

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MARGARET YORK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Margaret York, of Pasadena, CA. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Margaret was born in Canton, OH, and has resided in Pasadena, CA, for over 25 years. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands and holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. Ms. York is also a proud graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.

Ms. York is widely admired for her long career with Los Angeles law enforcement. She began her career as a police "woman" and eventually became the first female deputy chief of the Los Angeles Police Department.

In December 2003, Ms. York became chief of the Los Angeles County Police, the fourth largest police agency in Los Angeles County and one of the largest in the State of California. With her keen leadership ability serving as her strongest asset, Chief York is responsible for 600 sworn police officers, 130 civilian employees, and for nearly 800 private security officers. Their mission is to provide a safe and secure environment for patrons, visitors, and employees of Los Angeles County facilities.

Ms. York lives by the motto "Dedicated to the Community We Serve." Indeed, it is because of her unwavering dedication to the community that she volunteers her limited free time to various community organizations. Ms. York is a member and former vice chair of the Metropolitan Board of the Salvation Army and is a founding member of the Army of Angels. She is also a founding member and vice chair of the Police Historical Society. Ms. York is a member of the LA5 Rotary Club, board member of Women Against Gun Violence, and a trustee of the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles.

In addition to the plethora of professional accomplishments, Ms. York is the proud wife of Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lance Ito, a mother of three children, and a grandmother to seven grandchildren.

Ms. York's devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serve as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Margaret York.

HONORING THE LIFE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LATE  
DR. JOHN GARANG DE MABIOR

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 98 honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to ensuring peace in the Sudan.

Born in 1945 to a poor family in Wagkulei village in Sudan, Dr. Garang was orphaned by the age of ten. Described as charismatic and a natural leader, he joined the first Sudanese civil war in 1962 but, because of his youth, was encouraged to pursue his education. After obtaining a B.A. in economics in 1969 from Grinnell College, an M.A. and Ph.D. from Iowa State University and studying East African agricultural economics as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow at the University of Dar es Salaam he returned home to join the Sudanese rebels.

A professional military man, Dr. Garang quickly rose through the ranks of the Sudanese military, which he joined following the Addis Ababa agreement of 1972. Peter Moszynski, a writer and aid worker who covered the Sudanese war, describes Dr. Garang as "an expert in survival: someone who knew how to bend with the wind yet maintain his political objectives, someone who knew how to seem all things to all men." This description not only captures the enigmatic nature of a man who remained at the center of guerrilla warfare for more than 20 years, but also explains how Dr. Garang became the undisputed leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A). Committed to obtaining a just peace for his people he worked tirelessly and diligently to build support for a new Sudan, one that would be multi-ethnic, multi-religious, democratic and above all, united.

Dr. Garang was instrumental in the passage of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, signed by the Government of Sudan and the SPLM/A in 2005, which gave southern Sudan the right to self determination and pushed for unity between the North and South. This Peace Agreement is representative of Dr. Garang's vision for a united Sudan, a Sudan committed to equity, democracy and peace.

As we continue to work toward ending the genocide throughout the region it is imperative that we remember the work and life of Dr. Garang. A man of true conviction and unflinching courage; a man who believed, as I do, that unity, peace and democracy are achievable in the Sudan.

INTRODUCING A BILL TO EXTEND  
THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT  
TO BIKE COMMUTERS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to extend the Transportation Fringe Benefit to bicycle commuters. Currently employers may offer a Transportation benefit to employees for certain costs incurred while commuting to work. Employees may receive up to \$215/mth for parking expenses or \$110/mth for transit or vanpooling costs. The Bike Commuter act aims to balance the incentive structure by extending the benefit to include bicycling.

Communities across the Nation are seeking to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, save energy and enhance neighborhood safety. The Federal Government can assist in those efforts by promoting bicycle use through a small change to the tax code's existing Transportation Fringe Benefit. There is great potential to increase the number of bicycle commuters in the U.S., which would help reduce the number of trips made by automobile. These changes will benefit all Americans whether they ride their bikes or not.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM P. MAINEY,  
RECOGNIZING HIS SERVICE TO  
THE HOUSE

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement in March 2007, we rise to thank Mr. William P. Mainey for his long years of service and support to the United States Government, most of it here at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bill served proudly and honorably as a Marine. Following his military service, in 1973 Bill started his career as a technician with Xerox Corporation. He now retires as a Xerox Solutions and Sales Executive. As an employee of Xerox, Bill has provided tireless support to countless House offices, spending his entire 34-year career in support of the U.S. House of Representatives.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Bill for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish him many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

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## ACTIVE FINANCING BILL

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. CAMP of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join Representative RICHARD NEAL and introduce legislation to make permanent the Subpart F exception for active financial services income. Under current law, the provision will expire next year.

I have long been an advocate for this legislation. While Congress has extended Subpart F for active financial services income on an ad hoc basis, such inconsistency does not make for good tax planning or tax policy. Besides ensuring consistency, Congress must develop policies that help businesses invest and keep jobs here in the United States. Allowing tax benefits to expire is a direct tax hike on employers, and it is a direct assault on every American job.

This legislation ensures that U.S. financial services firms can continue to defer U.S. tax on their earnings from their foreign active financial services operations until such earnings are paid as dividends back home. No other developed country in the world imposes current tax on financial services income earned outside their country. If the U.S. is to remain competitive in the global marketplace, the Federal Government must not put our companies at a tax disadvantage. Without the legislation we are proposing, American financial services companies will lose out on business to foreign firms. When American companies lose customers, American jobs are lost.

Overseas operations are important to American companies' domestic success. For example, if North American profits dip, these companies can use their global profits to offset losses. And, as I mentioned before, domestic jobs are gained when a business has more customers to sell to. Domestic jobs support overseas operations, increased product exports, and product development.

Failure to make permanent this current law provision would be a critical mistake for the U.S. economy. If U.S. financial services companies have to pay current U.S. tax on the active financial services income they generate overseas, they will have higher costs than their foreign-owned competitors. Their customers will turn to non-U.S.-owned firms. Given the thousands of U.S. jobs at stake, I do not believe our tax policy should allow this to happen.

I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

## INTRODUCTION OF ACTIVE FINANCING BILL

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to join my friend and Committee colleague Representative DAVE CAMP in introducing legislation to make permanent the Subpart F provision for active financial services income. It is time to end the temporary extensions of this important incentive

and finally make this a permanent part of the tax code. In the Senate today, Chairman BAUCUS and Senator HATCH will also be filing identical legislation.

The U.S. financial services industry employs workers all across the U.S. The continued health and vitality of this industry depends on the level of success of these U.S. companies in the global market. However, one important incentive expires at the end of next year, which allows these companies to defer U.S. tax on the active business financial services income earned by foreign subsidiaries of U.S. financial services companies. Other active U.S. businesses enjoy this deferral for active business operations, so it just makes sense that financial services companies should as well. The deferred tax would be triggered when that income is sent back as a dividend to the U.S. parent.

While the U.S. financial services industry is a global leader, the market is fiercely competitive with every company searching for some advantage over another. If U.S. financial services companies are unable to compete in global markets, foreign firms will fill the void. In that case, the thousands of jobs necessary to support a global financial services operation will be lost to foreign companies.

Current law includes stringent safeguards to ensure that the income eligible for deferral of U.S. tax is real business income and is earned by local operations serving local markets. Importantly, a qualifying business cannot be one that is based in a tax haven to serve other markets. To qualify, a company must be actively engaged in a financial services trade or business and must predominantly serve customers in the country in which it is located. These common-sense requirements ensure that this exception works as intended.

Deferral for active financial services income has been the law for most of the history of the corporate income tax. However, since 1997, it has only been a temporary provision in the code and extended many times. It is time for Congress to once again make this exception a permanent part of the code providing the stability our U.S. financial services industry needs to remain the global leader. I urge you to join us in this effort.

## TO RAISE THE DIALOGUE WHILE ENSURING COMPETITION AMONG THE FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, the Student Aid Reward Act (STAR) was drafted to provide additional funds for students to meet the ever rising costs of a higher education. Let me first note that I understand that there is a difference of opinion as to the calculation of the savings from this legislation and I hope we can reach an agreement on how to assess the real and actual costs of both programs before its enactment. As always, I believe it is important that all legislation needs to occur through the regular Committee process where all sides have the opportunity to participate. It is important to know that I strongly support diversity and competition within the Federal student

loan system. Competition within the student loan system includes not only competition among Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) providers, but also competition between the two Federal student loan programs. Each of these programs should be run in a manner that provides the best products and services to students, while being good stewards of taxpayer funds. I hope that strong tradition continues and believe this bill will act as a catalyst for open and productive dialogue with the ultimate goal of ensuring students are provided the financial aid package that will meet their financial and customer service needs.

The simple fact is that education is the single most important factor when it comes to equalizing opportunity and ensuring all students are able to achieve a better future. A well educated society is paramount to our global competitiveness and security here at home. Because education is so critical, I believe we have a duty to ensure it is available to all our citizens and we have an obligation to ensure we make thoughtful, careful and well informed decisions as the stewards of these critical financial aid programs.

## A TRIBUTE TO MARGARITA CAMPOS

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Margarita Campos, of Burbank, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Born to Cuban parents, Margarita has been a resident of Burbank, California for over forty years. Margarita received her Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Los Angeles Mission College and earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Law from the University of West Los Angeles.

Since 2001, Margarita has been the elected Burbank City Clerk and is responsible for maintaining all official city records including: keeping a complete and accurate record of all City Council, Redevelopment Agency, and related proceedings, maintaining the Burbank City Charter and Municipal Code, and conducting all municipal elections. Prior to her term as City Clerk, Margarita served as the City of Burbank Community Assistance Coordinator and the Secretary to the Mayor.

Margarita is involved with various professional organizations. She is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, the Association of Records Managers, and the City Clerks Association of California.

In her spare time, Margarita dedicates herself to volunteering with organizations that directly benefit the Burbank community. She is a member of the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization that advocates for the improvement of government systems and aspires to impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy. Margarita served as the First Vice-President for the Zonta Club of the Burbank Area, a worldwide organization comprised of a diverse membership working together to advance the

global status of women through service and advocacy.

Margarita enjoys spending time with her family. She is a loving wife to husband Vince and proud mother to two children, Natasha and Vince.

Ms. Campos' devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker. I rise today to recognize International Women's Day and to enter into the RECORD an article by Edith M. Lederer appearing today in the Washington Post, entitled "U.N. Seeks End to Violence Against Girls."

Throughout the world, violence against women appears to be acceptable. According to a 1997 World Health Organization study, in her lifetime, one in five women will be a victim of rape or an attempted rape. A separate 2003 report has shown that 147 women are raped every day in South Africa. According to the same study, in the U.S. a woman is raped every 90 seconds.

Darfur presents one of the most extreme examples of violence against women in the world. Currently, rape is used systematically against women in this region of Sudan. While it is impossible to know exactly how many women have been victims of sexual violence since the armed conflict began; however, it is believed that thousands of women have been raped, many multiple times. The devastating effects of rape are ever lasting. Victims are pariahs in their families and their communities. Women, in the Sudan, and in many places throughout the world cannot file complaints against their attackers because no one cares or takes the time to listen.

Sexual violence against women is not limited to the Sudan. Since the conflict in Côte d'Ivoire began in 2002, thousands of women and girls have become victims of widespread, systematic rape committed by combatant forces or their civilian allies. Many women have been sexually tortured, gang-raped or abducted and reduced to sexual slavery by combatants. These women have little recourse or access to health care, counseling or other support services.

The single most important factor that allows violence against women to persist, whether in times of peace or war, is the fact that those who attack and rape women know that they can get away with it. I support International Women's Day and its efforts to bring much needed attention to this critical issue.

[From the Associated Press, Mar. 8, 2007]

U.N. SEEKS END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS  
(By Edith M. Lederer)

UNITED NATIONS.—On the eve of International Women's Day, the U.N. Security Council called Wednesday for an end to the "pervasive violence" against girls and women during armed conflicts and demanded that the perpetrators be punished.

The council reiterated "its utmost condemnation" of the killing, maiming, sexual abuse, abduction and trafficking of girls and women and called on all warring parties to protect them, especially from rape and other forms of sexual violence.

In a presidential statement read at a formal meeting, the council emphasized the responsibility of all 192 U.N. member states "to put an end to impunity and to prosecute those responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes including those relating to sexual and other violence against women and girls."

The theme of International Women's Day on Thursday and the two-week meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women that ends Friday is discrimination and violence against girls—and ending the impunity for perpetrators.

Rachel Mayanja, the special adviser to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on gender issues and the advancement of women, told a news conference that girls and women are subjected to violence every day in every country—and the violence "transcends politics, culture and religion, race, class, income and age.

"In order to eliminate violence against women and girls, we must take swift and concerted action to eradicate all forms of discrimination against them, and ensure women's equality with men," she said.

Noeleen Heyzer, executive director of the U.N. Development Fund for Women, said the U.N. Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women has granted more than \$13 million to more than 230 initiatives in more than 100 countries over the last 10 years and demonstrated "that ending violence against women is possible."

"It is a pandemic that can be stopped . . . given the necessary political will and resources," she said.

Heyzer said currently 89 countries have legislative provisions on domestic violence, 104 countries have made marital rape a crime, 90 countries have provisions against sexual harassment, and 93 states prohibit trafficking of women and men.

The number of countries adopting legislation against violence is growing, she said, but implementation of the laws "is often insufficient."

Heyzer urged "a real increase in resources if we are to end impunity," including nearly tripling the trust fund's annual budget from the current \$3.5 million to \$10 million.

In Wednesday's statement, the Security Council also urged the secretary-general to appoint more women as top envoys in U.N. peacekeeping and peace-building missions, in decision-making positions in U.N. field operations, and especially among military observers, civilian police, human rights and humanitarian staff.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I was absent on Monday, March 12 for personal reasons. Had I been present for votes, I would have voted "yea" on each of the three votes taken: H.R. 85, H. Res. 136, and H. Res. 89.

FIRST CLASS NAVY DIVER TIMOTHY ALEXANDER, THE NAVY SEA SYSTEMS SAILOR OF THE YEAR

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I am extremely proud to rise today in honor of First Class Navy Diver Timothy Alexander of Middletown, Ohio. On March 9, 2007 First Class Navy Diver Alexander was awarded the Navy Sea Systems Command Sailor of the Year Award.

The Sailor of the Year Award program began 29 years ago in order to recognize the top enlisted sailors in the United States Navy. The program provides recognition to outstanding sailors through numerous presentations, awards, and meritorious advancement to the next pay grade. Sailors are judged on their performance for the past twelve months; performance over the course of their career to date; and off-duty education, civic involvement and awards earned. Additionally, a selection board of four Command Master Chiefs question the finalists concerning Navy policies, ethics, guiding principles, and leadership. Following this long process, First Class Navy Diver Alexander was chosen as the Navy Sea Systems Command Sailor of the Year.

First Class Navy Diver Alexander enlisted in the United States Navy on June 12, 1991. Since his date of enlistment, Mr. Alexander has proudly served our Nation and protected our interests throughout the world. In June of 1992, he was a vital member of the salvage team that prevented the USS *Ingersoll* from sinking in the Straits of Malacca. In November of 1999, as an experimental diver, he volunteered for numerous experimental dives and was the lead technician on a groundbreaking chemical re-breather, which has been instrumental to seal operators' safety and mission success. In January of 2002 he completed several classified missions in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. These are only a few examples of many brave actions taken by Mr. Alexander throughout his long and accomplished naval career.

First Class Diver Tim Alexander is a testament to the great commitment and courage of all volunteer military. He has worked hard to further his education and training, and his efforts have been rewarded in being named the Navy Sea Systems Command Sailor of the Year. I consider it an honor to represent him in Congress.

HONORING MONSIGNOR JOHN  
BRENKLE, HELAINE KATZ, AND  
MARIANNA DEWITT SCHMIDT

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize three residents of St. Helena, CA. who were vital to the foundation and success of our Boys and Girls Club of my hometown. These three made vast contributions of time and energy to get the

Boys and Girls Club established with a sound financial backing. Their efforts, as well as the work of many others, have ensured the success of one of the most vital and enduring youth programs in the Napa Valley.

My good friend Monsignor Brenkle is the Pastor of the St. Helena Catholic Church, where he has been for 22 years. During this time he has taken the lead on many projects in the community, and he is widely known throughout the Napa Valley for his activism with farm workers to ensure adequate housing conditions. Monsignor Brenkle, working closely with Ms. Schmidt, provided space for the program in the St. Helena Catholic School's gymnasium during the summer of 1989, from which it subsequently expanded into the Elementary School's cafeteria. In 1992 the program returned to redeveloped facilities at the Catholic School with Monsignor Brenkle's blessing, and has continued to expand ever since.

Ms. Mariatma Schmidt worked together with Monsignor Brenkle to complete the many tasks necessary to open the Boys and Girls Club of St. Helena. She then took on the role of president for 6 years, where she oversaw the establishment of permanent facilities and took the lead in recruiting fundraisers and volunteers to help the young program grow. Her vision left the Boys and Girls Club with a devoted network of supporters and financiers, and her efforts both with this program and other youth education foundations have had a substantial impact on our St. Helena community.

Ms. Helaine Katz chaired the Fundraising Committee during the club's early years, where her creative and exciting events raised countless thousands of dollars to provide the club with the early capital it needed to develop facilities and programs for young people. Her signature event for many years has been the Rotary Club's Winter Ball, which brings together St. Helena residents to benefit children's programs in our area. Her fundraising savvy and taste for a good party makes her an invaluable member of our community, and the money raised over the last 16 years has brought a succession of new facilities to the club, culminating in the new superb facility they share with the St. Helena school district.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize all three of these individuals for the incredible contributions they have made to the Boys and Girls Club of St. Helena, and to the community at large. They are being recognized for their foundational roles in the club, and I join all in our community in thanking them for the work they have done on behalf of St. Helena's youth.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, due to other congressional business, I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 118, and "aye" on rollcall votes Nos. 114, 115, 116, and 117.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I wish to congratulate the members of the Hammond, Indiana Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club as they celebrate the organization's 75th anniversary. To commemorate this special occasion, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club will be having an anniversary banquet on March 24, 2007, at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond.

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Club of Hammond was founded on December 3, 1932, by 42 members of Polish ancestry. The mission of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club is to "maintain high standards and secure the best possible candidate for the Democratic Party." The Franklin D. Roosevelt Club has selflessly given its support to the northwest Indiana community. In addition, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club has had many members who have served or are currently serving as elected or appointed officials in our government.

Throughout the past 75 years, the members of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Club have offered their dedication and support to their noble cause of serving their local community, while striving for a democratic government in their cities for years to come. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Club has had 19 presidents over its 75 year history. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the 2007 Franklin D. Roosevelt Club officers. They are: President Kay Pucalik, First Vice President Wally Skibinski, Second Vice President Mary Fabian, Secretary Shirley Ridenour, Treasurer Mary J. Hildebranski, Sergeant of Arms John Stevens, Chaplain Bobbi Costa, Membership Chairman Diana Beyer, and Trustees Tom Hildebranski, Brian Kupinski, and Bertha McCoy.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the members of the Hammond Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club on the 75th anniversary of their noble organization. These dedicated individuals continue to give their time and unrelenting efforts to serve their local community, as well as all of northwest Indiana. It is their commitment to the democratic process that makes their organization and efforts such a motivating force in the First Congressional District, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, DC.

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#### A TRIBUTE TO SARAH TRAMEL

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sarah Tramel, of Altadena, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Sarah was born in Johnson City, Tennessee, and relocated to Altadena, California in 1981. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in urban studies from California State

University, Los Angeles. She worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District for 24 years until she retired, in 2003, from her position as telecommunication manager.

Sarah was instrumental in the opening of the Los Angeles City Child Care Center and the Pasadena Coalition for Better Schools. She also represents William Blair High School on the Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent's Advisory Board and is a Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 40.

Currently, Sarah is the president of the Pasadena City College Parent Teacher Student Association. Pasadena City College is proud to be the only community college in the country with a Parent Teacher Student Association. This group is responsible for several tasks including hosting the Honors at Entrance Scholarship Program, supporting the Pasadena City College Child Development Center, and recognizing exceptional service to Pasadena City College.

Ms. Tramel is also the first vice-president of Women in Action, a group whose purpose is to work toward stimulating citizen participation, to increase community awareness, and to make minority representation in government a reality. She is an alumna of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority and has served at the local, regional, and national levels. She is a member of the Altadena United Methodist Church and volunteers on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the Finance Committee.

Most importantly, Sarah is noted for her ability to "look after the unders of this world: the under-represented, the under-served, the under-privileged, the under-educated, and more."

Ms. Tramel's devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District.

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#### TRIBUTE TO LEONA "KAY" HUTCHISON WILLIAMS

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that a long and exceptionally distinguished career in public service is about to come to a close. Leona "Kay" Hutchison Williams will retire from her position as city clerk of Versailles on March 31, 2007.

Leona "Kay" Hutchison Williams was born on July 12, 1943, to Leo and Erma McBroom Hutchison in Latham, MO. She is a graduate of Morgan County R-II High School and went on to take classes at CMC in Warrensburg and SMC in Springfield.

Kay has performed many valuable and notable services for the community of Versailles. She has served as chairman of the Versailles High School Alumni Association in 1965, 2006 and 2007; is a member of the First Baptist Church; was appointed City Clerk in March of 1973; was appointed water clerk, was appointed purchasing agent; was appointed office manager; was elected city collector in April of 1974; is a member of the Central Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association; is a member of the Missouri City

Clerks and Finance Officer Association; International Institute of Municipal Clerk's Board Member of the Missouri Municipal League; and a member of the Morgan County Historical Society.

In addition, Kay is a member of the Women's Civic Club; a member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association; a charter member of Missouri B-2 Gold Wing Riders Association; was awarded the B-2 Chapter of the Year Couple in 2000 & 2007; a member of West Central Riders; has served on the Chamber of Commerce Board and Old Tyme Apple Festival for 23 years; was chosen Citizen of the Year January, 1991; co-established the Adult Winter Volleyball league; a member of the 1986 Co-Ed Volleyball Team that placed 2nd in the Missouri Show-Me State Games; and Chaired the Committee to enter The Old Tyme Apple Festival into the Library of Congress for its Birthday Celebration.

Leona "Kay" Hutchison Williams is a leader in her community. She was one of the first tellers at the Morgan County Bank in 1963 and has served as secretary for the National Farmers Organization. Ms. Williams has also served as city clerk, city collector, and deputy city clerk working with 7 mayors and 35 different aldermen. Outside of public service, her greatest joy is time spent with her husband, Lonnie Joe, their two daughters, and one step grandson.

Madam Speaker, I wish Leona "Kay" Hutchison Williams all the best in her retirement and I know the Members of the House will join me in thanking her for her commitment to her community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately yesterday, March 12, 2007, I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 85, H. Res. 136, and H. Res. 89 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 136 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 85, the Energy Technology Transfer Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 137 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 136, Commending the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 138 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 89, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day should be established as Dutch-American Friendship Day, I would have voted "yea."

#### COMMENDING OPENNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION

### HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I took to the floor in the beginning days of the 110th

Congress to applaud the aggressive ethics package we passed.

At the time I noted my confidence that those ethics rules were the first of many steps that we would take to bring back trust and civility to Congress.

I'm proud that this week the Congress will take several more steps forward to promote accountability and openness in government by strengthening protections for whistleblowers, providing timely responses to Freedom of Information Act requests, restoring access to Presidential records, and limiting Federal no-bid contracts.

I can think of nothing more important than assuring the people we are elected to serve that this Congress—and indeed this government—is open, ethical and accessible. The measures we will vote on this week continue the important work we have already begun. I commend my colleagues in bringing forward these important pieces of legislation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained Monday, March 12, 2007, and missed three suspension votes. Please note in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that had I been present, I would have voted as noted below:

Rollcall vote 136: "yea."

Rollcall vote 137: "yea."

Rollcall vote 138: "yea."

#### INTRODUCING THE LEGAL TIMBER PROTECTION ACT

### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today, along with Congressman ROBERT WEXLER and Congressman JERRY WELLER, I am introducing the "Legal Timber Protection Act, LTPA." The LTPA prohibits trade in illegally harvested timber by extending the protections of the Lacey Act to timber, while ensuring that legal timber trade isn't harmed. Specifically, the LTPA bans the import, export, transport, purchase, sale, or possession of timber that has been taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of a foreign law or international environmental treaty. It has been crafted to make sure that it will not prohibit trade in legal timber or impose burdensome regulations on American timber companies.

Illegal logging threatens some of the world's richest and most vulnerable forests. The illegal removal of high-value threatened tree species destined for international markets is often the first step leading to forest clearance. The tracks and roads built to access and remove timber become entryways for further illegal cutting, hunting and burning. The easy accessibility to the depths of the forest and fragmentation further threatens already endangered plants and animals and leaves others vulnerable to achieving this status. As illegal

logging contributes to deforestation, the water balance and dynamics of fragile ecosystems are disrupted. Deforestation accounts for 20 percent of annual global greenhouse gas emissions—more than the entire global transportation sector.

In addition, illegal logging creates huge financial losses to producing nations. By avoiding export duties, timber royalties and taxes on their profits, companies operating unlawfully are robbing national governments of in excess of \$15 billion annually on public lands alone. This loss in revenue decreases governments' ability to invest in the forestry sector to promote sustainable forest management and conserve their natural forest resources.

At the same time, given that as much as 30 percent of hardwood lumber and plywood traded globally could be of suspicious origin, responsible U.S. companies lose an estimated \$460 million in export opportunities every year because of displacement caused by illegally harvested timber. On top of that, the annual value of U.S. exports is between \$500-\$700 million lower due to downward pressure on prices from illegally harvested timber. As Oregon produces approximately 13 percent of U.S. lumber, losses to Oregon are estimated to be between \$130-\$150 million every year.

I look forward to working with my colleagues and with all the stakeholders on this issue to pass this important bipartisan piece of legislation.

#### A TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA "TRISH" CALLAGHAN

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Patricia "Trish" Callaghan, of Alhambra, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Trish was born in San Francisco, California, and was raised in the San Gabriel Valley. She earned her undergraduate degree from San Diego State University and went on to receive her postgraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Ms. Callaghan is widely admired for her long career with the Garvey Unified School District. As an educator, her goal was to make learning a joyful experience that would "come alive" for over a thousand middle school students. Trish set high standards for all her students and created a stimulating, challenging and meaningful learning environment that met the student's diverse needs.

While working as a full-time teacher, Trish participated in special committees and projects at both the school and district levels. She was a member of the Educational Technology Advisory Committee and the Curriculum Planning Committee. Trish was responsible for drafting grants and recruiting funds that supported the school-site technology program. Trish also authored the applications for the California Distinguished School Award in 2006 and the Title I Achieving School in 2004.

Despite her busy career as an educator, Trish has done an excellent job of following her family's motto of "giving back to the community." She has been volunteering for Huntington Hospital for the past 21 years and she

is currently a board member of the Fall Food and Wine Committee. Ms. Callaghan has also done extensive work with the Junior League of Pasadena where she was involved in a variety of community projects. Through the Junior League, she was able to assist in the production of a foster family recruitment video and worked on the Pediatric Play Therapy project.

Now that she is retired, Trish intends to spend more time with family and friends, and continue her volunteer work. Trish is looking forward to working as a docent at the Japanese Garden in the Huntington Library, where she will give tours to 4th–12th grade students.

Ms. Callaghan's devotion to her career and her long-term commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Patricia "Trish" Callaghan.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES AND THEIR PLAYERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 162, recognizing the contributions of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players for their achievements, dedication and sacrifices to baseball and the Nation.

During the late 1800s, despite numerous attempts, viable, professional leagues, with players of color, had difficulty growing into large professional enterprises. The Negro Baseball League grew out of both necessity, as segregation prevented players of color from participating in organized leagues, such as the National Association of Base Ball Players, which banned black athletes, and a love for the game of baseball. During these times, although few black players played alongside white players most were subjected to regional prejudices and bans preventing black players from playing, lodging or eating in segregated establishments.

In the years following the American Civil War and the Reconstruction era, black baseball emerged as a viable and exciting enterprise in the East and Mid-Atlantic states. One of the first baseball games between two all-black teams was held in September 1860 in Hoboken, New Jersey. In the years that followed, black teams played one another when they could, through informal networks. In the early 1880s there were some 200 all-black independent teams that played one another throughout the country. It would take the collaboration of three men: John W. "Bud" Fowler, one of the first known professional black baseball players; Moses "Fleetwood" Walker and Frank Grant to organize these teams in what became known as the Negro League.

The first all-black professional team was formed in 1885, when the Babylon Black Panthers was sponsored by a white businessman from Trenton, New Jersey. Renamed the Cuban Giants, the team, along with 10 others, formed the first Negro League, called the southern League of Base Ballists. The league

was a commercial success and by the end of World War I black baseball had become the premier entertainment attraction for urban black populations. In 1920, under the leadership of Andrew "Rube" Foster, owner of the Chicago American Giants, the disparate black leagues of the National Negro League was formed.

Throughout the history of the Negro League players filled stands, electrified fans and performed athletic feats that were previously unimaginable. The skills, spirit and dedication of players not only contributed to the viability of all-black teams but also helped integrate the sport of baseball. Players like Jackie Robinson, the first black player to play in the major league, Larry Doby, Leroy "Satchel" Paige and so many others found their start in the Negro League and without the Negro League baseball might not be the consummate American sport it is today.

A TRIBUTE TO DIANE ACOSTA

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Diane Acosta, of San Gabriel, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Diane was born in Los Angeles, California, and grew up in the San Gabriel Valley. She attended Rosemead High School and then went on to receive a bachelor's degree in social work from California State University Los Angeles.

Ms. Acosta began her career as general partner for a marketing consulting company where her clients included a regional shopping center, various hospitals, small and large businesses, and non-profit organizations. She currently is the development director for San Gabriel Union Church and Christian School where she is responsible for community outreach, fundraising, volunteer coordination, and special event planning. She has been with the church and school for the last 5 years.

Her involvement with the San Gabriel Union Church has provided Diane with a new medium for reaching out to those facing hardship. She is a member of the Deacon Ministry, a group that strives to meet the emergency physical, financial, health, and emotional needs of the church's congregation. Diane is also a member of the Outreach Ministry Teams, a group that develops new ways for the church to become a more effective community partner.

Most notably, Diane is admired for her dedication to the community she feels lucky to call home. She is a board member for both the San Gabriel and Temple City Chambers of Commerce and she is the president of the San Gabriel Community Coordinating Council. She is also a board member of the San Gabriel Community Foundation, a member of the San Gabriel Education Foundation, and has held leadership positions with local Parent Teacher Associations.

In addition to her many professional and personal accomplishments, Ms. Acosta is a wife and mother of three children. She enjoys

watching her kids play sports, going on vacation, and spending time with good friends.

Ms. Acosta's devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Diane Acosta.

A TRIBUTE TO JASIK "JASMEN" JARAHIAN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Jasik "Jasmen" Jarahian. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Born in Iran, Jasmen received her master's degree in accounting and held various positions with the York Shire Insurance Company in Tehran, Iran. In 1984, Jasmen moved to the United States and settled in Glendale, California. She joined Group Services and Tax Management Company, owned by her brother.

Since 1991, Mrs. Jarahian has been the general accountant/controller for the Armenian Relief Society of the Western United States of America (ARS). Mrs. Jarahian oversees a variety of funds, orphan sponsorships, and the coordinating of assistance. Her efforts have helped the Armenian Relief Society provide philanthropic assistance to isolated villages in Armenia and Artsakh (Karabagh). For almost 100 years, the Armenian Relief Society has "brought women together to laugh or cry, cook or eat, learn or teach, always serving, always striving for something larger than ourselves." Mrs. Jarahian's work in our community is an ideal illustration of that mission.

In addition to her work with the Armenian Relief Society, Mrs. Jarahian is an active member of Homenetmen (Armenian General Athletic Union). She is a founding member of the Davtian-Meyramian Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization that organizes after-school programs that promote education and multiculturalism for children in elementary and middle school. Mrs. Jarahian also does volunteer work with the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry Project, a group whose mission it is to recruit and provide matched unrelated donors for bone marrow or stem cell transplantation for patients that are suffering from leukemia or other blood related illnesses.

She was named "Mother of the Year" by the North Hollywood ARS Meghri Chapter and was deemed an "Honorary Artsakh Citizen" by the Dzaghgatsogh Village. Jasmen became an honorary citizen after several years of leading efforts to renovate Dzaghgatsogh Village, including the museum, the local hall, and school. Jasmen spends her free time mentoring women and enjoys inspiring others to volunteer.

Mrs. Jarahian's devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Jasik "Jasmen" Jarahian.

URGING REMAINING EUROPEAN NATIONS TO EXPEDITE OPENING ACCESS TO HOLOCAUST ARCHIVES

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution urging the remaining member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) to expedite opening access to the Holocaust archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany.

On March 8, 2007, a most important diplomatic meeting concluded in the Hague. Nine out of the 11 International Commission of the ITS member countries, which includes the United States, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United Kingdom, met to discuss opening up the world's largest Holocaust era archives.

Incredulously, 62 years after the end of the Second World War, the Holocaust archives located in Bad Arolsen remain the largest closed Second World War-era archives in the world. Inside the archives are 50 million records that disclose the fate of some 17.5 million individual victims of Nazism.

These records are some of the last remains that the Allied forces seized when they liberated the death camps in 1945. Years later, documents were given to the Red Cross for the purpose of tracing missing people and later for validating compensation claims by victims or their relatives. Over the past 60 years, the ITS has handled more than 11 million inquiries.

In order to allow for open access to these important archives, each of the 11 members of the International Commission of the ITS must individually ratify through their respective parliaments the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords.

For the past decade, Holocaust researchers and most survivors have sought and failed to access the Bad Arolsen archive because the ITS Commission believed it would violate the privacy of the survivors and their families.

Slight progress has been made since last May after the Commission recently amended the Bonn Accords. The Bonn Accords were amended to allow researchers to use the archives while granting each Commission member a digitized copy of the archives and make them available to researchers under their own country's respective archival and privacy laws and practices. Unfortunately, these measures have not gone into practice because not all of the member countries of the ITS have ratified the amendments.

I support the progress made thus far by the ITS and all Commission member countries. Just last week, technical specialists reviewed plans for preparing the documents for electronic transfer and drafted recommendations to be reviewed by the commission in advance of the May 2007 ITS meeting. In fact, many of the Commission's member countries have taken significant steps since last May's meeting in order to expedite the process of ratification and allow for the digitization of the archived materials.

However, the facts remain the same. Generations after the Holocaust, 7 member coun-

tries of the International Commission have still yet to ratify these amendments. To date, only 4 out of the 11 Commission member countries; the United States, Israel, Poland and the Netherlands have ratified the treaty. Unfortunately, many Holocaust survivors may be long dead before each country's parliament ratifies the amendments.

I ask: why has it taken over 60 years to allow for open access to these Holocaust records? There is no reason European governments should not give this issue the utmost elevated attention, as this issue should be made a top priority in their respective parliaments.

For the many years after the War's aftermath, the survivors and their families who requested information have faced cumbersome delays and occasional unresponsiveness from the ITS. As a result of the harrowing experience, many survivors had in past dealings with the ITS, many survivors now lack confidence that new inquiries will be answered. Although access to individual records may be requested by Holocaust survivors and their families, the millions of extensive records remain inaccessible to researchers. Furthermore, it will likely still take years before the implementation of the distribution of the digitized archival materials.

Those responsible for the progress made at the meeting in the Hague should be widely commended. The advancements made recently are largely due in part to the United States Holocaust Museum and the United States State Department. I am grateful for their diplomatic efforts which have proved so fruitful at the last meeting.

But much work still remains undone. With the express acknowledgement of the variance in each country's internal procedures and the utmost respect for the letter of international law, I strongly encourage parliamentarians from other members of the ITS Commission to ratify the ITS amendments promptly so that the Bad Arolsen archives can be opened at the earliest possible date.

The short time left for the remaining Holocaust survivors does not afford us time to delay any longer.

As the few remaining survivors pass away, they are being deprived of information concerning their loved ones and the assets that were rightfully theirs. Let us not continue to waste the precious time left for the remaining survivors. After all of the horrific acts to which they have been subjected, they are completely justified in uncovering the truth about their family and their loved ones without hassle or delay.

In passing this legislation, Congress can put itself on record saying, "Enough is enough." I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and ask for its expeditious consideration.

A TRIBUTE TO PEGGY TSIANG  
CHERNG

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Peggy Tsiang Cherng. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contribu-

tions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Born to Chinese parents, Dr. Cherng was raised in Burma and Hong Kong. She attended Baker University in Kansas before transferring to Oregon State University, where she earned her bachelor of science degree in applied mathematics. Dr. Cherng then received her master's degree in computer science and a doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri.

Following graduation, Dr. Cherng married and settled in southern California, where she became a member of the technical team at McDonnell Douglas. Later, she worked at Comtal-3M, where her highly technical background allowed her to quickly move up the corporate ladder to become software development manager. During this time, her father and husband decided to open a restaurant they named Panda Inn—which featured gourmet Mandarin and Szechuan cuisine—in Pasadena, California.

While at Comtal-3M, the Panda Inn business grew steadily and in 1982, Dr. Cherng decided to join the family business. As executive vice-president, Dr. Cherng's leadership and skills played a vital role in creating the vision, mission, and value statements for the Panda Restaurant Group, and established a solid foundation for future corporate growth. In 1997, Dr. Cherng served as president and in 1998, she also took on the role of CEO until 2004. During the time she held both roles, the company flourished and more than doubled in size from about 250 locations to nearly 650. In 2004, Dr. Cherng took the position of co-chair and CEO, and now focuses primarily on her co-chair responsibilities.

Dr. Cherng is a firm believer in giving back to the community. The Panda Restaurant Group has supported the community and charitable causes such as United Way, City of Hope, Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Children's Miracle Network. In 1999, Dr. Cherng launched a company-wide community involvement initiative called Panda Cares, which gives back to the community and provides assistance for the care and education of children. Panda Cares has committed nearly \$3 million to non-profit organizations nationwide.

Dr. Cherng is active in a number of organizations including the National Restaurant Association, the board of directors of the Methodist Hospital of Southern California, East West Bancorp, Inc., the board of visitors for the UCLA Anderson School of Management, and the board of trustees for Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Dr. Cherng's devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Dr. Peggy Tsiang Cherng.

A TRIBUTE TO MS. GINA  
WILLIAMS

**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Gina Williams, an art teacher at Lake Forest Academy in Illinois. Ms. Williams is one of

ten Chicago-area high school teachers to be awarded a 2007 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching out of over 800 nominees from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and Will counties.

As chair of the school's fine and performing arts department, Ms. Williams has developed programs aimed at stimulating her students and creating awareness of the world around them. She initially came to the school in 1998 as a visiting artist specializing in glass blowing. Today she continues to share her artistic skills as a sculptor while also teaching Advanced Placement Art History, AP Studio and 3-D design. In addition she has created a unique program that has used art to connect students with communities from inner-city Chicago to communities around the world.

Golden Apple's Chief Program Officer Gloria Harper describes Ms. Williams as "an artist in the true sense. If you walk around the school, inside and outside, she's responsible for the art that brings it alive. She brings the kids out of the school and exposes them to everything, different ethnicities and cultures. She really makes them aware that they're part of a larger world."

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Gina Williams and all the educators that work every day to ensure our children's minds are expanded.

A TRIBUTE TO JANET BARRIE SMITH

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Janet Barrie Smith of Temple City, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions made by our Nation's women.

Janet was born in Palo Alto, California, and has been a resident of the Temple City community for the past 25 years. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in liberal arts from California State University San Diego in 1979 and her State of California teaching credential in 1980.

Mrs. Smith is a former elementary school teacher and worked for San Marino Unified School District and Monrovia Unified School District. Her greatest joy is contributing to the community in which she has raised her family. She has served four terms as the Temple City Council PTA president and has held virtually every PTA office and chairmanship at Longden Elementary School, Oak Avenue Intermediate School, and Temple City High School. Currently, she is the vice president of hospitality for the Temple City High School PTA. Janet also serves as the outreach chairman at First District PTA and the Temple City Council PTA representative.

In 2002, Janet helped develop the Temple City Schools Foundation, a fundraising organi-

zation dedicated to preserving quality programming and creating unique opportunities for students of the Temple City Unified School District. Aside from being a founding member and current board member, Janet has also served terms as secretary and vice president. Last year, Janet was the chair of a committee that raised funds for a Temple City High School Senior that was diagnosed with cancer. The overwhelming success of the event illustrated Janet's ability to bring her community together in support of a common cause.

Janet is an active supporter of the performing arts. She served on the Temple City High School Band Rose Parade Committee and helped raise over \$100,000 to support the Pride of Temple City's debut in the 2004 Rose Parade. Most recently, she has chaperoned parades, competitions, and coordinated the Temple City High School week-long band camp.

Janet states her most rewarding experience is being a stay at home mother to three sons. Janet is married to Matt Smith, a member of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education. In her very limited spare time, she enjoys baking, photography, and being creative on the computer.

Mrs. Smith's devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serves as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Janet Barrie Smith.