

In 1975 she married Robert C. Maynard, who wrote for the Washington Post and was already a news giant in his own right. At that time in our nation's history, Nancy and Robert were among the best and most accomplished of the fewer than 50 black journalists who held significant roles in the newspaper, radio and television journalism industries. However, rising up within a damaged and biased system was not enough for the Maynards. Not content with their own personal accomplishments, they both believed that their greatest civic duty was to level the playing field and bring others up behind them.

Two years later, they both resigned from their lucrative posts to pursue their shared fundamental ideals. This included, demanding a higher standard of ethics and accountability in journalism and promoting equal opportunity for people of color in the media industry. They moved to the West Coast to pursue what was right and just and to establish a non-profit dedicated to training minority reporters and pressing newsrooms to "reflect the diversity of thought, lifestyle and heritage in our culture."

In Berkeley, California, Nancy and Robert joined with eight other co-founders and launched the year-round Institute for Journalism Education—the first of its kind in this field.

In 1983, the couple purchased the financially struggling Oakland Tribune from the Gannett Company. For nearly a decade, the Maynards co-published the daily paper. It was at the Oakland Tribune that their vision of diversity in staffing and coverage took physical form and set an example for the conservative, overwhelmingly white newsroom managers they had been trying to reach out to for so many years. The Maynards sold the Tribune in 1992 and Robert passed away a few months afterward. During the ten years of their proprietorship, the company contributed approximately \$300 million in payroll revenue alone to the city of Oakland and its residents.

Nancy was the child of an African-American jazz musician and a Caucasian mother. Through her personal and professional experiences, she understood the need for the most talented and committed minds in journalism to work together to break down racial barriers and report the truth back to the community. She carried this rich heritage and strong sense of purpose with her throughout her life. In 1998, the National Association of Black Journalists awarded her its annual Lifetime Achievement Award.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes Nancy Hicks Maynard and honors her legacy. We thank her family for sharing this amazing spirit with us, especially her partner, Jay T. Harris, her mother, Eve Keller, her sister, Barbara Guest, her brother, Al Hall, her sons, David and Alex, and her daughter, Dori. May her soul rest in peace.

IN HONOR OF THE PALESTINE
CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the achievements of The Palestine Children's Relief Fund

(PCRF) on the occasion of their 2008 gala, entitled "Healing Hands." For the past 17 years, PCRF has played an instrumental role in providing some of the best medical treatment for children all over the Middle East.

The Palestine Children's Relief Fund is a U.S.-based non-profit that has now become the leading organization providing free medical treatment for children in the Middle East. PCRF works closely with doctors, hospitals, and organizations throughout North America and Europe in order to facilitate specialized medical care for children who are unable to be treated locally. Children have been treated in hospitals all over the United States, including in Cleveland and other cities across Ohio. Since its founding in 1991, PCRF has treated over 800 children outside of the Middle East and continues to send doctors from the United States to train medical personnel in the region.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund and in recognition of their outstanding achievements and important work in providing free medical treatment to children in need.

BRUCE ASHWILL

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to Bruce Ashwill, a close friend from the Fourth Congressional District of California.

Bruce Ashwill is a legend in California real estate. As a founding partner of Ashwill Burke and the founder of Bishop Hawke and Aborn Powers, it is estimated that he has hired and trained more than 1,700 real estate professionals in his more than 38 years in the commercial real estate business. Bruce is a valued member of local chambers of commerce and many professional trade groups such as the California Association of Realtors and the Sacramento Trade Organization.

We first met in 1983 when I was running for the California State Senate, and our friendship has grown from there. I have been privileged to benefit from the wisdom and experiences Bruce has shared with me, providing great insight into business, politics and life.

Bruce graduated from University of California at Los Angeles, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He and his wife of 46 years, Barbara, live on a ranch in Shingle Springs, California. Bruce and Barbara have been blessed with three children and eight grandchildren.

I would like to wish Bruce and Barbara good luck in all their future endeavors and express to them how much they mean to Julie and me. We look forward to continuing our great friendship for many years to come.

HONORING BOB FRALEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman RADANOVICH, to con-

gratulate Bob Fraley upon his induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Fraley will be honored at the 50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Bob Fraley grew up in the tiny community of Hardwick, California, and admired the man considered the best pole-vaulter ever, "Dutch" Warmerdam. Coach Fraley was raised just an orchard away from the Warmerdam home. Before he was done with his storied career, Coach Fraley would nurture a track-and-field powerhouse at Lemoore High School, mentor more than 40 All-Americans at California State University, Fresno, and made the "Fraley" name synonymous with the pole vault all over the world.

According to Coach Fraley, his most significant accomplishment in his career was saving the California State University, Fresno, men's track-and-field team in 2003 after it was cut by the school as an intercollegiate sport. He saved the program by telling the university's administration, "take my salary; just don't take my sport." The school agreed and Coach Fraley coached for free and was hailed in Sports Illustrated for solving a problem instead of pointing fingers at others.

The honors are many for Coach Fraley, who was also a trailblazer for women's athletics and the implementation of Title IX. He was named 2003 USA Track and Field Nike Coach of the Year, U.S. Olympic Committee Developmental Coach of the Year in 2004, 2006 national Pole Vault Hall of Fame inductee and two-time Western Athletic Conference coach of the year. During his 28 years at California State University, Fresno, including 8 years as head coach, he developed many of the Nation's top performers; including 19 Academic All-Americans. Among his top athletes were pole-vaulter Jim Davis, who cleared 19 feet and won three NCAA titles; four-time All-American triple jumper Reggie Jackson; and Melissa (Price) Lewis, the first female inductee of the national Pole Vault Hall of Fame and the first female high school and NCAA pole vault champ.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate Bob Fraley upon his achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Coach Fraley congratulations on his many accomplishments.

HONORING MATER DEI KNIGHTS
VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mater Dei Knights Volleyball Team. The Knights placed third at the IHSA State Volleyball match on Saturday November 15, 2008.

Continuing their tradition of success, this is the Knights' 12th trophy in school history. The Knights competed for their title against Chicago Payton. Winning in just two games, the Knights defeated Payton by scores of 25-17 and 25-22.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Coaches Fred Rakers and Chad Rakers along with the Knights Volleyball Team members—Cortney