

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CAPITAL
AREA MICHIGAN WORKS!

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Capital Area Michigan Works! for their receipt of an exemplary service provider award from the U.S. Department of Labor. This award was presented at the U.S. Department of Labor's annual Salute to Veterans on November 13, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, the Capital Area Michigan Works! is part of a regional consortium of local governments that provide workforce development services. The exemplary service provider award was presented to only nine organizations and individuals for their outstanding efforts in providing employment and training services to veterans.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Capital Area Michigan Works! for their distinguished service to America's veterans. Furthermore, I would also ask my colleagues to join me in extending our thanks to the Capital Area Michigan Works! for their service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.
ALICIA BROADOUS-DUNCAN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to my good friend and one of the most active, passionate and hard-working advocates for older Americans I have ever known, Reverend Dr. Alicia Broadous-Duncan. This year Reverend Alicia will be 65 years old and the Northeast Valley Multipurpose Senior Center will recognize her dedicated service as their Director by having a birthday celebration in her honor.

I have known Reverend Alicia for many years and I have watched with great admiration the tireless and energetic work that she has given to the North Valley Multipurpose Senior Center. Her energy is astounding. The depth of her concern for the center and her genuine love for humanity has made the center into a warm and welcoming environment. No matter how busy, Rev. Alicia's first priority is to provide help and guidance to those in need.

Rev. Alicia has done outstanding work during her years of dedicated service to the community. For example, she served on the Chaplaincy Services Advisory Board of Holy Cross Hospital and was a member of the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission.

Reverend Broadous-Duncan has made significant contributions to education and children's causes. Recently, she served on the Board of Directors for Calvary Christian School and played an integral part in Hathaway Children's Village Outreach Services. She has displayed exemplary leadership in Christian service. For example, she was the Founder and Executive Minister of Adonai Covenant Ministries and also an Associate Minister for Calvary Baptist Church in Pacoima. She is extremely devoted to her community.

Among the greatest achievements in Rev. Alicia's life are her seven outstanding children she has raised during her 43-year marriage to Lonnie T. Duncan, and among the great pleasures in her life now are her 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Reverend Alicia Broadous-Duncan has positively affected the lives of so many, and I join the Northeast Valley Multipurpose Senior Center in wishing her a very happy birthday. It is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Reverend Alicia Broadous-Duncan.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN
PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

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Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, we gather today to highlight the legacy of one of the most distinguished and honorable Members of this august body, my colleague and friend—Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink.

Though Patsy made it to one of the highest elected offices in the land, she never lost the common touch. Patsy was a champion of the dispossessed; the downtrodden; the disenfranchised; the forgotten; she was the people's representative. She was a mentor to many of us in Congress. As the co-chair to the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, she helped me many times to redirect my course if barriers were placed in front of me! But that was vintage Patsy. She was always able to redirect her course if barriers were placed before her. Having been denied entrance to medical school, she chose the legal profession; and was the first Japanese woman to pass the bar in Hawaii. As I received the call of Patsy passing by my daughter Valerie, I was saddened only for a short time, because I began to recall all the fond memories we had together as a source of strength.

We must all draw on those memories. We must celebrate the life of our dear friend Patsy and remember how her 24 years of distinguished services shaped the lives of those who had social impediments, economic inequality and educational restrictions. The passage of the landmark Title IX legislation, which opened doors that had been closed to girls in the athletic programs at schools around this Nation, will be a lasting memory of how tenaciously she fought to improve the lives of girls for generations to come.

In a career that began before territorial Hawaii became a state in 1959, Patsy Mink, with authority, wit and clear perspective, became one of the best-known women politicians in the United States, and the first woman of color elected to Congress. Patsy challenged us all! She challenged us with the question, "Does it matter whether women are involved in politics?" Her career speaks volumes to that question and her accomplishments exemplify the answer. Decisions are being made at the national level that will determine the quality of our lives into the next generation.

Patsy Takemoto Mink—by crossing our paths—has given us the leadership tools to advance the agenda for the common good. Thank you Patsy! Mr. Speaker, on behalf of

many women and Asian American organizations, I would like to submit to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the following statements that highlight the life and legacy of Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY MINK
REMARKS OF KAREN K. NARASAKI, PRESIDENT
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ASIAN
PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CONSORTIUM

I believe that Patsy is looking down on us today and smiling at the beautiful mosaic of faces. It is fitting that this memorial has brought together so many strands of her work—organizations and congressional leaders who advocate on behalf of women, civil rights, immigrants, workers, children and the poor have all come together to celebrate her life.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander community misses her greatly. She served as a role model and an inspiration for so many of us. She forged a path that made it possible for Japanese American women like me and other women of color to pursue our dreams and aspirations. She taught us that it was possible to obtain great stature without having to be physically tall, by defying the stereotypes that too often become barriers for Asian American women who come from cultures where women were expected to be seen and not heard. She was a feminist before being a feminist was cool and she remained one her whole life.

The other day, my niece in third grade ran for student body secretary. I asked my sister to tell her that when she was ready to run for Congress, I would work on her campaign. Julia asked my sister to tell me that she intended to be the first woman president and didn't see any reason to start with Congress. This is one of Patsy's greatest legacies—because of her life and work it is possible today for a young Japanese American girl to believe she can be president.

Like many others in this room, I can still hear her voice gently and not-so-gently pushing us to challenge authority and popular opinion and fight fiercely for those most vulnerable in our communities. She was a tough task master who was never one to suffer fools gladly and she asked a lot of her talented and loyal staff, but never more than she asked of herself.

I remember her call for fairness for immigrants and families in poverty when she voted against the tide on harsh welfare reform legislation. I hear the echoes of her passionate speeches on the floor of the House about the need to invest in quality education for all and job training that would allow working families a living wage and access to health care. Because she was never one to toot her own horn, people visiting Washington would be surprised when I told them to try to catch one of her speeches because she was one of the last of the great orators. She was always about the work—always focused on the people she served.

Robert F. Kennedy once said, "each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope. . . ." When Patsy stood up, she sent out tidal waves of hope and the lives of all Americans are the better because of her.

REMARKS OF DR. JANE SMITH

Thank you. I am Jane Smith, the Chief Executive Officer of Business and Professional Women/USA.

I join the many Members of Congress and other representatives from the women's community here today because Congresswoman Mink and BPW share a very long history. The Congresswoman was a member of BPW for at least four decades. But Congresswoman Mink was not simply an affiliate