

always with Denton's future in mind and best interest at heart. Even with all of these and other accomplishments too numerous to list, Mayor Brock has remained a modest person who always shared the credit of progress with her fellow city council members, city staff, her husband Dr. Horace Brock, and with others in the community.

Today, I recognize her decades of hard work and selfless dedication given to the citizens of Denton. I am honored to represent Mayor Euline Brock in Washington, and I hope her service to the citizens of Denton will never be forgotten, but will often be set as a standard of dedication and true leadership.

CONGRATULATING THE SAN
CATALDO SOCIETY ON ITS 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the San Cataldo Society of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this month.

In 1904, a group of Dunmore residents, recently emigrated from the island of Sicily, associated themselves for the purpose of promoting goodwill, civic betterment and for the benefit of its members in cases of sickness, accident or death from funds collected.

The early history reveals that these pioneers, bearing the customs which they inherited from their native land, but handicapped by a language barrier, overcame many difficulties and obstacles in the formation of the Societa San Cataldese Cooperativa Di Mutua Saccorso in Dunmore.

In March 1905, a group of 48 men held their first meeting at Washington Hall, Chestnut and Comer Streets, and they elected the late Rosario Bentivenga as the first president.

The society continued to progress since its incorporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 15, 1906. Meetings were conducted at various Dunmore landmarks, including DeAndrea's Hall on Willow Street; Lalli's Hall on Willow Street; Naro's Hall on Elm Street, and Luzio's Hall on Mortimer Street.

In 1927, after many years of sacrifices and perseverance by the members, the society began construction of a building at 316 Elizabeth Street. The same building is still in use today.

The Italian immigrants who made up the San Cataldo Society contributed much to their community, working in various occupations including coal miners, construction workers and skilled laborers. They served in public office and their descendants served and fought honorably in defense of this Nation. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have served the community and the nation becoming doctors, lawyers, engineers, judges, construction contractors, business owners, nurses, pharmacists and public servants.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the San Cataldo Society and its members past and present. Their devotion to their community has improved the quality of life and

serves as a positive example for others to emulate.

TRIBUTE TO MARINELL EVA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Marinell Eva, upon the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs). Thanks to Marinell, 4Cs is not only a successful agency but also one with a lot of heart. Her writings in the newsletter, reflective of her childhood and her children's, show her deep connection and empathy with families and children.

During Marinell's 17 years with the agency, she was a leader in developing a variety of child care services, collaborations with other organizations, and advocacy for children and families. Also, 4Cs researched and published the study, *The Economic Impact of Child Care in Sonoma County*, under her direction and in partnership with the Child Care Planning Council. 4Cs continues to inform businesses and government of the link between child care and our local economy.

Marinell moved to Sonoma County in 1978, and soon became the Program Director at the YWCA's A Special Place child care program where she served for many years. She volunteered with the Sonoma County Child Abuse Council and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Extended Child Care Coalition. She currently serves on the SRJC Child Development Advisory Committee, First Five Professional Community Advisory Committee, and is an advisory member of the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County. She has a B.A. in English Literature and Psychology, and an M.A. in Clinical Psychology.

Her commitment and passion have been an invaluable asset to Sonoma County. Carl Wong, Superintendent of Schools, says, "The teachers and principals of the Sonoma County K-12 public school system have benefited from the leadership and advocacy of Marinell Eva for over 16 years. Her professional dedication in support of children and families helps to promote a level playing field for the 5000+ Kindergarten students who begin their school experience each year."

These thoughts are echoed by Joel Gordon, the Director of Early Childhood Education at Santa Rosa Junior College: "Through the years Marinell has been one of my favorite people to work with. In a time when the word is overused, she has become a great leader in Sonoma. The combination of her vision, talent, commitment, compassion and sense of humor have changed for the better our community and ultimately the lives of many of its youngest citizens. She is one of a kind and will be greatly missed."

Marinell and her husband, David Pittman, live on property in Sebastopol, where two their children and all four grandchildren live. She plans to continue as a member of the Board of Trustees at the Sonoma Academy, and in between gardening and reading she will spend time studying Spanish, literature, and music as well as keeping up with the grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, have been inspired by working with Marinell Eva. She says it best in her own words: "Working with people in the child care field has been my deep privilege. I have had the good fortune to work for what I believe in—meeting the needs of children. What better way to change the world?"

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CALI-
FORNIA STATE SENATOR ED
DAVIS

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sadness today to honor the memory of Ed Davis, a former California State Senator and Los Angeles Chief of Police. He was a remarkable man who was a monumental presence on the Los Angeles and California political scene. Senator Davis passed away on April 22, 2006 in San Luis Obispo, CA, at the age of 89.

Born Edward Michael Davis on November 15, 1916 in Los Angeles, he graduated from John C. Fremont High School and enlisted in the United States Navy where he became a decorated officer. He later received his Masters in Public Administration from USC. Always a proud alumnus, he often sported a maroon blazer and gold pants, USC's famous colors, on the State Senate floor.

Joining the Los Angeles Police Department in 1940, Ed first walked a beat in downtown Los Angeles with the late Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. Rising up through the ranks, he was a director of the police and fire union and later a trusted top aide to legendary Chief William Parker. Ed served as Los Angeles Chief of Police from 1969 until 1978 where he was known as a popular firebrand who pushed law and order during times of turbulence.

Chief Davis proved popular with not only the people of Los Angeles, but also with weary Americans who were looking for tough leadership during uncertain times. During the same period, his officers' morale was at an all-time high. He became a national figure as a tough law and order proponent quelling student protests during the Vietnam War, opposing the Black Panthers, and taking a strident stance against the epidemic of hijacking in the early 1970s.

In 1974, the entire Nation watched as the Chief's force had a climatic shootout with the Simbionese Liberation Army who had kidnapped heiress Patty Hearst. Several leaders of the gang died in a fiery blaze at the conclusion of the confrontation.

Chief Davis implemented historic reforms at the LAPD and left a legacy of influence in law enforcement. His innovations include creating the Neighborhood Watch concept to bring residents together, and instituting community policing. While crime rose by 55 percent across the Nation during his tenure as Chief, crime actually decreased by 1 percent in Los Angeles. His influence still exists in the LAPD, and programs that the Chief invented are at the heart of every police organization worldwide. The City of Los Angeles honored him by naming the newest and most elaborate of the three LAPD training centers "The Ed Davis Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & Tactics/Firearms Training Center" in 1998.

A respected member of the academic community, Chief Davis lecturing at USC and Cal State Los Angeles as an adjunct professor of police administration and management for 18 years. He was the author of *Staff One*, a leading police management textbook.

Prior to his appointment as Chief, he served for many years as a law enforcement advocate working with the California Legislature in Sacramento. Among his many outstanding contributions is the landmark Peace Officer's Standards and Training Act of 1959, which set minimum police standards for California.

After retiring as Police Chief in 1978, he set his sights on the California Governor's mansion. Running in the Republican gubernatorial primary, the Chief came in second to Attorney General Evelle Younger in a four-man race, which included State Senator Ken Maddy and San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson.

Chief Davis returned to the political arena in 1980 after winning the State Senate election for the 19th Senate District. He represented Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, the North San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley.

Overwhelmingly re-elected to a second Senate term in 1984, Senator Davis again set his sights on higher office. He entered the 1986 U.S. Senate race against longtime incumbent Alan Cranston. His slogan, "One Tough Cop, and One Great Senator" recalled his glory days as Chief.

The Republican race was upended when one of Senator Davis's opponents was indicted for allegedly offering him \$100,000 if he dropped out of the race. The courts ultimately threw out the indictment, but the scuffle derailed the Senator's campaign and helped Congressman Ed Zschau win the nomination.

Davis turned his energy and attention back to Sacramento, winning praise as a reasoned Vice Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Often called central casting's choice as a senator, the white-haired gentleman was easily reelected to a third term to the State Senate in 1988.

Known by his friends as a man of great charm and graciousness, Senator Davis celebrated 50 years of public service with a gala dinner in 1991. Highlights of the evening included recorded tributes from comedian Bob Hope and former Presidents Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon. Looking forward to a peaceful retirement, Senator Davis and his wife, Bobbie, moved north to Morro Bay, California in 1992.

Senator Davis is survived by his wife, Bobbie, his children Michael Davis, Christine Coey and Mary Ellen Burde and step-children Fred, Michael, and Kylvie as well as several beloved grandchildren.

IN HONOR OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE CZECH MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Czech Cultural Center of Sokol Greater Cleveland, as we join them in celebration of the grand opening of the Czech Museum and Library, housed within the historic Bohemian National Hall in Cleveland's North Broadway neighborhood.

The Czech Museum and Library is part of the colorful weave in Cleveland's vibrant fabric of cultural diversity, and is visible in the strength, beauty and grace of the Bohemian National Hall. This historic treasure was built in 1897 by Czech immigrants whose quest for freedom and the opportunity for a better life for their families led them to America. Drawn to the booming industrial growth along the Great Lakes, thousands of Czech immigrants settled throughout the neighborhoods of Cleveland, grateful for their new beginning, yet never forgetting their country of origin. Their collective vision, focused on preserving and passing along tradition, heritage, language and culture, has allowed every new generation of Czech Americans to understand and celebrate the priceless traditions of their beloved Czech homeland.

The exhibits on display at the Czech Museum include artifacts and archives that reflect the history of the Broadway neighborhood, the history of the Bohemian National Hall, and the history of the Sokol Greater Cleveland organization. The numerous struggles and triumphs that outline the history of the Cleveland Czech community will also reflect among the exhibits at the Czech Museum and Library.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the leaders and members, past and present, of the Czech Cultural Center of Sokol of Greater Cleveland, upon the joyous occasion of the grand opening of the Czech Museum and Library. This monument of cultural preservation transcends time and distance, preserving and promoting the ancient cultural and historical traditions of Czech heritage, spanning oceans and borders—a permanent bridge of family, culture and history—from Cleveland, Ohio to the Czech Republic.

IN MEMORY OF KNOX TUCKER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Knox Tucker, from the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens. Mr. Tucker committed his life to help whomever he could, whenever he could during more than 30 years as a coach and educator in the Fort Worth School District.

Mr. Tucker was born July 9, 1922, in Williamsport, Tenn. He was a 1939 graduate of Pearl High School in Nashville and served in the Army during World War II, rising to the rank of staff sergeant. After the war, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Tennessee State College. After teaching and coaching in Tennessee, he and his family moved to Fort Worth.

From 1952 to 1984, he was a coach, a teacher or an administrator. He is perhaps best known locally for his time coaching the I.M. Terrell High School basketball team. Under Coach Tucker, the team beat Prairie View to win the Interscholastic League State Championship in 1957.

He was a teacher, coach and vice principal at Como and Terrell, the city's black high schools, until 1971, when he became principal at Polytechnic. In 1980, he became principal

at O.D. Wyatt. A year later, he was promoted into district administration as assistant director for high schools. After retiring in 1984, he worked as a Tarrant County probation officer for 10 years.

But he never gave up his habit of attending high school basketball games and tracking down former students and co-workers in the stands. In 2002, Mr. Tucker was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame.

It was my honor to represent Knox Tucker. I extend my sympathies to his family and friends. May the example of this man, whose contributions made richer the fabric of our American culture, be inspiration to all who seek their dreams and serve their fellow man.

SALUTING DR. DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC 1954 BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION DECISION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, what can you say about a woman who has earned two of America's highest civilian honors—the Presidential Medal of Freedom by former President Bill Jefferson Clinton and the Congressional Gold Medal by our current President and Commander-in-Chief George W. Bush? For more than 80 years, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, current Chair and President Emerita of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the world's largest women's organization, has not only been a leader in the fight for women's and civil rights, but she has also been an activist and crusader for human rights. She has tirelessly dedicated her life's work to serving her community, our Nation and the world.

Dr. Height's Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal symbolize the promise of America and embody the essence of sacrifice and allegiance to one's country. The values that have come to symbolize her life are the core values that should be represented in the lives of all Americans, young and old. She has worked to make America the best Nation that it can be and she is the best of what America represents as a Nation. She has fought to make the promise of the American dream, with justice and liberty for all, a reality in America through her tireless efforts.

Whether you choose to call her the "Queen Mother of the Civil Rights Movement" or the "Grand Dame of the Civil Rights Movement," Dr. Height is simply the embodiment of everything that makes our Nation great. She is truly an "indispensable" part of the civil, human and women's rights movement. She is one "America's National Treasures."

Her distinguished service and contributions to making the world a more just and humane one, have earned her hundreds of awards and honors from local, state, and national organizations and the federal government. Dr. Height has received over 24 honorary degrees, from such institutions as Spelman College, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania), Central State University, and Princeton University. She has not only been the recipient of hope's