

more than five hundred chapters nationwide. In the majority of these position, she was afforded the opportunity to hire additional African Americans. In addition, to her management and human resources skills, Lilly worked as a housing consultant to First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, Church of St. Mark Episcopal, Bridge Street A.W.M.E. Church, Berean Missionary Baptist Church, Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement and Northeast Brooklyn HDFC/Wayside Baptist Church to develop 524 units of senior housing. However, Lilly felt she could do more.

Lilly ventured out on her own and opened LWC & Associates, a housing development consulting firm, which evolved into the current LWC Management Corp., now a real estate management and development corporation. Through this multi-faceted company working primarily with churches and community-based organizations, over \$56 million worth of housing has been developed for senior citizens, low and moderate income persons and families, and the formerly homeless. She is most gratified when housing is developed for senior citizens and the homeless. In her effort to promote housing development, she also owns Brisa Builders Corporation, a general contracting/construction manager firm. Her firm is currently involved with 230 units of senior housing under construction in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Lilly, as a person of deep convictions, is grounded in her faith and family. She believes in the spirit of "community" and "having a quality education" for our youth. She is a lifetime member of the NAACP, committed exclusively to their educational programs. Lilly also shares her wealth of knowledge and information regularly as she develops, directs and facilitates workshops, seminars and other training for non-profit organizations, boards of directors and volunteers. Lilly has also served as a guest lecturer at the Harvard Divinity School, lecturing on "The Urban Church and Community Development."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lilly Cox-Kellar for her leadership specifically with community based development and the many other contributions to her community. Her endeavors and accomplishments deserve our praise and appreciation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote Nos. 65, 66, and 67 due to my attendance at the funeral for former Rochester Mayor Thomas P. Ryan, Jr. and traffic jams caused by the standoff with Mr. Watson on the Mall in Washington, DC. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Nos. 65, 66, and 67. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the permanent RECORD immediately following this vote.

H. Con. Res. 26, rollcall No. 65, "aye."

H.R. 868, rollcall No. 66, "aye."

H. Res. 109, rollcall No. 67, "aye."

IN HONOR OF LISA TEALER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Californian, Lisa Tealer, as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Lisa Tealer is a dedicated advocate for health and diversity issues. She is a Certified Aerobic Instructor for Large Women and founded A-Body-Positive Fitness Facility for women of all sizes and fitness levels. She has hosted special classes and seminars on various topics of benefit to women and has given numerous presentations and demonstrations on issues ranging from expanding diversity in fitness to bridging the multi-ethnic healthcare gap.

Lisa Tealer has displayed extraordinary leadership skills in business as well. She manages the Pharmacological Sciences Division in the Department of Assay Services at Genentech, has ten years experience managing a technical service operation at Genentech, and four years experience as a health club owner in San Mateo. She was the first Chairperson of Genentech's African Americans in Biotechnology Employees Association. She designed the Diversity Action Plan which was presented to the CEO and Executive Committee of Genentech and she has initiated many diversity efforts in the areas of recruitment and development.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lisa Tealer as she is inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO CARL GOSS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Carl Goss of Pueblo, Colorado on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday. A true Colorado native, Carl was born on April 1, 1913. As Carl celebrates this impressive milestone in his life, I would like to honor him and his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Carl's grandparents came to Colorado from the east, settling on a ranch in Pueblo. After ninety years raising cattle, you could say that ranching runs deep in his blood. He worked on farms in New Mexico before returning to Pueblo to run the Hatchett Ranch for thirty years. Carl has always been proud of his Hereford cattle, even winning adulation at the Stock Show for his "Pen of Ten" calves. He has been an active member of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, the Pueblo County Stockmen's Association, Central Christian Church, and the Pueblo Historical Society.

Even more than his accomplishments, I know Carl is proud of his family. He has two daughters, Susan and Norma; four grandchildren, Carl, Matt, Megan and Rachel; and a great grandson, Alex. His family values his honesty, compassion, and generosity. They are truly blessed to have Carl in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to stand today before this body of Congress and this nation to wish Carl Goss a very happy ninetieth birthday. Carl's lifetime of experiences is an invaluable resource for his family, friends, and all of us in Colorado. Happy Birthday, Carl. I wish you all the best!

CONDEMNING THE PUNISHMENT OF EXECUTION BY STONING AS A GROSS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my full support for H. Con. Res. 26—Condemning the Punishment of Execution by Stoning as a Gross Violation of Human Rights.

Civilized countries and organizations the world over have universally condemned this form of punishment. The European Union, the Australian government, the president of Mexico, the Spanish parliament, and the New Zealand government, have all condemned stoning and asked for clemency for those persons sentenced to this cruel form of punishment. Amnesty International has reported that execution by stoning is designed to increase the victim's suffering.

Mr. Speaker, as if all the above are not reason enough to support this measure, there is another aspect of this stoning as a form of punishment that makes it particularly troubling. Reports indicate that where this form of punishment is used, it is generally applied disproportionately to women, women who have been accused of adultery. These victims, these women, are guiltier of being women than guilty of having committed a crime. Mr. Speaker, some of these women are forced into prostitution, and others have even been raped.

In other instances stoning has been used as a means of suppressing religious freedom and stifling political debate.

In our own country, I am proud of the work that we have done to protect women against violence. The previous administration created the White House Office for Women Initiatives and Outreach to serve as a liaison between the White House and women's organizations, with a presidentially appointed director. This establishment of this office recognized the special needs to communicate better with women to address their issues. In 2000, the Violence Protection Act reauthorized programs designed to, among other purposes, stop sexual assault on campuses, offer transitional housing for victims of domestic abuse, and assist victims of violence.

Mr. Speaker, I urged passage of this bill, as America must continue to serve as a beacon of hope in the world to those who seek freedom and to escape from political prosecution. This is a responsibility that we in this chamber must hold dear and must never forget or forsake.