

then) as a full time Counseling assistant. In April of 1982, she transferred to the Division of Instruction as a full-time Secretary to the Elementary Curriculum Coordinator. In May of 1984, LeeAnn moved to the Superintendent's Office as a Secretary. She left briefly in 1989 to take a position as Secretary to the Superintendent in the La Canada Unified School District where she was quickly promoted to Director of Administrative Services. The following year, she decided personnel work was not her true calling. Upon the retirement of the Secretary to the Superintendent in Burbank in 1991, she was rehired to fill that position where she has served ever since. Over the years, the job title has changed. She is now known as the Assistant to the Superintendent.

LeeAnn is a shining role model and irreplaceable BUSD employee. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating LeeAnn O'Toole for a truly exemplary professional and public service career, and for her immense commitment to the city of Burbank and its residents.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL S. CHAN

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Daniel S. Chan. On March 22, 2004, the city of Sacramento and northern California lost one of its most respected and honorable business leaders when Daniel S. Chan passed away. As his friends and family gather to remember Daniel's remarkable life and many outstanding contributions to his friends, family, and community, I ask all my colleagues to join with me in saluting this exceptional citizen and my dear family friend, Daniel S. Chan.

A native of Sacramento, Dan was born on June 9, 1915. Dan was a graduate of Sacramento High School, Class of 1933. During the same year, Dan's father, Chan Tai Oy, who immigrated from Canton, China to Sacramento in the early 1900s, started a new business venture; General Produce Company. At the age of 18, Daniel would join his father and two brothers, Tom and Eddie, and cousin, Davis Sun, and embark on what will be an illustrious six-decade long career with General Produce Company.

As an owner, Dan was chief buyer and salesman for General Produce Company. Dan's dedication to the company and his work ethic were legendary. Dan worked seven days a week for over 60 years. Through Dan's outstanding business acumen and hard work, and his collaboration with his brothers Thomas and Eddie, General Produce Company would become one of Northern California's largest wholesale produce distributors. In addition to General Produce Company, Dan and his brothers also started one of the first department stores in Sacramento in the late 1950s and he also became involved in real estate, developing commercial and residential properties in the South Land Park Area in the 1950s and 1960s.

I came to know Dan and his family through my father's, Yasuji, employment with General Produce Company, where he was a top salesman. Dan and my father would have lunch together everyday. Dan was an owner who truly

cared about the best interests and well being of his employees. Over time, our families became very close. Dan and his wife Kitty, headed a loving family that included children; Deborah, Terrie, and Daniel. I have always had the utmost respect for the kindness and decency of the Chan family.

In addition to possessing great knowledge in buying and selling virtually every commodity General Produce Company handled, Dan was also a man of many other interests. An avid baseball player in his younger days, Dan was a big baseball fan who regularly attended San Francisco Giants baseball games: A voracious reader, Dan would read four newspapers on a daily basis. Dan was also a man who enjoyed building things. Dan used his precious free time to build his children a tree house and decorative garden accessories for the enjoyment of his friends and family. After his retirement in the mid-1990s, Dan took up fishing and enjoyed golfing well into his later years. Dan and his wife, Kitty, traveled to many places, both domestic and overseas.

Dan was preceded in death by his wife Kathleen "Kitty" Chan and siblings, Thomas, Eddie, and Marjorie. He is survived by his children; Deborah Chan of Hong Kong, Terrie Chan of Orinda and Daniel Chan of Sacramento. Dan was the loving grandfather of Ian Lee, Taylor Lee, Tyler Chan and Collin Chan.

Mr. Speaker, as Dan Chan's family and friends gather to pay tribute to his wonderful life, I am honored to express my respect and gratitude to one of Sacramento's finest citizens. It was truly a privilege for my family to count Dan Chan as our dear friend. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Dan Chan's remarkable life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during rollcall votes 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, and 117. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 96, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115, and 117. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall votes 97, 107, 113, 114, and 116.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3550) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

Mr. BACA. Mr. Chairman, I reluctantly support this transportation reauthorization.

While this bill includes important projects for my district, it does not adequately fund our nation's transportation priorities.

A population boom in the Inland Empire has created a desperate need for federal funding.

Commuters and emergency vehicles must be able to access our highways safely and efficiently.

In name of homeland security and economic vitality we, in the Inland Empire, must improve our infrastructure.

The average commute time in our district is 30 minutes to an hour. This is outrageous for an exurb community.

Last year my district grew by approximately 60,000 people.

Sixth in the nation for population growth.

These are thousands of Californians that deserve better investments in transportation infrastructure to correspond with the population growth.

I am not happy that this legislation will further condemn Californians to subsidize the transportation spending of other states.

I am not happy that this administration believes that deficit spending for millionaire tax cuts is necessary, but federal spending for job-creating transportation improvements is wasteful.

By limiting funds well below the Senate highway bill, Republicans are missing a prime opportunity to begin job creation and recover some of 3 million private-sector jobs lost under the Bush Administration.

That is why I will enthusiastically support the Davis amendment. This alternative increases the funding in the bill to the Senate-passed level of \$318 billion.

This would create about 1.8 million more jobs than the House GOP leadership bill without adding to the deficit.

This Democratic amendment would create about 1.8 million more jobs and \$235 billion more economic activity than the House GOP leadership bill without adding to the deficit.

The increase for highway and public transit over the House bill is fully paid for by cracking down on abusive corporate tax shelters and companies that move off-shore to avoid paying U.S. taxes.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed a \$318 billion compromise measure by a vote of 76 to 21 on February 12.

Mr. Chairman, that is why I reluctantly support the reauthorization, but ask my colleagues to please enthusiastically support the Davis amendment to create jobs, fix our roads, and invest in the future.

COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with other women Members of Congress to honor the contributions and landmark efforts of women. As we look back on March, Women's History Month remains an important time to reflect on and commend women for their lifelong efforts to our country. Women have been the cornerstone of this country, so it is difficult for me to honor just one today, but after thought and reflection, I've decided to honor the life's work of a mentor and long time role model of mine, Ms. Betty Shabazz.

Betty Shabazz epitomizes the strength, tenacity, confidence, compassion, and fidelity of a progressive Black woman. Early in my career, I met her on several occasions, and she gave great guidance on how to be proactive, detail specific and plan for the unexpected. As a young woman, Shabazz left Detroit to study at the Tuskegee Institute, the renowned historic black college in Alabama. She later went to New York, where she became a registered nurse.

In New York, Shabazz was introduced to the Nation of Islam and its founder Elijah Muhammad. It was in 1956 that Betty X met Malcolm X, then a rising star in the Nation of Islam. Two years later they married, and within 5 years, they had four daughters. After breaking off from the Nation of Islam in 1964, Malcolm and Betty X adopted the Muslim surname Shabazz.

In early 1965, Malcolm was gunned down while speaking at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem. Betty Shabazz, pregnant with twins, was in the audience with their daughters when one of the greatest Civil Rights Leaders of our time was murdered. Betty raised their six daughters alone, returned to school, and in 1975 earned a doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts. She went to work as an administrator at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn while carrying out an effort to inform people around the world about civil and human rights and racial tolerance.

In a sudden and tragic twist of fate, the world lost a great champion and voice. In June of 1997, Betty Shabazz passed away at 61 from third-degree burns that ravaged over 80 percent of her body. This was a tragic ending to an extraordinary life.

For all of her honest criticism and constructive praise, I thank her and honor her. Betty Shabazz was a true womanist, activist, and leader. I owe here a great debt of gratitude and in the years to come will continue to work to preserve her memory.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN HEIN

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a man with a distinguished public service career. Throughout the course of his career, John Hein has served the people of California, especially its school children, with great success and distinction. John recently retired from his position as the Associate Executive Director for the California Teachers Association. It is my honor to ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting John Hein, a tireless and passionate advocate for public education in California.

John Hein has undoubtedly been one of California's most effective education reformers and loyal supporters of public education in recent history. John possesses the necessary work ethic and conviction to successfully represent and advance the interests of California's 6.5 million school children. John's remarkable track record in moving an extraordinary agenda for California's school children is almost unparalleled anywhere in the field of education.

John's insight and perseverance were instrumental in negotiating a settlement in the

California Teachers Association v. Gould lawsuit that resulted in the largest decrease in class size in the history of California. John's masterful handling of this settlement also produced the largest financial commitment to instructional materials for each student in every subject, as well as the largest increase in professional development opportunities for classroom teachers in the Nation.

Aside from being an astute negotiator, John was also a skilled organizer of a number of important public campaigns. John was a major organizer in a mass demonstration of teachers and other supporters of public education that played a big part in a \$2 billion increase in general revenues to the public schools. To this day, this change in policy remains the largest single increase in school funding in the history of California. Driven by a deep commitment to increased local funding for public schools, John played a vital role in the successful effort to reduce the vote threshold for local school bonds from two-thirds to 55 percent. Passage of this measure resulted in a \$26 billion increase in state funding for new and rehabilitated schools. John also lent his considerable talents to the fight against school vouchers. John was able to bring together a massive statewide coalition that delivered a resounding defeat to the voucher movement in California and across the nation. Time and time again, John has proven that he is one of the greatest friends of public education in California.

John's relentless dedication to public education and his strong leadership have made the California Teacher's Association one of the most powerful organizations to lobby on behalf of public education and associated issues in the country. Under John's leadership, the California Teachers Association crafted the most rigorous academic standards in the nation, a new statewide testing system, a new school facilities law and other major education reforms.

A man of many talents and considerable energy, John's leadership in California went well beyond public education issues. John has served on the executive boards of campaigns that sought to protect affirmative action, racial data collection, bilingual education, and immigrants' rights in California. John's commitment to public service has enabled him to make a positive contribution to the lives of all Californians.

Mr. Speaker, as John Hein embarks on an exciting new chapter of his life, I am honored to pay tribute to a great champion of public education in California. The people of California have benefited greatly from John's leadership and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing John continued success in all of his future endeavors, wherever retirement may lead him.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WHITE ROCK LAKE

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, as the U.S. Congressman representing White Rock Lake in Dallas, I would like to recognize the

invaluable contribution made by the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to the development of White Rock Lake.

With the dedication of the new CCC statue at White Rock Lake Park, we honor the lasting contribution of the approximately 3,000 young men who, over the course of seven years, spent six months to two years learning a trade and performing a valuable public service.

These young men labored diligently, making a host of improvements to White Rock Lake, including deepening and widening the lake, constructing, clearing underbrush, and building bridle paths, trails, picnic grounds, barbecue pits, shelter houses, thousands of feet of retaining walls and planting hundreds of pecan trees. One of their major accomplishments was the creation of the park at Flag Pole Hill, which we still enjoy today.

Today, I recognize the "boys in green" from the CCC Camp at White Rock Lake and thank them for their hard work as we dedicate a new statue in Sunset Bay to honor the outstanding contribution they made in helping build our community.

TRIBUTE TO ALDEN B. DOW OF MIDLAND, MICHIGAN—100TH BIRTH YEAR COMMEMORATION

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Alden B. Dow.

In 2004, the city of Midland, Michigan will be holding a year-long celebration to honor the life and accomplishments of Alden B. Dow entitled "The Quality of Life—The Influence of Alden B. Dow."

Born in Midland on April 10, 1904, Dow's leadership and architectural ingenuity served as inspiration to his community. Trained at Columbia University's School of Architecture, Dow completed over 520 projects throughout his fifty-year career, each focusing on a theme of individuality. He designed homes throughout the United States, including World War II housing for the Department of Defense in Brazoria, Texas. He also designed the entire town of Lake Jackson, Texas during the same period. In addition to housing, Alden Dow also designed colleges, hospitals, and community buildings. His design of the First United Methodist Church in Midland won the Eighth Annual National Honor Awards of the American Institute of Architecture in 1958, and was the only religious structure to receive such an award. Dow has also received such honors as honorary degrees from various colleges and universities, and was a Fellow for the American Institute of Architects. He served as president of the Michigan Society of Architects in 1949, winning the organization's gold medal in 1960. He was also a recipient of the Frank Lloyd Wright creativity award in 1982, and in 1983, Dow was honored as Michigan's only Architect Laureate.

I am honored today to recognize, along with the city of Midland, Michigan, the accomplishments of Alden B. Dow and his life contributions during this celebration.