

from the Canadian border with Washington State to the Mexican border with California. Our marine ecosystems will be protected from the devastating impact of the gear and serve as a successful example of sound fisheries management. In California's commercial fisheries, there are more selective ways to target economically valuable pelagic species. We should not let the mistakes made in the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico waters replicate themselves on the West Coast.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Girl Scouts of the USA this year for their 90th anniversary. Since 1912, the Girl Scouts have strived to help all girls grow strong by teaching them to develop to their true potential. Through girl scouting, girls acquire self-confidence and expertise, take on responsibility, and are encouraged to think creatively: all qualities essential for good citizens and leaders.

Today, with a membership of 3.8 million, the Girl Scouts are the largest organization for girls in the world. Of that 3.8 million, almost one million of those are adult volunteers, who dedicate their time and enthusiasm to ensure that Girl Scouting is available to every girl in every community, reaching beyond racial, ethnic, socioeconomic or geographic boundaries.

Scouting encourages girls to study fields that are typically male dominated, such as science, technology, health and sports. Of the more than 50 million women who are Girl Scout Alumnae, over two-thirds are doctors, lawyers, educators, or community leaders—including many Congresswomen. Former Girl Scouts include Eileen Collins, the first female space shuttle commander, Olympic Gold Medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Senator HILARY RODHAM CLINTON.

For 90 years, Girl Scouts have paved the way for girls of all ages, empowering them to become leaders, and community activists. Through their dedication, Girl Scouts have improved our communities, and adults have realized they can be positive role models to children. Many thanks and congratulations to the Girl Scouts for their invaluable achievements over the last 90 years.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD DARMANIAN

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Richard Darmanian, an exemplary citizen deeply admired by all who have worked with him, especially members in the Armenian community throughout California and the United States for his assiduous devotion as an educator and community leader.

This month, Mr. Darmanian's peers recognized him for his fifty years of altruistic service to his community, wherein he served as director of the Armenian National Committee (ANC) of Central California from 1988 to 1996 and as an educator and administrator in the Fresno Unified School District since 1952.

Mr. Darmanian is a respected leader whose efforts championed the vision of an established Armenian community in the San Joaquin Valley. Twenty-five years ago, he was instrumental in founding the Armenian Community School of Fresno, an institution that has helped to teach Armenian children their heritage and language.

At a time when leadership is in high demand, Mr. Darmanian is a beacon to the young, enabling a new generation of leaders. His work has brought the Central Valley a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Armenian culture.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Richard Darmanian on being recognized by the Armenian National Committee of Central California. His commitment and dedication to the entire community deems him more than worthy of this acclamation. I wish him continued success, both personally and professionally.

HONORING MYRON PITTMAN ON HIS 102ND BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to pay tribute to a distinguished resident of Bucyrus, OH, on the occasion of his 102nd birthday.

Myron J. Pittman was born on April 30, 1900, in northwest Ohio. He graduated from high school in 1918, and subsequently went to work for the Ohio State University, checking and reporting on dairy herd production throughout the State of Ohio. Mr. Pittman later attended Otterbein College—until, as he says, he “ran out of money.”

He moved to Crawford County in the mid-1930s and ran a dairy farm there through the 1960s. At various times, Mr. Pittman also worked as a rural mail carrier and for the Ohio Department of Highways. A dedicated community supporter, he served as a member of the Whetstone Local School District Board of Education for 9 years. Mr. Pittman is a longtime member of Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Bucyrus.

Mr. Pittman and his wife Opal enjoyed more than 74 years of marriage before she passed away in 2000. He has two daughters, Mary Gast of Marion County and Barbara Quaintance of Crawford County, and enjoys spending time with his 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Pittman is in good health and takes no medications. He has a sharp mind, and keeps a close eye on the goings-on in Washington. His voting record is truly inspirational: he has voted in every Presidential election since the Coolidge/Davis contest of 1924.

I know that my colleagues join me in saluting Mr. Pittman's contributions to his community and in wishing him a happy 102nd birthday.

TRIBUTE TO SALLY ANN ROBISON

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to remember and honor a woman who was a leader in public education in Northern California, Mrs. Sally Ann Robison. After a lifetime of dedication to her family, faith, and students, Sally passed away on April 25, 2002. She was 58 years old.

The former Sally Ann Franklin was born in Riverside, California, on September 30, 1943, to Albert John Franklin and Mary Jane Richards. She grew up in the Cities of Stockton and Sacramento, where she attended C.K. McClatchy High School and Sacramento City College. After graduating from California State University, Chico, Sally earned a Master of Arts degree in education from California State University, Sacramento. With this training, she forged a lifetime of public service in the field of education.

Her long and distinguished career as an educator spanned from North America's Pacific Coast to Western Europe, and from the classroom to the boardroom. While stationed in Germany with her husband, Air Force Academy graduate Jim T. Robison, Sally taught school for six years. Upon returning to California, she was an instructor for three years in the Sacramento City Unified School District and for one year in Gridley, California. Then, for 22 years, she taught at Noralto Elementary School in the North Sacramento Unified School District. Most recently, she taught kindergarten for six years at Pasadena Avenue Elementary School in the San Juan Unified School District.

Aside from her efforts in the classroom, Sally's passion for teaching children to read led her to serve on the California State Textbook Adoption Committee. Additionally, she was greatly concerned with higher education. Since December 1992, she served on the Sierra College Board of Trustees. Thus, she had a role in shaping the lives of students from kindergarten to college, the beginning and ending of one's academic experience.

Being both socially-conscious and socially active, Sally belonged to many community organizations. These included the San Juan Teachers Association, the California Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and the South Placer County Republican Women, Federated. While known for her quiet, friendly demeanor, Sally also had great integrity and a steely resolve. Standing for what was right at all times was important to her, even if it meant standing alone.

Most importantly, Sally Robison was devoted to her family and was a committed member of the Sunset Christian Center in Rocklin, California.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Jim, her daughters, Amy and Ashley Robison, and her granddaughter, Alexis Robison. I join with her family, friends, and community in mourning her passing.

May you rest in peace, Sally.