

Bob Broadbent was then elected to the Clark County Commission in 1969, where he not only helped the Las Vegas area plan for future growth, but helped build the community character and institutions that make Las Vegas not only a nice place to visit, but a great place to raise a family. He never let any personal interest, not even his own, stand in the way of what was the just and right thing to do.

In 1981 President Reagan recognized Bob's extraordinary leadership skills by appointing him Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, where he helped steer that agency into a force for water development and environmental conservation, ensuring that growth and environmental protection in the West have gone hand in hand ever since.

In 1987 Bob returned to Clark County to become director of aviation, where he helped lead McCarran airport into a time of extraordinary growth. Once again he laid the groundwork for the successes we enjoy today.

After leaving the Airport Bob took on a new challenge, leading the effort to build the Las Vegas Monorail, which will provide transit service, first on the Resort Corridor, but eventually to downtown Las Vegas and other points.

Bob's passing away on August 9, 2003, leaves a terrible void in our community that will be impossible to fill. I wish to extend my condolences to his wife, his children, and his grandchildren. Bob will be missed by all who knew him, and loved by all those who live in Clark County for generations to come.

Broadbent is survived by his wife, Sue, of Boulder City; sons, Robert C. and Douglas, of Boulder City; daughters Kathy Morris of Las Vegas and Michele Walker of Boulder City; sister Sue Siri of Reno; 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
PUBLIC SERVICE OF ROBERT L.
WONDER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert L. Wonder, Assistant City Manager in the City of Alameda, California. Mr. Wonder has announced his retirement at the end of 2003, having served the public for over 30 years. Following his military service in the Marine Corps, he became a dedicated employee of the City of Alameda for 28 years. Mr. Wonder joined the city's workforce in 1975 through CETA, a federally funded training program, and became the Assistant City Manager in 1980.

During his tenure with the City of Alameda, Mr. Wonder has served as Interim City Manager several times; worked on the Cooperative Services Agreement with the U.S. Navy successfully negotiating \$18 million of federal funding to the City to operate and maintain the base during the property transfer period; worked with the Airport Operations Committee and the Citizens League for Airport Safety and Serenity, as well as the Cable TV Advisory Committee. He has also been involved with the City of Alameda's efforts to construct a new main library and he has a reputation for

trying to make local government more understandable, responsive and accessible to citizens.

In 1998, Mr. Wonder received the Alameda Times Star Man of the Year Award and the League of California Cities John H. Nail Memorial Award. He was honored as one of 1998's Distinguished Municipal Assistants by the Municipal Management Association of Northern California, of which he has been an active member since 1967. Mr. Wonder has also served as a mentor in the Intergovernmental Management Training Program for 20 years. During his tenure teaching a public administration course at California State University, Hayward, he inspired students to seek public office.

Mr. Wonder is also extensively involved in community organizations and events. He has shown his commitment to the community by serving as a member and officer of the Board of Directors for numerous community and civic organizations such as Girls' Inc., Foundation for Educational Excellence, Rotary Club, Alameda Chapter of the Navy League, Chamber of Commerce and Immanuel Lutheran Church. He has spent countless hours volunteering in the community, such as delivering for Meals on Wheels, the Annual Run for the Parks, the Mayor's Fourth of July parade, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, career days for local schools, City festivals and beach clean-up days.

On Saturday, November 15, 2003, a retirement gala to honor Rob Wonder will be held on the USS *Hornet* in Alameda. I join the friends and admirers of this outstanding public servant in wishing him well on his retirement. He has served with distinction and left an indelible mark of service and caring on the City of Alameda.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMIE DYKES

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to Mr. Jamie Dykes, an exceptional individual who has dedicated his life and work to serving the men, women, and children of Paterson, New Jersey. On Friday, October 24, 2003, Mr. Dykes was named the 2003 Man of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Paterson for his innumerable philanthropic and civic contributions.

Over the years, Jamie Dykes' life has become inextricably intertwined with that of the City of Paterson. As the President of the Greater Paterson Chamber of Commerce, as a well-known business leader, and as the founder of Celebrate Paterson Inc., Jamie has used his administrative experience and talent for creative leadership to greatly improve the community at large. His selfless commitment to countless area civic and philanthropic organizations has left an indelible mark on the lives of many, demonstrating the positive difference that a single person can make. I feel that it is only fitting that Jamie Dykes be recognized in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Jamie Dykes was born and raised in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, yet the City of Paterson and its citizens have always held a special

place in his heart. Merging a rich industrial heritage with a unique blend of cultures, Paterson has historically promised a bright future for residents and entrepreneurs alike. Jamie's family took advantage of this promise, building a successful business based upon the tradition of personalized service, leadership, and pride in their work. Today, Jamie continues this longstanding tradition of service as the Chief Operating Officer of his family's business, Passaic County Stationary.

A diligent administrator and enthusiastic spokesman for business interests in Paterson, Jamie is perhaps best known for working to expand the vision of the Paterson Chamber of Commerce to encompass the entire fabric of the Greater Paterson Community. Together with other local leaders, Jamie has advocated for Paterson, highlighting the unique qualities of the Paterson community through a series of special events. What is more, he has been instrumental in working to improve and redevelop Paterson's Downtown District.

Perhaps most inspiring is the way in which Jamie Dykes has balanced his love for the City of Paterson with his interest in working with the people who make up its community. An active member of the Paterson Rotary Club, Jamie has worked hard to serve Paterson's youth, subsequently assuming an important role in shaping the City's future. He has provided a valuable role model for the young men and women of the area, proving in both word and action that the only real success in life comes from a commitment to the community at large.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the extraordinary efforts of individuals like Jamie Dykes. I ask that you join our colleagues, the members of the Boys and Girls Club of Paterson, and me in recognizing Jamie Dykes for his outstanding service to the youth of Passaic County.

TRIBUTE TO VA MEDICAL CENTER,
LOMA LINDA

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dean R. Stordahl, Chief Executive Officer of the VA Medical Center located in Loma Linda, and the entire hospital staff for being awarded the Robert W. Carey Organizational Excellence Trophy Award for 2003. This outstanding facility proudly serves our veteran men and women and provides invaluable service to their community, while honoring the lives of our fallen soldiers. I join with grateful families across our nation in celebrating this year's Carey Award winner.

For the past 25 years, the Loma Linda Medical Center has honored the lives of thousands of soldiers through their diligent work. Characterized by dignity and class, the medical center is dedicated to serving veterans who fought for our country. It has been an integral contributor to the Inland Empire and has given the respect and esteem that all servicemen and women deserve.

The Carey Award is foremost an award based on excellence. Qualifications extend

from performance in organizational leadership and management to strategic planning and community contribution. It is excellence in these areas that characterize a Carey Award winner. The Loma Linda Medical Center has proven year after year that it not only exhibits these specific qualities but also performs them at the highest possible level.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I join today with the residents of the Inland Empire in congratulating our valued VA Medical Center for its remarkable achievement, and express my sincere admiration and deference to this magnificent medical center.

TRIBUTE TO REV. E. K. BAILEY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of one of Dallas's finest people, my good friend Rev. E. K. Bailey.

Reverend Bailey, founder and pastor of Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, dedicated his life to the betterment of the city of Dallas. Dr. Bailey founded Concord in 1975 with fewer than 200 members and quickly turned it into one of the city's most vibrant African-American churches. Its current membership numbers 3,500.

In 1989, he founded E. K. Bailey Ministries Inc., a progressive non-profit organization that helps black pastors and lay leaders improve their own churches. He was a tireless public advocate who was not afraid to fight for his constituents. Dr. Bailey's accomplishments are great. When Dr. Bailey tackled a project, no matter how challenging, he did so with enthusiasm, vigor, and integrity.

He will long be remembered for his mission to provide the basic principles and practices of Biblical church growth to African American pastors and lay leaders in order to empower and revitalize African American churches to impact the world for personal and social change. Based in part upon the name recognition of Dr. E. K. Bailey in the African American community and the needs the organization was designed to meet, this ministry found instant credibility. At its first conference—Discipline and Developing the African American Male—over 600 men came to Dallas to learn and acquire resources to take back to their churches.

Above all else, Reverend Bailey was a devoted father and loving husband. Dr. Bailey is survived by his wife, Sheila, and their three grown children. Those who knew Reverend Bailey well understood that the time he spent with his wife and family were the greatest times of his life. After 33 years of marriage and three cancer diagnoses, he said "If I found myself in a ship, or on a ship, in the middle of a storm, there's only one person I'd want on that ship with me, and that's Sheila Bailey," he said.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Reverend E. K. Bailey. And I join with the city of Dallas and the State of Texas in mourning the loss of an outstanding citizen and friend.

HONORING BOB VAN WYK

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Van Wyk for his 30 years service to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. A celebration in Mr. Van Wyk's honor will be held on Thursday, November 6th in Fresno, California.

In 1973, Bob completed a degree in Public Administration at California State University, Fresno. He was hired as an administrative assistant for the Flood Control District; however, he served most of his career as Assistant General Manager. In 2003, the Flood Control District's Board of Directors appointed Mr. Van Wyk Acting General Manager.

Bob has given much of his time to agencies that address the needs of the Flood Control District's constituents. He has served as District Representative to the Board of Directors of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority and has been a member of the Association of California Water Agencies Special District Advisory Task Force. His service as a community partner and respected agency representative has established productive, long-lasting agreements throughout Fresno County. These agreements have allowed the county to use the Flood Control District's facilities as parks, groundwater recharge sites, and community open spaces.

Bob's accomplishments have been numerous over the last 30 years, but he is most noted for his amiable character. His choice to treat people with respect and dignity has allowed him to see value in each person he meets. This kind demeanor has played a major role in his many successful years with the Flood Control District.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Van Dyk's 30 years of service to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and surrounding communities has not gone unnoticed. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Van Dyk and wishing him continued success.

HONORING THE GENEROSITY OF
THE PEOPLE OF LAUGHLIN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the people of Laughlin, Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona for their generous contributions to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Colorado River. More than 400 people gave out of their pockets at the 2003 Margarita Fiesta and 10K Giveaway held at the River Palms Convention Center to raise more than \$24,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs, a 20 percent increase over last year. These funds will be used to give young men and women of every background an opportunity to play and learn in a safe, caring, environment.

Once again Laughlin has proven that it is more than just a vacation resort, it is also a place to call home. I am honored to represent the generous people of Laughlin and look forward to next year's Fiesta.

HONORING DEANNA ESPINA, SAN LORENZO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PROGRAM SPECIALIST

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Deanna Espina, who recently retired from the San Lorenzo Unified School District. Deanna will be honored at a reception and I join her friends and associates in thanking her for her many years of contributions.

Deanna began her 29 year career with the San Lorenzo Unified School District on October 14, 1974, as a community Relations Aide. After a few years, her classification was changed to Native American Indian Program Specialist assigned to Educational Services.

She has supervised various programs and also teaches youngsters about the Native American culture. She was always seeking innovative instructional strategies for students as evidenced by the Star-Lab lesson. The numerous hours spent preparing, organizing and coordinating the Star-Lab presentation for hundreds of students contributed to the Star-Lab Program's success.

With the San Lorenzo School District's support, Deanna has developed and advanced the Indian Education Program in the San Lorenzo schools in a commendable way. The Alameda County Office of Education has recognized her for the outstanding work she has done in meeting the needs of Native American students. She has played a significant role by providing leadership to sustain and foster a Native American Program that continually has value for students and the community.

Over 29,000 students, parents and teachers have participated in the Native American Museum, established in the San Lorenzo School District, due to the efforts of Deanna. The museum's presentations focus on many Native American cultures with emphasis on California's indigenous people. The school district's Native American program has been recognized at the federal, state and local levels and is a model for other Native American Programs in the United States.

Deanna's leadership, her knowledge of her projects, her enthusiasm, and commitment to the community through the years are exemplary. She has brought Native American Indian Education to the forefront and I applaud her outstanding contributions to education.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF JOHN MCNIFF

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the life and work of an exceptional individual who I am proud to represent in Congress, Bloomfield Police Chief John McNiff. Chief McNiff was honored by the Essex County Policemen's Benevolent Association on Friday, October 24, 2003, for his tireless commitment to serving his community.

Chief John McNiff has dedicated the past seventeen years to guaranteeing the safety