

ON THE PASSING OF IRVING
WILLNER

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Irv Willner, a life-long resident and community leader in the city of Monterey Park. Mr. Willner was a model of patriotism and his contributions to his community have inspired many, including myself.

As a native of New York City and a celebrated veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Willner earned his bachelors degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York City. He served in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as a mechanical engineer for 35 years of his life.

Mr. Willner was a longtime Democratic Party leader, a pioneer member of the Monterey Park Environmental Commission, and a member of the city personnel board. With his leadership skills and enduring devotion, Mr. Willner has been credited with the successful elections of many local officials. His commitment to his community, justice, and progressive causes is commendable. I extend my admiration, and the gratitude of the City of Monterey Park and my district, to his family and friends.

Mr. Willner truly made a difference in his community and his contributions will be recognized and appreciated for years to come. I send my condolences to his family, including wife, Mrs. Ruth Willner, children Paul Willner and Julia Parker, and granddaughter Erin. I am comforted only by knowing that his legacy will live on through his family and in the community he helped to improve for the future.

RECOGNIZING ADRIAN MUNOZ, GABRIEL MUNOZ, AND PAULA BUSTOS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courageous actions of Adrian Munoz, Gabriel Munoz, and Paula Bustos, who, in the early morning hours of Friday, May 26th, aided in the rescue of their neighbors Mary Moore and Charles Butler from a fire in their home.

At 12:30 a.m. on Friday morning, an overheated extension cord sparked a one-alarm fire in the home of Mary Moore and her husband Charles Butler. From across the street, the Munoz brothers and their cousin Paula noticed the fire. Acting quickly, Adrian rushed to the hose and started spraying the house. He moved into the house, stretching the hose as far as possible attempting to keep the fire from moving towards Mary Moore's room. Following Adrian into the house, Paula Bustos moved to help Ms. Moore as Adrian and Gabriel pulled Mr. Butler from the fire and out of the house. The fire department arrived soon after and helped bring Ms. Moore out of the house.

The heroic actions of Adrian and Gabriel Munoz, and Paula Bustos serve as an example to and inspiration to others. I stand here

today to recognize their actions and I am proud to be their representative in Washington and to call them fellow Texans.

CHANTILLY HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ECONOMICS CHALLENGE TEAM

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Chantilly High School National Economics Challenge Team for their tremendous success in this year's competition. The Chantilly High team, comprised of students Adriana Medina, Natalie Mutchler, Alex Pepper and Sam Perkins, and their teacher/adviser, Joseph Clement, should be extremely proud of being named runner-up in the David Ricardo Division of the National Economics Challenge. The students from Chantilly High School have the distinction of being one of the top four teams in a national competition involving more than 1000 teams.

The National Council on Economic Education and the Goldman Sachs Foundation established the Challenge in 2000 to provide a competitive format to test the knowledge of the best economics students in the country. The NCEE's mission is to improve economics education in grades K-12 through teacher training and development of instructional materials.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Chantilly High School Economics Challenge Team for their outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING HART DEVEROUX CAPARULO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep gratitude that I rise today to join the United Way of Greater New Haven and the many communities which it serves in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to my friend, Hart Deveroux Caparulo, as she celebrates her retirement after thirty-nine years of dedicated service. Though she will leave her position as Chief Professional Officer, I have no doubt that Hart will continue to stay actively involved and will always be available should our community be in need.

Beginning her career with the United Way in her hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina, Hart has dedicated a lifetime to making a difference in the lives of our Nation's most vulnerable citizens. Feeling that "New Haven needed her most," Hart began as a Campaign Director where she started a number of new programs including a Leadership giving program and group solicitation in employee campaigns. It was this innovative and creative vision that led the Board of Directors to offer her the position of Chief Professional Officer—a position which she has held for the last decade.

Under her leadership, the United Way of Greater New Haven has fundamentally changed the way it interacts with its communities and partners. Community engagement, strategic focus and an ever-growing passion to improve the quality of life for others is at the core of its mission. Perhaps the most impressive result of the organization's revitalized mission has been the collaborative work of Community COMPASS—a strategically focused campaign to improve the economic health of our region and reducing educational disparity. One of the many results of COMPASS has been the development and launching of the Success By 6 program which combines the efforts of a network of community partners to ensure children newborn to 6 years old are healthy, nurtured and ready to succeed when they enter school. It is programs like these, that thanks to Hart's leadership and vision, are now the core work of the United Way of Greater New Haven.

In addition to her professional contributions, Hart has also been actively involved throughout the community. I would be remiss if I did not extend a personal note of thanks and appreciation for all the help that she has given to both myself and my office over the years. We have always known that we could count on her expertise and compassion. I wish her the very best as she moves on to future endeavors.

We, as a community, owe Hart Caparulo a great debt of gratitude for all the good work that she has done on our behalf—every community should be so fortunate. For her invaluable contributions and the indelible mark she has left on the United Way of Greater New Haven, I am proud to stand today to recognize Hart Deveroux Caparulo and to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to her as she celebrates her retirement.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL MEHEEN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor the memory of my high school classmate, M. Michael Meheen. Mike passed away late in the evening of April 11th at the age of 67. Mike was born in Iran and moved to Carmel, my hometown, in 1953. He graduated from Carmel High School a couple years before me in 1957. Mike then went on to graduate from Oregon State University and completed his doctorate at Hastings Law School.

Mike came back to our district and went on to have a successful law career for over 40 years. He primarily served on the Monterey Peninsula and worked in family law. It is no wonder that he focused on helping families, as Mike loved his family above all else.

His other loves included fast expensive cars, large dogs, the 49ers, travel and his fruit tree orchard. In addition to these hobbies, Mike was actively involved in his community. He was a long time member of the Pacheco Club, spent many years coaching Carmel Youth Soccer, and taught Business Law at Monterey Peninsula College.

The Carmel and Monterey communities will most definitely miss the presence of this wonderful man, as will the family he held so dearly. Mike believed in living every moment to the