

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF JANE GARCIA

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this day to pay tribute to an extraordinary community leader, Ms. Jane Garcia. I take great pride in honoring Jane for her twenty-five years of tenacious advocacy on behalf of the poor, and for her dedication to organizing and empowering the immigrant community in its struggle for greater access to health care.

The monumental integrity and deep compassion that has come to characterize Jane's legacy of service to her community are deeply rooted in the lessons she learned while growing up in the Chicano Movement. Jane's lifelong commitment to insuring that every woman, man and child has access to culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare, and her belief that healthcare is a fundamental right not an economic privilege were inspired by the civil rights activism of Cesar Chavez, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Dolores Huerta.

Recognizing the importance of organizing and empowering the immigrant community in its efforts to secure the promises of equality and justice made by our nation's founders, Jane has tirelessly worked to improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable members of her community. Among her many public policy victories, Jane courageously and fiercely led the successful battle to preserve prenatal healthcare for low-income immigrants during former Governor Wilson's draconian era of budget cutbacks.

Inspiring and empowering those whose lives she touches, Jane rises to positions of leadership where she effectively challenges the status quo, contributes to policy reform, and advocates for equality and justice for all. She has provided skillful and passionate guidance to a plethora of community service organizations in California, doing so most visibly through her twenty-five years with La Clinica de La Raza—Fruitvale Health Project.

Under her skillful tutelage and direction, what began as a grassroots health clinic more than thirty-eight years ago has become the premiere Latino community health center in the nation. During her tenure as Chief Executive Officer of La Clinica, the organization's budget has grown from \$3 million in 1983 to over \$28 million today. The combination of Jane Garcia's focused administrative style and limitless compassion has allowed La Clinica to greatly expand the services available to its patients. La Clinica now provides high-quality healthcare services to over 17,000 families annually, making it a critical and irreplaceable component of the healthcare safety net in Alameda County. Soon, La Clinica will be assuming the dental facility at Children's Hospital in Oakland, making La Clinica one of the largest dental providers in Northern California. It is the

largest employer in East Oakland and was recently listed as the sixth largest non-profit employer in the East Bay by the East Bay Business Times.

Jane's relentless efforts, her ongoing dedication, and her long-term vision made La Clinica's impressive growth possible. Thus, it is fitting that we honor Jane's twenty-five years of unyielding commitment to public service in the same year that we will be celebrating the grand opening of the historic Fruitvale Transit Village, which will be anchored by La Clinica's newest and largest facility. Jane is truly the personification of Cesar Chavez' famous motto: "Si Se Puede!"

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize my good and long-time friend, Jane Garcia, and I take pride in joining the people of California's 9th Congressional District in celebrating and honoring her twenty-five years of service to our community.

### ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS, ILLINOIS

**HON. HENRY J. HYDE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, every year in my district, I ask students in grades 8th and 12th to participate in an essay contest. This year's contest focused on the issue of energy and national security. Specifically, this year's essay question was as follows: "How important is energy to our economy and our national security?"

I am pleased that so many students chose to enter this essay contest. Unfortunately, however, there can only be one winner in each group: 8th grade and 12th grade. This year's 8th grade winner was Dina LaSala, who attends St. Charles Borromeo School in Bensenville, Illinois. The 12th grade winner was Jane Urban, who attends Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

This is Miss LaSala's essay, entitled "How Important Is Energy to Our Economy and Our National Security?":

In aftermath of September 11th terrorist attacks, Americans are asking our government to strengthen national security. The immediate focus must be to secure our homeland from future attacks, but we also must take steps to safeguard the long-term health of our economy, the livelihood of America's workers and our environment.

Earlier this year, President Bush sent Congress his National Energy Plan, a blueprint for ensuring America's future against the perils of an unstable world. The plan includes 105 recommendations on improving energy efficiency and conservation, protecting the environment, diversifying our energy supplies through development of renewable resources, and reducing our reliance on foreign energy. A bipartisan majority in the United States House of Representatives passed this plan in August. It is imperative the Senate does likewise.

A key component of the president's plan is the development of energy resources on federal lands, including the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR.) ANWR is considered the nation's largest potential new oil field and was specially designated by Congress for further study of its oil and gas potential in 1980.

At a time when our country is experiencing an economic downturn, development of this area would give a major boost to our economy and American workers, directly or indirectly creating as many as 735,000 new jobs across the country, including 135,000 construction jobs.

It would also give American greater energy independence at a time when more than half of our nation's oil comes from foreign sources, a figure that is rising and could exceed 65 percent imports by the year 2020. The United States needs oil imports, but the current crisis underscores the importance of having our own healthy domestic supply. A conservative estimate is that ANWR would yield 7.7 billion barrels of oil, an amount roughly equal to 20 years of imports from Saddam Hussein's Iraq. The higher end estimates equal 50-year's worth. ANWR could easily provide more than 20 percent of our domestic oil production.

This is especially important considering United States' energy production is not keeping up with our growing consumption, creating a rapidly increasing gap between domestic supply and demand. Over the next 20 years, even with increased conservation programs, United States' domestic oil production is calculated to decline by 1.5 million barrels per day, while demand will increase by 6 million barrels per day.

Earlier this year, we saw the effect energy shortages can have on our economy and quality of life. Californians experienced rolling blackouts. Gas prices rose to new highs last spring and summer. At a time like this, we must not turn our back on an important domestic source of energy.

We can develop a small portion of ANWR while guarding the environment. The administration is urging that the ANWR legislation impose the toughest environmental standards ever applied to oil production. For example, it would limit the surface disruption caused by drilling to only 2,000 acres of the 1.5 million set aside for oil exploration within the 19.6 total acres contained in ANWR.

The men and women who work in the oil fields will be specially trained to protect the environment. This will ensure a well-qualified work force will take every precaution necessary to preserve the environment integrity of the Arctic Coastal Plain. In addition, oil-field technology has advanced significantly in the 30 years since oil development began on Alaska's Prudhoe Bay. We have the capacity to extract oil while still protecting the Arctic ecosystem by increasing the length of directional drills and allowing for smaller and more compact production pads.

With American ingenuity and innovative technologies, we can protect the environment and provide energy security. We have the opportunity to take action before we face a devastating crisis. We must embrace a long-term energy plan that allows for protection of our environment, more efficient use of energy and increased development of domestic energy sources. Our long-term national security depends on it.

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