

For such a long-lasting business, Tilsner Carton Company's beginnings were decidedly modest. Isadore Tilsener started collecting and reselling used boxes from liquor stores around St. Paul in 1918 to earn a living. As time passed, Tilsner Carton Company began manufacturing its own boxes with a same day delivery that became its trademark. Tilsner's son, Mike, took over Tilsner Carton Company as his son Joel Tilsner would do in 1986. Joel continues to operate the business and owns 100 percent of the company.

The corrugated box business has changed radically since Isadore Tilsner opened his warehouse in a garage 90 years ago. A few large manufacturers dominate today's market, but Tilsner Carton Company has continued to prosper through its responsive customer service, speedy production, and diversity of products. The company pays good jobs in our community as its customer base has grown both in size and geographic reach—today the business ships product displays all the way to Puerto Rico.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Tilsner Carton Company and its three generations of family ownership, and it is my honor to submit this statement for the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
WORK OF DALE WEN-CHIEH JIEH

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, this month, our nation's Capitol will lose a good friend in Dale Wen-chieh Jieh, Director of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO). Dale will be leaving Washington for his new post as Director-General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City, Kansas. Dale has served as Director of the Political Division since July 15, 2005, as well as Director of the Congressional Liaison Division since July 1, 2006. During the last three years in Washington, D.C., Dale has made many friends in the administration and on Capitol Hill. He is well known for his scholarly demeanor, warm personality and quick grasp of the issues. He is truly a diplomat's diplomat.

Born in Taiwan, Dale was destined for academic excellence. He attended the National Cheng-chi University in Taiwan and the Graduate Institute of International Relations in Geneva, earning his Master of Arts in International Relations at the Free University of Brussels, Belgium. In addition to Mandarin Chinese, Dale is fluent in English and French.

Dale joined Taiwan's government service in the 1980's. He was a Specialist for the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (1986–1987); Assistant to the Vice Foreign Minister (1987–1989); Third Secretary, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago; Second Secretary, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand (June 1993–August 1995); Second Secretary on home assignment, Department of African affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Section Chief, Department of International Organizations, MOFA (June 1997–November 1998); Director, European Union Affairs, Taipei Representative Office in Belgium

(November 1998–July 2002); Principal Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (July 2002–April 2003); Deputy Director General, Department of International Organizations, MOFA (2003); Director, Political Division, TECRO (2005) and currently serves as Director of the Congressional Liaison Division, TECRO, a post Dale has lead with honor and distinction since 2006.

Though he will be missed in the halls of Congress, I trust Dale will continue to be an effective representative of the Taiwan government in his new post in Kansas City. I am confident Dale will continue to strengthen the relations between Taiwan and the United States in his new post, a task as important as ever as America continues to trade and do business with our friends and neighbors around the world. We will forever call upon the dedicated service of people like Dale to foster better, stronger and more valuable relationships between the United States and its allies.

So today, Madam Speaker, I rise to commend and congratulate my friend Dale Wen-chieh Jieh for his service to his country and also to the United States of America. I will always treasure my friendship with Dale and wish him, his charming wife and two beautiful daughters the best of luck as they journey west to their new home in Kansas City.

HONORING THE THIRTEENTH
QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION OF
THE SLAVONIC BENEVOLENT
ORDER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Thirteenth Quadrennial Convention of the Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas SPJST, which will be held on June 8–11, 2008. For 111 years, SPJST has served as a fraternal organization and an educational tool for Czech immigrants to learn the democratic process, the value of free speech, and the importance of voting in their newly adopted homeland.

Today, there are more than 47,000 members of the SPJST in 120 lodges throughout the state of Texas. In recent years, SPJST has expanded to include youth activities and community service programs. As a result, many SPJST projects and members have been recognized by the Texas Fraternal Congress for their service and contribution to communities throughout Texas. SPJST has provided its members with identity and support throughout the years. In lodges all over the State of Texas, members are committed to helping those in need by working in hospitals, providing scholarships, and supporting drug abuse programs and other charities. The members of SPJST have upheld the tradition of helping people to care for their families and their communities.

With its great commitment to its members, communities, and organizations that it serves, SPJST embodies the value and tradition of the great State of Texas.

HONORING THE 2008 ST. PAUL CENTRAL
HIGH SCHOOL MINUTEMEN
GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago, I rose to congratulate the 2007 St. Paul Central High School Minutemen girls basketball champions. Today, I have the privilege again—congratulations to the 2008 St. Paul Central High School Minutemen girls basketball team for winning the State championship! The Minutemen girls team successfully defended their title by defeating the same team, the number one top-seeded Minneapolis South Tigers, in the final State championship class 4A on Saturday, March 15, 2008, at the Target Center.

Although the St. Paul Central High School girls basketball Minutemen were trailing by 9 points at half-time, they fought back hard and overpowered their opponents in the second half with their outstanding talent, power, speed and resiliency. The Minutemen went on to beat their opponents with the final scores of 49–44 over the Tigers.

I am so proud of these fine young athletes and wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to them and the entire Central High School community. These back-to-back championship titles bring the school's record to four State championship titles, including 1976 and 1979. Last year, the Minutemen had a perfect season record of 32–0 and set a new record in post-season of Minnesota girls basketball championship history with the final score of 81–63 over the Minneapolis South Tigers. This year, the Minutemen are ranked third in the conference and were defeated by the Tigers once during the regular season, but in the post-season the Minutemen once again proved that they are the champions.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the students, teachers and staff of Central High School as well as the entire St. Paul Public Schools District, please join me in honoring the 2008 St. Paul Central Minutemen girls basketball State champions.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker and Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, I rise today on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus to honor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, one of our own who served as a Representative of California's 37th Congressional District from 1973 to 1979, and is retiring at the end of this year, after an impressive 50-year career as a public servant in the State of California.

On the occasion of Mrs. Burke's retirement from public office, we wish to extend to her sincere congratulations for the decades of dedicated service that she has given to her nation, her State, and her County, most recently as Chair of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the largest county in the

nation with a population of over 10 million. For the past 15 years, she has served with distinction as the Supervisor of the Second District, representing nearly 2.5 million residents.

Indeed, Mrs. Burke has blazed a path for African-American women in public service that had its genesis during her high school years when, as a teenager, she got involved in public speaking and competitive contests, earning scholarships to the University of California-Berkeley and later to the University of California-Los Angeles.

In 1953, she was the first African-American woman to be admitted to the University of Southern California Law School since its founding in 1928. Upon graduation from Law School, inasmuch as many private law firms showed no interest in hiring women as attorneys, particularly African Americans, she opened a law practice, specializing in civil rights and laws regarding housing, immigration, eminent domain, and the licensing of residential care homes for children and adults.

Mrs. Burke was active in the Civil Rights Movement, with memberships in various local and national organizations, and served as a staff attorney on the McCone Commission that investigated the causes of the 1965 Watts Riots in Los Angeles. She became a spokesperson for the underrepresented and, through a grassroots campaign, won her first political office in 1966 as a California State Assemblywoman, a position she held for the next six years.

In 1972, Mrs. Burke was the first African-American woman, west of the Mississippi River, to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and, one year later, she was the first Member of Congress to give birth while in office. In 1978, she ran for Attorney General of California winning the Democratic nomination, but subsequently losing in the general election. The Governor of California in 1979 appointed her to a vacancy on the Fourth Supervisorial District in Los Angeles County. She also was appointed by the Governor in 1982 to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of California. In 1984, Mrs. Burke was selected to serve as Vice Chairman of the U.S. Olympics Organizing Committee, before becoming the first African-American elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 1992.

Notably, Mrs. Burke served as the Vice Chair of the 1972 Democratic National Convention, and she played a significant role in the 2000 Democratic National Convention in hosting an event for hundreds of African-American elected officials nationwide.

She has received innumerable awards and honors both as an African American and as a woman, including being selected as one of Time Magazine's "America's 200 Future Leaders" in 1974, as The Los Angeles Times' "Woman of the Year" in 1996; UCLA's "Alumni of the Year" also in 1996, and UCLA's "Local Legislator of the Year" in 2008. She has served on the Boards of numerous prestigious organizations and corporations.

While these are just some of Mrs. Burke's significant accomplishments, on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, the House of Representatives, and the State of California, we extend our deepest gratitude for her important contributions throughout her illustrious career. With sincere best wishes, we congratulate Mrs. Burke upon her retirement from elective office. We are pleased to join her many

co-workers, family, friends, and associates in wishing her health, happiness, and continued good fortune in her future endeavors.

In conclusion, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke's exemplary record testifies that she is a woman of indomitable compassion, courage, character, and faith. We believe that she will be remembered for the beneficial changes she made in people's lives.

COMMEMORATING THE 93RD ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN
GENOCIDE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, as a proud member of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, and the representative of a large and vibrant community of Armenian Americans, I rise to join my colleagues in the sad commemoration of the Armenian genocide.

Today we declare once again that the Turkish and American governments must finally acknowledge what we have long understood: that the unimaginable horror committed on Turkish soil in the aftermath of World War I was, and is, an act of genocide.

The tragic events began on April 24, 1915, when more than 200 of Armenia's religious, political and intellectual leaders were arrested in Constantinople and killed. Ultimately, more than 1.5 million Armenians were systematically murdered at the hands of the Young Turks, and more than 500,000 more were exiled from their native land.

On this 93rd anniversary of the beginning of the genocide, I join with the chorus of voices that grows louder with each passing year. We simply will not allow the planned elimination of an entire people to remain in the shadows of history. The Armenian genocide must be acknowledged, studied, and never, ever allowed to happen again.

Two years ago I joined with my colleagues in the Caucus in urging PBS not to give a platform to the deniers of the genocide by canceling a planned broadcast of a panel which included two scholars who deny the Armenian genocide. This panel was to follow the airing of a documentary about the Armenian Genocide. Along with Representative ANTHONY WEINER, I led a successful effort to convince Channel Thirteen in New York City to pull the plug on these genocide deniers.

The United States must join the parliaments of Canada, France, and Switzerland in passing a resolution affirming that the Armenian people were indeed subjected to genocide. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs took an important step last year in passing H. Res. 106, and I am hopeful that this resolution will make it to the Floor.

An acknowledgment of the genocide is not our only objective. I remain committed to ensuring that the U.S. Government continues to provide direct financial assistance to Armenia. Over the years, this aid has played a critical role in the economic and political advancement of the Armenian people. This year I have joined with my colleagues in requesting no military aid for Azerbaijan in the FY09 Foreign Operations Appropriations bill. We also have

requested \$70 million in economic assistance for Armenia and \$10 million for Nagorno-Karabakh.

Legislation passed in the 109th Congress and signed into law to reauthorize the Export Import Bank included important language prohibiting the Bank from funding railroad projects in the South Caucasus region that deliberately exclude Armenia.

American tax dollars should not be used to support efforts to isolate Armenia, and these provisions would prevent that by ensuring that U.S. funds are not used to support the construction of a new railway that bypasses Armenia. A railway already exists that connects the nations of Turkey, Georgia, and Azerbaijan, but because it crosses Armenia, an expensive and unnecessary new railway had been proposed. Allowing the exclusion of Armenia from important transportation routes would stymie the emergence of this region as an important east-west trade corridor.

On this solemn day, our message is clear: the world remembers the Armenian genocide, and the governments of Turkey and the United States must declare—once and for all—that they do, too.

HONORING KATHRYN FLYNN

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kathryn Flynn, of Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is being honored on May 2, 2008, with its 2008 Heritage Preservation Award for individual achievement from the New Mexico Cultural Properties review committee.

For the past 17 years, Kathryn has been committed to preserving the history and legacy of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and its enormous impact on New Mexico and the Nation. She has labored tirelessly to locate, restore and document the undertakings of the Works Project Administration, WPA, and the Civilian Conservation Corps, CCC, in New Mexico. Functioning on shoestring budgets, Kathryn enlisted New Mexico volunteers to help in this effort and then went nationwide, state by state, to convince others to do the same. This resulted in the formation of the National New Deal Preservation Association, of which Kathryn was unanimously elected executive director, a position she holds today.

Through Kathryn's leadership, skills, talents and passion, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised in private and public funds for conserving New Deal art in New Mexico. This funding has allowed for the restoration and conservation of five Santos at the Palace of the Governor's Fine Arts Museum, seven Helmuth Naumer pastels at the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, the Bronson Cutter bronze statue on the Santa Fe capitol grounds, seven paintings and etchings in the Taos public schools, and seven murals in the Ilfeld Auditorium at Highlands University. Conservation work is currently underway on public art works at New Mexico State University and Silver City, and numerous other preservation projects have been conducted because of Kathryn's remarkable leadership and efforts.