

to providing educational opportunities to students, and his work with PSU to help this important institution grow into a national model of an urban university.

Tom Pflingsten has served at Portland State University since 1980. During that time, the Millar Library has steadily increased its collections holdings from 650,000 volumes in 1980 to the present day 1.3 million volumes.

In addition, during Tom's tenure, there were three major library improvements: (1) an expanded and improved library building that is both functional and architecturally stunning; (2) a major reorganization of the way in which the library internally functions including the creation of a new research and learning center; and (3) a transition from paper systems to electronic media in nearly all aspects of library organization, communication, and presentation to students and faculty. All of these accomplishments have been most impressive due to the fact that his era at Portland State has been one of great financial challenges.

Tom's modest, self-effacing style obscures a canny ability to find money for important projects and to spend it prudently and effectively. He has been a tremendous and tireless advocate for the Millar Library and his efforts, and those of his fine staff, have allowed it to keep pace with Oregon's fastest growing, and now largest, university.

In an atmosphere of constant fiscal challenge, Tom Pflingsten and the Millar Library—like Portland State University itself—have triumphed over adversity and provided high quality service to our students, faculty and community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored that I have had the opportunity to work with and know Tom Pflingsten. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him and his family the best as he enters a much-deserved retirement after a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO MS. MARTHA
WATFORD

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise during this month of March, which has been designated Women's History Month, to pay tribute to Ms. Martha Watford, an incredible woman who has dedicated most her life to the service of others.

For 38 years, Martha has been an active member of the community. She has served as parent, staff and currently Executive Director of the La Peninsula Community Organization. Serving over one thousand families annually, it is one of the largest community based organizations in the South Bronx. In her position as Executive Director, she has been responsible for expanding what was once a two room operation to what is now a facility with six centers and 33 classrooms. This new facility is due to open in September 2004 and will aptly be named the Martha Watford Center.

Mr. Speaker, Martha is always eager to incorporate new initiatives into the program in order ensure that the families and children that her organization serves are given every opportunity to achieve all that they possibly can. As a result of her unyielding commitment to her

community, Martha was the recipient of the Robin Hood Foundation Heroes Award in 1996. She leads her staff by demonstrating unflinching strength and passion in serving the families of our community.

For her commitment to the families of our community, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this remarkable woman.

CONGRATULATING COMMON
THREADS AWARD WINNERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan Cohen, Parry Mead Murray, Margo Souza and Barbara Vineyard, the recipients of the 2004 Sacramento Valley Common Threads Award. This award is presented to women in agriculture who have made a remarkable contribution to their community through volunteer work and philanthropy.

Susan Cohen has been involved in numerous agricultural activities throughout her life. Since 1989, she has held the position of the Solano County Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights & Measures. She serves as a key part of the regulatory system that promotes and protects California's \$28 billion agricultural industry. Susan was Monterey County's Senior Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in the Salinas Valley, where she started out as a Produce Inspector and worked her way up to a wide variety of regulatory inspections. She also administered the county Agricultural Advisory Committee, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, and became a point person for minor crop pesticide regulations.

Parry Mead Murray has been active in the grape industry for over 20 years. She served as Mead Ranch Vineyard Manager for 22 years and assisted with the conservation easement placed on the property. Parry currently sits as board member of the Napa Valley Grape Growers Association. She serves as Vice President of the Giles W. & Elise G. Mead Foundation, whose contributions go toward conservation and resource management issues. Parry is also a committee member of the Archer Taylor Preserve Land Trust of Napa County, a committee that targets the planning and implementation of long-term property management for one of the oldest and largest strands of Redwood trees.

Margo Souza has been dedicated to the dairy industry her entire life. She has spent the past 20 years as a successful manager in all facets of dairy farming. Margo played a key role in securing a \$100,000 grant from the Buy California initiative to place milk vending machines in selected high schools. She was chair of the Western United Dairymen's 2003 Convention, the year of their biggest trade show ever. Margo also served as the first woman president for the Growers Harvesting Committee in 1996. In addition, she has had several professional appointments that include the California Agriculture and Water Committee in 1999, the California Milk Advisory Board since 1997, and the Western United Dairymen since 1994, among others.

Barbara Vineyard has been an active leader of 4-H for 47 years. She was on the 4-H

County Council serving as president, secretary, and area coordinator. Barbara has chaired many County and Regional events and served on the Regional and State Leaders Councils, as well as director of the California 4-H Foundation. She is chairman of the Mt. Pleasant Hall Committee and assists with fundraisers for the community hall, which is owned by the Placer County Farm Bureau. Barbara also helped form the Placer County Farm Bureau Young People's organization which she remains active in today.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the 2004 Sacramento Valley Common Threads Award winners. These women have shown outstanding involvement, not only in agriculture, but also in strengthening their respective communities. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing these honorees a bright future and continued success.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
MR. ENZO "TONY" MUSOLINO

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to remember and honor an outstanding citizen, Mr. Enzo "Tony" Musolino from Granite Bay, California, who passed away on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, after a year-long bout with leukemia. He was 73 years old.

Tony was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 15, 1930. The only child of Ernesto and Carmela Musolino, he moved to San Francisco with his family in 1940, marking the beginning of his life in Northern California.

In 1952, Tony began a life-long career in the real estate profession. He was a real estate agent, builder, and mortgage broker working throughout the Bay Area, starting in San Francisco and expanding into the Santa Clara and San Jose areas. However, in January 1976, he moved his family to Granite Bay, then a rural community in the beautiful foothills of Placer County. As it turned out, his family was among the first of many people who have migrated from the Bay Area to the greater Sacramento region. Tony's vision for his new home helped transform the community into what it is today.

Tony envisioned the development of custom homes on large lots surrounded by open natural spaces. His residential accomplishments included the development of Hidden Lakes Estates, Shelborne Estates, and the premier neighborhood of Los Lagos. He also succeeded in commercial development ventures in Washington State, the greater Sacramento area, and California's Great Central Valley. Nevertheless, he will likely be best remembered for his exclusive residential developments in Granite Bay.

Mr. Speaker, Tony, who had been semi-retired for several years, turned the management of the family business over to his children to enjoy other aspects of life. He took pleasure in several hobbies, including golf and weight training. As the son of Italian immigrants, he relished his heritage, retaining fluency in the Italian language and passion for authentic Italian cuisine. He even found enjoyment in collecting Italian sports cars, including several Maseratis and a Ferrari.