

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO RABBI AMY RADER

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize today Rabbi Amy Rader, who eloquently delivered yesterday's opening prayer. Rabbi Rader's historic prayer, the second opening prayer led by a female Rabbi in the history of the House of Representative represents a significant moment for the American Jewish community. Rabbi Rader, an Associate Rabbi at Temple B'nai Torah in Boca Raton is a prominent and proud member of the South Florida Jewish community. Whether directing the B'nai Mitzvah Program, or coordinating the Judaic curriculum of the Early Childhood Center, Rabbi Rader's dedication to her congregation and community makes her an extremely worthy choice to lead this morning's prayer.

Rabbi Rader enjoys increased prominence in the Conservative movement and was a recipient of the prestigious Rabbi Simon Greenberg Rabbinic Leadership Award by the Jewish Theological Seminary. She was admitted to the innovative rabbinic leadership development program, Professional Education and Excellence for Rabbis, which is sponsored by the Synagogue Transformation and Renewal.

Rabbi Rader studied at the Schechter Institute of Judaic Studies in Jerusalem and the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, and was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City in 1999. Rabbi Rader also serve as the rabbi for the Lakeland Hills Jewish Center in Ringwood, New Jersey, was a fellow at the National Jewish Healing Center in New York City, and was the first Jewish chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, her hometown.

I am pleased to recognize Rabbi Rader's husband, Kevin, and their four children: Caleb, Ruby, Yael and Ezra. In her six years in the Boca Raton and South Florida communities, Rabbi Rader has wonderfully balanced her service to the community with her devotion to her family and she is a model for us all to emulate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 450, my vote was not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District. Since 1955, residents and businesses of the Humboldt Bay and beyond have benefited from this well-organized and superbly run service that has grown and developed to meet the needs of Humboldt County.

The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District has emphasized close and positive relationships with the municipal customers who deliver water to residents of the Humboldt Bay, and with industrial customers in the area. By concentrating on these relationships, they have consistently delivered a highly-valued standard of service to my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District was founded on the basis of an elective referendum on March 13, 1956. It began operations in 1961 with services to the Cities of Eureka and Arcata, and to the Georgia Pacific Lumber Mill, still in operation as Evergreen Pulp, Inc. Over the following decade, 5 other municipal services districts joined the HBMWD. The presence of a steady supply of water facilitated the development of the pulp industry in Humboldt County and has made possible the productive use of wood waste generated by the lumber industry.

Mr. Speaker, many people have been important to the long-term success of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, but none have matched the vital contributions of Mr. John Winzler. Mr. Winzler has worked on the project since 1961, and as District Engineer has guided the development and maintenance of this important infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we commend the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District on its 50th year in operation, and recognize the importance of the District for the quality of life and economic vitality of the Humboldt Bay region.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERTA HOLLOWELL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor Roberta Hollowell of Santa Rosa, California, who passed away on August 10, 2006, after a two-year battle with cancer. We know that, though she has left this earthly plane, she will be continuing her work as a

feminist activist elsewhere. Hers is the kind of voice that will never be silenced, and her spirit lives on in the many she inspired.

Born 77 years ago in Brooklyn, NY, Roberta moved to California as a teenager when her father took an engineering job in the Bay Area. She graduated from UC Berkeley (where she met her husband Ellis Hollowell) and later earned a master's degree from Mills College. The couple had three children before divorcing in 1962.

In 1962 Roberta and the children moved to Sebastopol and later to Santa Rosa. At that time, Roberta began teaching English at Healdsburg High School, a position she held for 23 years.

As an activist, Roberta was a leader and member in many organizations, and as a retired teacher, education was one of her passions. She was active in the California Teachers Association (CTA), National Education Association (NEA), the Sonoma County Educators Council, and the Healdsburg Area Teachers Association. Other affiliations included National Organization for Women, Sierra Club, NAACP, Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women, and California State Democratic Central Committee.

Her union work and liberal politics probably started as a family trait, but Roberta blazed her own path and was a mainstay of the Sonoma County Democratic Party. She was active till the end in a host of issues that benefited from her skills and contacts.

But it is Roberta's personal contacts and example that we remember the most. Stories told at her funeral attest to her unique ability in bringing others into the fold. She insisted that since we all have voices we should use them. Her humor and warmth as well as her determination, leadership, and sense of organization were all key to her success. And fond nicknames, like The General and La Jefa, were also marks of respect.

Roberta was very proud of her wonderful family. She is survived by her daughter Mardi, her son Tom, grandchildren Ryan and Danielle, and great-granddaughter Melody Ann. Her son David preceded her in death in 1995.

Mr. Speaker, we are honored to have been counted among Roberta Hollowell's many friends. We will miss her support and inspiration and will carry her legacy with us.

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