

hard work, of family and community. When I grew up, she worked in a sweatshop, sewing shirt collars for pennies. Everyday she would make me come by after school to see the horrible, cramped conditions. It is something I will never forget. The lesson was clear: work hard. Make something of yourself. Get a good education.

She took her own lessons to heart, retiring 4 years ago after 35 years on the New Haven Board of Alderman—the longest serving member in its history. During that time, she touched countless lives. I will always remember the people sitting around my parents' kitchen table in Wooster Square in New Haven. There, I witnessed firsthand how she and my father helped solve the problems of people in our neighborhood.

My mother knew the importance of helping people—she understood that politics was an avenue for change. She also understood that women had an obligation to participate in the political process. When I first ran for Congress in 1990, I found an article my mother wrote in the 10th ward Democratic newsletter in 1933—70 years ago. Amazingly, she wrote:

It is not my intention to be critical, rather my motive in writing this article is to encourage the female members of this organization to take a more active part in its affairs. We are not living in the middle ages when a woman's part in life was merely to serve her master in her home, but we have gradually taken our place in every phase of human endeavor, and even in the here-to-for stronghold of the male sex: politics. I have noticed that the girls, unlike the men, are timid in asserting themselves, and many a good idea is lost, having been suppressed by its creator. Come on girls, let's make ourselves heard.

And so, mom, I want to take this opportunity to say, "You made yourself heard." You continue to make us all proud. Thank you and congratulations on your ninth decade. You are your daughter's greatest inspiration.

HALLIBURTON

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, over the past two months Rep. JOHN DINGELL and I have written to the White House several times seeking an explanation for the high prices Halliburton is charging to import gasoline into Iraq. We have repeatedly expressed concern that Halliburton has been paid an average price of \$2.64 per gallon to import millions of gallons of gasoline from Kuwait into Iraq.

Halliburton's price is more than double what others have paid to import gasoline from Kuwait into Iraq, including Iraq's state-owned oil company, SOMO, and the Pentagon's own Defense Energy Support Center. In addition, independent experts I consulted have called these charges a "huge ripoff" of the taxpayer.

Gasoline imports are one of the single largest expenditures of U.S. reconstruction efforts in Iraq. To date, nearly \$450 million has been spent on gasoline imports, and an additional \$690 million has been appropriated for gasoline and other fuel imports in 2004. Literally hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are at stake.

Despite these enormous costs, the White House has consistently refused to address this issue. The White House has refused to respond to our inquiries or offer any explanation for the high costs being paid by the taxpayer. Today, I call on the White House to immediately investigate this matter and respond to the concerns raised in our letters.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL DODO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a talented rancher from New Castle, Colorado. Carol Dodo is a family-oriented rancher who has been feeding the citizens of Colorado for forty years. Carol is an intelligent educator and active participant in the beef industry and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing her tremendous service to the New Castle community.

The Colorado Cattlemen/Cattlemen's Association recently named Carol Dodo Cattlewoman of the Year for her long-time dedication to her trade. Carol runs a cow-calf organization at West Elk Ranch north of New Castle. She has been in the ranching business since the mid-fifties and has increased her involvement in the industry over the years by promoting and educating people about the benefits of eating beef. Despite the dwindling number of ranching operations over the years, the Dodo family maintains that raising cattle is a rewarding occupation.

Mr. Speaker, Carol Dodo is a dedicated individual who is actively involved in the organization and facilitation of the beef industry in Colorado. Carol has demonstrated a love for ranching that resonates in her compassionate and selfless service to the Colorado Community. Carol's enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress. Congratulations on your award Carol, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING THE PEREZ BROTHERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Perez Brothers upon their induction into the 2003 Stanislaus County Ag Center Foundation Ag Hall of Fame. Their contributions to agriculture have been felt across the nation. The brothers, Tom, Earl, Daniel, and Mike, will be honored at the 2003 Ag Hall of Fame Dinner on December 4 at the Stanislaus County Ag Center in California.

The Perez Brothers have been leaders in the agricultural industry since the 1940s, but the legacy was started earlier by their father, Juan, in northern Spain. In the early 1900s, the search for greater opportunities led Mr. Perez to California. In 1936, the family moved to the San Joaquin Valley and started farming 280 acres. Their father had visions of the valley being rich in agriculture. Today, with an

operation that stretches nearly 80 miles, the brothers farm over 8,000 acres of melons, beans, cotton, tree crops, and, most-notably, tomatoes. The family is one of the largest tomato shippers in the country.

The family's commitment to the environment and to agricultural and community organizations has been evident through the years. The brothers have served on several boards and committees and offer their time to numerous community organizations. Harvesting with the latest and cleanest machinery, as well as the support offered for research and improvements in farming, have earned the Perez Brothers an earth-friendly reputation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to commend the Perez Brothers for their induction into the 2003 Stanislaus County Ag Center Foundation Ag Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the Perez Brothers continued success.

IN MEMORY OF NARAYAN D.
KESHAVAN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of Narayan Keshavan who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly last week.

Keshavan worked for me from January of 1998 until June of 2001. During much of that time I was the Co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans and Keshavan helped me stay abreast of the issues facing India and Indian-Americans and stay in contact with the vibrant community here.

Keshavan had a love for two countries. His adopted home, the United States and his ancestral home, India. So few people modestly and selflessly served to help U.S.-India relations through such dramatic periods of growth and change. Keshavan was an early and vocal advocate for a different kind of relationship between the oldest and largest democracies in the world. He saw the possibility, in fact the necessity, of India and the United States working closely together well before it was evident to leaders in either country. In a clear example of bringing the two cultures closer together, Kesh was one of the Indian Americans who made the October 23, 2003 First Deepavali Event at the White House happen.

Born May 31, 1950 in Hyderabad, India, Keshavan was a graduate of Andhra University (Visakhapatnam, India) where he received a BA in Pharmacy and Osmania University (Hyderabad, India) with a BA and MA in journalism. Over his impressive career as a journalist, Kesh was respected for his vision and commitment to politics and Indo-U.S. Relations. In addition to working for the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans, he was the Founder and Executive Director of the Indian American Republican Council, and President of the Indian American Forum for Political Education (NYC and LI chapter). He also was a founder of the Indo-U.S. Parliamentary Forum. He served as a mentor to countless individuals of all ages and faiths, deeply touching the lives of many here and in

India, even those he knew only a short time. People loved Kesh for his honesty, intelligence and humor.

Kesh passed away on Thursday, November 13 after he appeared on CNN in a interview with Lou Dobbs where he defended India in the growing political issue of outsourcing. Keshavan is survived by his father and sister.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a journalist, public servant and tireless community activist, Narayan Keshavan.

RECOGNIZING WOODS-VALENTINE
MORTUARY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. I rise today to honor Woods-Valentine Mortuary in Pasadena, California. Woods-Valentine Mortuary, one of the oldest African-American, family-owned and operated businesses in the twenty-ninth Congressional District, is celebrating its 75th anniversary on December 14, 2003.

The James Woods Funeral Parlor, located at 87 S. Vernon Avenue in Pasadena, was founded in 1928 by James and Annie Mae Woods. In 1950, after the death of Mr. Woods, his nephew Fred W. Valentine continued to run the business for Mrs. Woods. In 1954, Fred and his wife, Arzella, purchased the business and it became the Woods-Valentine Mortuary. The Valentines relocated the business to its current location at 1455 N. Fair Oaks Avenue in 1963 and built a new structure, which received a Pasadena Beautiful Foundation award for architectural design and color coordination.

Woods-Valentine Mortuary has a well-deserved reputation as a professional, compassionate and dignified business. The mortuary staff members serve the community not only by offering counseling and funeral services, but also by their immense community and civic involvement.

Fred and Arzella Valentine have served on the boards of many professional and civic organizations, such as the Los Angeles County Funeral Directors Association, the National Funeral Directors Association, the California Board of Funeral Directors, the Pasadena Altadena Links, and the Soroptomist Club. The Valentines are also members of many civic organizations including the San Gabriel Valley Black Business Association, the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, the Pasadena Urban League, and are lifetime members and past board members of the Pasadena NAACP. In addition, the Valentines have sponsored Northwest Pasadena Little League teams for forty years, volunteered for many years in Pasadena's public schools and libraries, and contribute annually to many scholarship funds. They are also active in their church, Friendship Baptist Church.

Woods-Valentine Mortuary is truly a family-owned business. Fred and Arzella's daughters, Janyce Valentine and Gail Valentine Taylor, are part owners. Arzella's sister, Vannie Brown, Fred's brothers, Clifton Valentine (who died in 1999) and James Adkins, along with Laven Lanier, James Barker, Ernest Gomez, Lenston Marrow, James Ross, Leo Vaughn, Julius Henderson and Juan Wooden, are other

members of the "Woods-Valentine Mortuary family" who have greatly contributed to the success of the business.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring Woods-Valentine Mortuary for its 75 years of dedicated service to the community.

HONORING N.A. "TURK" BAZ

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute and honor Turk Baz. I have known Turk for many years, and he is a testament to the service, dedication, and diligence to his listeners on the local radio by providing daily weather updates.

Turk, a veteran radio broadcaster and owner of WDEB FM/AM, has been a fixture in Fentress County, Tennessee, for many years. He was recently honored by the National Weather Service for his more than 20 years of service by presenting him with its John Campanius Holm Award. The annual award goes to 25 individuals among the agency's 11,000 plus volunteer weather observers: The award has been given since 1959.

One of his greatest qualities is his modesty. During the acceptance ceremony, he said he was accepting the award on behalf of his radio station's staff and the many volunteers who are part of the Fentress County Emergency Service Organization. Fentress Countians are blessed to have someone like Turk looking out for them.

HONORING THE STATE WINNER
AND NATIONAL FINALIST FOR
RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING
COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monical's Pizza Corporation (Monical's) for being the State winner and national finalist for Recognition of Outstanding Commitment to the Community and being awarded the Restaurant Neighbor Awards. This is the 5th annual year for the award.

One day a week, for 17 weeks, youths participating in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program receive an education on drug abuse resistance. Monical's saw this as an opportunity to help reach out to youths before drug addiction starts. Since 1990, the restaurant has handed out more than 200,000 free pizza certificates to children who complete the D.A.R.E. program—a contribution totaling more than \$1 million.

Monical's commitment to D.A.R.E. began with a simple collaboration with the Lincoln, Illinois, police department to donate pizzas to students who graduated from D.A.R.E. Today, Monical's extends this opportunity to every community D.A.R.E. program located near one of their 50-plus restaurants. This translates into a value of more than \$1 million. Students also receive a coupon for a Monical's Family

Pleaser so they can bring the entire family for a celebration of their graduation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other companies in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's families and communities.

CAPT GEORGE A. WOOD—A NATION
MOURNS HIS LOSS

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, the people of New York's 24th Congressional District and America suffered a terrible loss on November 20, 2003. U.S. Army Captain George A. Wood, originally of Marcy, New York, died while valiantly serving his country in the War in Iraq. He paid the ultimate price to ensure our liberty. He gave his life so that the people of Iraq could live without repression and fear—and he gave his life so that Americans could feel safe to live their lives under a blanket of freedom. That freedom comes with a high price and we are eternally grateful for his dedication and commitment to the ideals that we hold dear.

Captain Wood personified the qualities and dedication that make our U.S. military the greatest armed forces in the world. As a young man in the Mohawk Valley, Captain Wood excelled in both academics and athletics. He was known as a "history buff," going on to earn a bachelor's degree from the Ivy League's Cornell University. He continued his education by earning master's degrees at both State University of New York-Cortland and State University of New York-Albany. Captain Wood's athletic endeavors led him to captain the Notre Dame Junior-Senior High School football team in his senior year. He hoped to one day share his love of football as a coach at the West Point Military Academy.

Captain Wood was assigned to the Army's 4th Infantry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas. He was killed while on patrol when his tank rolled over an improvised explosive device.

I ask my colleagues in the House, and all Americans, to extend our prayers and sympathy to his wife Lisa and their 3-year old daughter Maria, Captain Wood's mother and stepfather Maria and Michael Babula of Marcy, New York, as well as the rest of his family. Together we honor this fallen American hero.

NATIONAL CONSUMERS LEAGUE
PRESIDENT LINDA GOLODNER
ENDORSES INTRODUCTION OF
H.R. 3139, THE YOUTH WORKER
PROTECTION ACT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, at the start of the 20th century the state of child labor conditions in our country was so deplorable that it was not uncommon for children to be working 60 or 70-hour weeks