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During her time with the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Amy also initiated all of the studio-based outreach programs with Philadelphia's public schools, expanded the museum's afterschool studio art classes and developed weekend art classes. In 1998, her art education programs received an Award of Excellence in Programming from the American Association of Museums. For five consecutive years, her children's studio programs were honored with a Best of Philly award.

Amy recently left the museum to return to teaching art in schools. I have no doubt that she will do an outstanding job. Her students certainly will be fortunate to have such a talented and engaging teacher.

I congratulate Amy for being recognized as a Coming Up Taller Award finalist, and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ROYALTY
RELIEF FOR AMERICAN CON-
SUMERS ACT OF 2006

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, the American people expect their leaders to articulate a vision and a comprehensive strategy for America's energy future. They expect us to be focused on reducing the high energy costs to American consumers and completely eliminating our dependence on expensive and volatile Middle Eastern oil. In contrast, several weeks ago the New York Times released an investigative report revealing that payments made by energy companies are not keeping up with the skyrocketing cost of energy. Today, the Times, revealed that big oil companies stand to receive future royalty giveaways from the Bush administration of nearly \$7 billion. This royalty relief for Exxon Mobil, BP, and Chevron Texaco comes at a time when consumers are paying record high energy prices.

It is time to start providing royalty relief to the American public, and to end it for multinational energy companies that just made more profit in one year than any industry in modern history.

Today, Representatives MALONEY, MILLER, WAXMAN, EMANUEL, INSLER, PALLONE, GRIJALVA and I are introducing the "Royalty Relief for American Consumers Act of 2006" to ensure that the taxpayers will receive the billions of dollars in royalty payments they are owed by the big oil companies as payment to drill on public land. Our legislation would prohibit royalty relief on any future oil and gas leases, call for a renegotiation of current leases, and prohibit the purchasing of new leases by those companies that refuse to renegotiate.

Oil companies pay a fraction of the value of the oil and gas produced on federal land as a royalty to the Federal Government. However, on Valentine's Day, we have learned of yet

another sweetheart deal that the administration is giving to big oil. Across the country, Americans can't afford roses and chocolates because they are getting squeezed at the pump for every last nickel and dime they have—meanwhile the Bush administration is giving its sweethearts in the oil industry \$7 billion that rightfully belongs to America's taxpayers.

In the 1990's and again last year, the Republican Congress voted to suspend royalty payments by oil and gas companies for oil and gas produced in Federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico.

Now, the President's own budget directs the Department of the Interior to allow companies to pump nearly \$65 billion worth of oil and natural gas without paying royalties. Apparently the administration doesn't feel that the record profits being reported by Exxon Mobil and the other big oil companies are high enough. The Bush policy of subsidizing wealthy oil companies has proven to be wildly effective in boosting oil company profits, but it continues to harm American consumers. It is time for this administration to stop letting oil companies make the greatest profits we have ever seen in the history of the world while not paying their bills to the American public.

The "Royalty Relief for American Consumers Act of 2006" will ensure that the American taxpayers receive the money they are owed by the oil companies in the future. Our legislation will help reverse the Bush administration's policy to "Leave No Oil Company Behind" and instead provide relief to the American consumers who are currently footing the bill.

TRIBUTE TO YOGGI RILEY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my long time friend, Yoggi Riley, in recognition of her February 3, 2006, retirement from the U.S. Postal Service. Ms. Riley had a long and distinguished career with the Postal Service—almost 38 years. She proved herself a leader through her tireless work with the Postal Workers Union. Throughout her career she helped improve the lives of countless other postal workers through her union service.

In September 1967, Yoggi began working at the Post Office Department as a special delivery messenger. After witnessing the hardships experienced by the postal workers on the picket lines during the 1970 New York postal workers strike, which spread throughout the country, she joined the San Fernando Valley Area Local Branch of the American Postal Workers Union, APWU. This decision not only changed her life, but because of her tenacity as a union leader, it ultimately impacted the lives of many others. While her desire to help fight for and protect the rights of her fellow employees was kindled by that strike, it has continued to burn brightly throughout her career.

Yoggi's exceptional leadership as a union representative became apparent during the 1970s. In 1979, she was elected President of the local union and ultimately served two

terms. During her tenure, the quality of service and the reputation of the local union increased markedly. Although she turned over the reins of leadership to spend more time with her family, whenever the union needed her she rose to the occasion. When organized labor fell on hard times and employees were required to work longer hours for less pay, the local union sought out Yoggi's help. She returned as Office Manager, and served as Secretary and then as Treasurer.

Her leadership was tested in the mid-nineties when postal management attempted to change the definition of a special delivery messenger and in the process deprive workers of their right to be represented by the union of their choice. During this crisis, she sprang into action, helped confront management, and enlisted the support of the national union. She then entered into a test case to resolve the issue through arbitration. Acting in concert with the national union, an agreement was reached with management that all messengers would remain, as stated in the law, in their union of choice. This was a great victory for postal workers.

Yoggi settled into a job as Mailing Requirement Clerk advising postal customers about the best way to make and prepare their mailings. In 2001, the Postal Service recognized Yoggi with its Diversity Award, an honor justly deserved. Although she has now retired from the UPS, Yoggi has not retired from her quest to help postal workers. In recognition of her passion and ability to help postal workers, the APWU has asked Yoggi to conduct seminars on retirement and to help other workers appropriately prepare for that transition. Not surprisingly, she has taken on this challenge with zeal and will, no doubt, continue to make a tremendous impact.

Yoggi is a very special woman. In addition to all she has done on behalf of postal workers, she has also devoted herself to raising a family. She is married to Lester Riley and they have two children and six grandchildren. The time and energy she gave to coaching children's baseball and t-ball was so well known that the community renamed the playing field across from her home after her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Yoggi Riley, congratulating her on her retirement, and wishing her success in all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA SUDLER
HORNBY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the wonderful life and exceptional accomplishments of a remarkable woman. This distinguished citizen possessed an impressive record of civic leadership and invaluable service. Her achievements in preserving the heritage of Colorado merit our recognition and gratitude. It is to commend this eminent citizen that I rise to honor Barbara Sudler Hornby.

When we think about the enduring legacy of Denver and Colorado, we think of Barbara Hornby. Her life was an affirmation of our heritage and its importance to future generations.