

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEAN-
JACQUES CARQUILLAT

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 15, 2002

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate my constituent and dear friend, Jean-Jacques Carquillat, on the occasion of his attainment of United States citizenship. Mr. Carquillat is a valued and well-respected member of our community, and I am proud to welcome him as a full citizen to the 26th Congressional District of New York State.

I became acquainted with Jean-Jacques, as well as his family, through his businesses in the Uptown Historic District in Kingston, NY. In 1994, Jean-Jacques established Le Carnard Enchaîne, a Zagat-rated, fine dining restaurant. He also started a dance club and special events catering business in 2000. The success of these businesses led to his more recent opening of Luke's Place, a gourmet restaurant, in the Town of Shandaken, named after his young son.

I have witnessed the hard work, strong character and integrity that Jean-Jacques has brought to the projects he has undertaken. His businesses have had positive impacts on our local area, including creating jobs in the City of Kingston and enhancing the city's efforts to promote tourism in the historic district. Jean-Jacques has been an active member of the Uptown Kingston Business Association and received its Excellence Award for 1999. In addition, he has been a consistent and strong supporter of various local nonprofit community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to join Jean-Jacques Carquillat's colleagues, friends and family in extending my congratulations on his naturalization. His personal and professional enthusiasm has made him a valuable asset to our community, and I am confident that he will continue to serve in the most admirable way both his community and our great nation.

HONORING THE NAMING OF THE
DOUGLAS MORRISSON THEATER
IN RECOGNITION OF DOUGLAS F.
MORRISSON'S 40 YEARS AS A
BOARD MEMBER OF THE HAY
WARD AREA RECREATION AND
PARK DISTRICT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, on July 28, 2002, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District will rename their theater in honor of Board Member Douglas F. Morrisson. In his 40 years of service, Douglas Morrisson has honorably served the park and recreation field on the local, regional, state, and national levels.

Douglas Morrisson was first elected to the Board of Directors of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District in November of 1962. Since then, he has been re-elected to nine consecutive four-year terms. This year, his 40th year of service, he is serving as vice-president of the District.

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District has seen unprecedented growth during Douglas Morrisson's tenure. The District boasts beautiful parks and fine recreation facilities, including community parks, swim centers, linear parks, playgrounds, community centers, athletic fields, and senior centers. Additionally, the park district has gone beyond traditional park features to include special interest facilities for theater, art, nature study, camping and golf.

A graduate of San Jose University and a former high school teacher, Douglas Morrisson is currently an independent business owner. In the past he has served in the leadership of many park and recreation organizations, notably as President of the California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members and President and Vice-President of the Commissioners and Board Members Branch of the National Park and Recreation Association. He is the recipient of the 1993 California Association of Recreation and Park Districts Outstanding Board member award and the 1993 California Special Districts Association Outstanding Board Member Award.

In the community, Douglas Morrisson has been active as a board member of the Castro Valley Fire District, and a member of the Hayward Rotary Club. He has served as chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and as President and board member of the Hayward Sun Gallery. In 1999 he received the city of Hayward's Mayor's Award.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Douglas Morrisson in commending him for his 40 years of service to the city of Hayward. Douglas Morrisson's dedicated work with the Park District has provided every member of the Hayward community spectacular state-of-the-art park facilities to enjoy.

MEMORIALIZING MS. GEORGIA
BALL TRAVIS

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

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Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and work of Ms. Georgia Travis, whose amazing life came to a peaceful end on March 12, 2002, after 94 wonderful years. Ms. Travis committed her extraordinary life to the betterment of others, through social work, teaching, writing, and countless other endeavors, culminating in the creation of the Georgia Travis Center for homeless women and children. This

shelter, along with the indelible imprint she left on so many lives, will stand forever as the legacy left by this amazing woman.

Georgia Travis dedicated her personal and professional life to helping others. Born in 1908 in Kansas City, Missouri, Georgia was brought up in a family with a keen awareness of social injustice and inequity. She was taught to lend a helping hand to those in need, a notion that would dictate the course of her long life. After becoming one of the first students to earn a master's degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, she began working in the relatively new field of medical social work, helping stress patients in Chicago and disabled children in Seattle. By the late 1930s. Ms. Travis was traveling the country as a consultant for the new Washington, DC, based Crippled Children Service Department and the U.S. Transient Bureau. In 1953, Georgia was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship which sent her to Sydney, Australia, to teach. Shortly after returning to the States, she settled into what would eventually become her permanent home: the Bay Area of California.

The State of California may never fully realize the full extent of Ms. Travis' contributions, but I would like to take moment to share some of the many highlights. By 1962, just a few years after arriving in the Bay Area, she was name California Social Worker of the year. A year later she became a professor of Social Services at San Diego State University, teaching graduate level courses until her retirement in 1970. But Georgia's idea of "retirement" was as unconventional as it was prolific.

Ms. Travis lived in retirement with the same spirit and ideals of her childhood and professional life; she could sense injustice and suffering, create solutions, and see the process through to the end. After the passing of her mother in 1971, Georgia found solace and balance in the Quaker faith, and became a member of the Quaker Society of Friends. Strengthened by her new faith, Georgia focused her efforts on the plight of the homeless community, a pursuit that would lead her to some of the biggest accomplishments of her life. She started out with fundamentals like providing meals at the Family Center in Agnews Hospital and distributing clothing at the Family Shelter in East San Jose. Then, with the help of the American Association of University Women, Georgia organized a committee that develops and provides the homeless, especially women and children, with improved services and outreach. She convinced Stanford University to conduct a major study on homeless children, and helped initiate educational programs for the children as well. Mr. Speaker, the list of her successes, of the tangible changes she made for thousands of people, is far too long to describe here. But I would like to make note of perhaps her greatest accomplishment of all: the establishment of the Georgia Travis Center.

In 1992, the nonprofit San Jose shelter agency InnVision honored the wishes of Ms. Travis by opening a new shelter for homeless

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