

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. CHAN-LIN TIEN

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Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of Dr. Chan-Lin Tien, the Asian American community as well as the entire nation, has lost an extraordinary educator, scientist, and leader. I rise today joining many friends and admirers across the country and around the world in expressing my deepest sympathy to Dr. Tien's wife, Di-Hwa and his three children, Norman, Phyllis and Christine.

Dr. Tien's remarkable legacy is evident in the fact that his presence could be felt in

many fields of study. But Dr. Tien's contributions went far beyond the academic. By bringing his passion, enthusiasm, and personality to each new endeavor, Dr. Tien touched countless lives and inspired people from all walks of life to achieve excellence.

As the University of California at Berkeley's seventh Chancellor, Dr. Tien became the first Asian American to head a major research university in the United States. As Chancellor, Dr. Tien was known for the energy and personal touch he brought to his job. A leader in the right for affirmative action in the UC admissions process, Dr. Tien understood the great value that diversity brings to institutions of learning and to the fabric of our nation. All members of the University community—staff,

faculty, students, and alumni—were enriched by Dr. Tien's vision and warmth.

Though Dr. Tien was first and foremost a man of science and learning, he was also deeply committed to opening doors for Asian Pacific Americans in all areas of public life and leadership. As a founding board member of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS), his efforts will undoubtedly continue to inspire future generations of APA leaders.

Dr. Tien strove to cultivate excellence in the academic world, in government, and in the APA community. Dr. Tien truly was a giant in his field, and his loss will be deeply felt in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing and working with him. He will be greatly missed.

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