

Police. Throughout his career, Chief Wearing has demonstrated a unique commitment to the Department, the City, and the families of New Haven—a dedication which is reflected in the myriad of honors, commendations, and awards which have been presented to him throughout his tenure.

Chief Wearing was a leader in working with children traumatized by violence. He was a founding member of the Yale Child Study Center's Child Development/Community Policing Program (CDCP), and he spent countless hours teaching others how to deal with children and families who were exposed to violent crime. Chief Wearing's involvement with this project helped it to become a national and international model for community based policing.

Under Chief Wearing's leadership, the Department has been recognized locally, nationally and internationally. The New England Community-Police Partnership, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police are just a few of the agencies and organizations that have honored Chief Wearing and the Department for their work here in New Haven. He was twice asked to address audiences at the White House on children exposed to violent crime, he was the featured speaker at the 1999 National Summit on Children Exposed to Violence, and he co-authored the important book "The Police-Mental Health Partnership: A Community-Based Response to Urban Violence." Chief Wearing is clearly one of the most respected law enforcement officials in the country. New Haven has certainly been fortunate to have him call our city home for so many years.

For all of his good work and many invaluable contributions to our community. I am proud to rise today to join his wife, Tina; his children, Tracy, Melvin, Jackie, and Sharon; his grandchildren Marcus and Maurice; and many others to extend my heart-felt congratulations to Chief Melvin H. Wearing as he celebrates his retirement. His is a legacy that will inspire many generations to come. And I hope he accepts my very best wishes to him and his family for many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING JUDY CELESTE HACK  
MARRON

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful woman, Ms. Judy Marron. The beloved wife of Owen Marron, Judy passed on May 12, 2003 after a hard-fought battle against cancer.

A third generation Sacramentan, Judy was born February 8, 1940. She completed high school and two years of college in Sacramento before beginning her career with the State of California. In 1980, while parenting and working for the Department of Transportation, Judy returned to school to earn her bachelors degree. She received a B.A. in Business Administration in 1985.

Judy married Owen Marron in 1974 and from 1975 to 1978 she devoted her energies to raising their four youngest children. In 1978, Judy returned to employment as a clerk with the California Department of Transportation, rising through the ranks to become executive secretary to the director of the department.

In 1984, she served as a national recruiter of engineers for the Department of Transportation. In 1987, Judy moved to the California Department of Health, where she held various positions before retiring as building manager for the department headquarters in Berkeley.

Mrs. Marron worked tirelessly to integrate women into the building trades and increased the access of disabled individuals to employment at the Berkeley facility. Following retirement she was retained as a consultant for various special projects, including the new health facility under development in Richmond.

She was an ardent advocate for the rights of working people, women and disabled individuals, and contributed much to the labor movement. She assisted husband Owen as executive secretary-treasurer of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County by coordinating records and minutes of meetings, assisting with the logistics of marches and rallies, and electoral activities such as phone banks and precinct walks, Labor Day picnics, the 1995 visit of President Bill Clinton, and Unionist of the Year events, until Owen's retirement in 1999. She is survived by devoted husband Owen; children Denise Cheely, Mike Proaps, Barney, Dorie, Rick, and Mike Marron, grand children Billy, Kayla, Austin, Cody, Isabella, Corinna, Josh and Shelly, brothers William Hack and Jim Hack, and loving pets Chester and Fraidy.

Finally, as we honor Mrs. Marron today, I want to thank her for being an exemplary role model, administrator, and hero. I take great pride in joining Judy's family, friends and colleagues to recognize and salute the accomplishments and contributions of Judy Celeste Hack Marron.

AMISTAD AMERICA

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amistad America and the Freedom Schooner Amistad as it makes its first voyage to Cleveland, Ohio. The schooner, under the leadership of Captain William Pinkney, is a wooden re-creation of the 19th century Spanish cargo ship, La Amistad. It serves as a maritime ambassador for racial reconciliation and human rights education and fosters cooperation and unity among people of diverse backgrounds. Since its launch, the Amistad has touched the lives of thousands of people.

The Freedom Schooner Amistad was conceived, built and launched to celebrate the legacy of The Amistad Incident of 1839. Fifty-three Africans, who were illegally kidnapped from West Africa and sold into the transatlantic slave trade, staged a revolt against injustice and embarked on a quest for freedom. Their human-rights struggle culminated in a case in which former President John Quincy Adams successfully argued before the United

States Supreme Court on behalf of the captives. In 1841, the 35 surviving Africans returned to Africa.

I was privileged to attend the opening of the Amistad in Connecticut in 2000. Due to illness, Rev. Allison Phillips, pastor emeritus of Mt. Zion Congregational Church, was not able to attend the event. This year, Rev. Phillips has the pleasure of welcoming the schooner to the city of Cleveland.

In 2003, the Amistad makes its first Great Lakes Tour after touring ports along the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico. The docking of the schooner in Cleveland presents a rare opportunity for the public to gain new perspectives on racial justice and freedom. The schooner will offer a wonderful historic and educational experience for the residents of Cleveland and of North East Ohio. I would especially like to thank Key Bank and the United Church of Christ for their diligent work in bringing the Freedom Schooner Amistad to Cleveland.

IN HONOR OF DR. BILL K. TILLEY

**HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Bill K. Tilley, who has served the people of Merced for fourteen years as superintendent of the Merced Union High School District. Under his leadership, the Merced Union High School District has developed into a place where people share a vision that all students have a right to the highest quality and most rigorous education possible.

Dr. Tilley was born during the summer of 1939 in a small coal-mining town in West Virginia, and moved to Washington State in 1953. He attended Western Washington State University where he earned his Bachelors of Arts in Education and subsequently his Masters Degree in School Psychology and Education in 1967. Dr. Tilley then moved to Iowa City where he completed his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and School Administration and spent the most of the next twenty years working as a school administrator in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Washington.

In 1989, Dr. Tilley moved to Merced and joined the Merced Union High School District as superintendent. Under his leadership, the District has forged the first high school partnerships with the University of California at Merced, the District's college preparatory and Advanced Placement course offerings have more than tripled, disabled students are incorporated into the daily life of the school and enjoy a rich, meaningful educational experience alongside their peers, and the District has achieved one of the lowest dropout rates in the state. Dr. Tilley has worked to ensure that the District has acquired and developed a top quality faculty, a faculty that is knowledgeable of the state standards and is fully committed to assuring that all students meet those standards.

Perhaps Dr. Tilley's most notable accomplishment is that he was able to secure the last fully funded state high school in California for the people of Merced and then a few years later engineered a successful bond campaign that built another. Dr. Tilley's lasting devotion to the students of Merced has left a lasting impression on the community, two state of the