's parents know that they had the medication that would help Joe's father. Joe Garcia's parents packed up their belongings and came to Texas at the end of the Mexican Revolution. On October

21, 1925, Joe Garcia was born in El Paso, Texas.

At the age of nineteen, Joe joined the army and proudly served the United States of America during World War II as a paratrooper in the 503rd. After the war, Joe became a publisher and started one of the first bilingual magazines covering Latinos in politics, sports, education, and entertainment. Joe was not only on a mission to report and inform the public of the impact and influence of Latinos in this country, he was also instrumental in helping shape the political landscape. He was very active working with numerous campaigns ranging from Roybal to Rockefeller, and he helped to elect the Honorable Leo Sanchez, the first Mexican-American Municipal court judge in California.

Not satisfied with his numerous accomplishments, he turned his attention to starting El Rey, a Mexican food company in the late 70's producing one of the first pre-packaged chorizo (Mexican sausage). Ever the entrepreneur, Joe and his wife Virginia started Reynaldo's Mexican Food Company in 1993.

Today, Reynaldo's Mexican Food Company is a leader in Mexican food manufacturing. His products reach eleven states with warehouses in Los Angeles, San Diego, Texas, Arizona, Chicago, and Las Vegas. The company continues to set new standards for the manufacturing and processing of Mexican food and enjoys continued growth.

Mr. Speaker, I would like all my colleagues to join me in saluting Joe Garcia Sr. who at the age of 75 shows no signs of slowing down. Mr. Garcia, Sr. is truly a testament to the American Dream. Through his hard work, entrepreneurial spirit, enthusiasm and community service he continues to serve as a role model for Latinos and all Americans.

UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS
OF WRONGDOING INVOLVING
THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, submit the following letter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, "Response to Comments by Rep. Curt Weldon Regarding the Government Reform Committee, Minority Staff, report, Unsubstantiated Allegations of Wrongdoing Involving the Clinton Administration."

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM,
Washington, DC, October 27, 2000.

Hon. CURT WELDON,
Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR REP. WELDON: On September 28, I spoke on the House floor regarding a series of unsubstantiated allegations by members of Congress that have unfairly smeared the reputations of numerous individuals. I also entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD facts relevant to many of these sensational allegations.

As you know, one of the allegations I discussed was your claim in a 1998 floor statement that the President could have committed "treason," one of the most serious crimes an American can commit. You responded in a floor statement of October 2, 2000. You claim that I made "totally false"