

Monica Sherraden—Olathe South High School.

Carla Simpson—Olathe North High School; Taranjeet Singh—Shawnee Mission West High School; Kyle Sitomer—Shawnee Mission East High School; Katie Spies—Blue Valley North High School; Alexa Stonebarger—Mission Valley Middle School; Allyssa Strange—Blue Valley Northwest High School; Abby Stuke—Westridge Middle School; Kate Tarne—Trailridge Middle School; Tana Thomason—Olathe Northwest High School; Julie Varriano—Notre Dame de Sion; Katie Vaughan—Prairie Trail Jr. High; Amanda Vaupel—Olathe North High School; Dallas Waage—Spring Hill High School; Jessica Wayne—Olathe South High School; Abby Weltner—Shawnee Mission East High School; Audriana Willis—Olathe Northwest High School; Elyse Wilson—Olathe South High School; Ashley Wismer—Olathe South High School; Marissa Wuller—St. Thomas Aquinas; Alexa Zuchowski—Olathe South High School.

A TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE WILLS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Catherine Wills of Monterey Park, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Wills as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Family life in Minneapolis, Minnesota, infused Cathy with the spirit of volunteerism from the very beginning. As a young girl she watched her older sister, Charlotte, transform a personal struggle with spina bifida into success as a community activist. Cathy grew to share her father's concern for social issues such as global poverty, illiteracy, and health care, and she joined Charlotte as a devoted advocate for the physically disabled.

Soon after, Cathy's adventuresome spirit took her all the way to Cairo, Egypt. There she worked in a number of professions, from newspaper reporter to fashion model, advertising representative to tour guide. Cathy even landed a small role in Cecil B. DeMille's epic, "The Ten Commandments." After living abroad, becoming fluent in Arabic, and traveling throughout Europe, she returned to the United States and settled in Monterey Park.

Cathy's thirty-plus years of local community outreach include serving as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff, where she became the first woman assigned to the Detective Division's Homicide Bureau and spent her free time mentoring at-risk girls as a Pasadena YWCA "Big Sister." Following retirement, Cathy has dedicated herself to the City and people of Monterey Park. She served on the board of directors of the Heritage Manor Convalescent Home, was a long-time appointee to the City's Personnel Board, and wrote a community column for the local newspaper.

Armed with a lifetime of experience and gumption, Cathy faced her husband's recent bouts with cancer head on and continues to support the City of Hope National Cancer Research Center. Her current roles include serving on city and county Election boards, fundraising as a member of the Soroptimist Club,

and advocating for San Gabriel Valley causes as a founding member of the Concerned Citizens of Monterey Park. Cathy also honors outstanding volunteers as co-chair of the United Democratic Club's annual "People Who Make a Difference" award.

It is my privilege to celebrate Cathy just as she has recognized others for so many years. Her steadfast and selfless service is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Catherine Wills.

COMMENDING SARAH LEE FOSTER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life of an eminent citizen, Mrs. Sarah Lee Foster. This remarkable woman merits both our recognition and esteem as her impressive record of leadership, volunteerism, activism and invaluable service has moved our community forward and thereby, improved the lives of our people.

Sarah Lee Foster has lived a life of active involvement in neighborhood, community and city organization and activism that has focused on safety and quality of life issues. She was born in Holly Grove, Arkansas, graduated from Holly Grove Vocational High School and attended Shorter and Arkansas Baptist colleges. She is a recipient of the Arkansas Travelers Ambassador Award and the Arkansas Sesquicentennial Medallion.

Sarah Lee Foster was the first woman and only four-term president of the Five Points Business Association in Denver. She coordinated the annual Denver Juneteenth Celebration from the late 1970's through the late 1990's; established the community outreach program to serve youth, homeless, and seniors in the area; and, actively promoted cooperative relations between the association, local residents and citizens, other community and neighborhood organizations, and city and state government offices. She has been honored many times by the organization throughout the years for her outstanding dedication, leadership, and service to the community.

Sarah Lee Foster's accomplishments have also been recognized by many other appreciative persons and community groups, too numerous to name. Her current and past community service records speak for themselves. Her memberships disclose her belief in the universal community. The list of her awards, tributes, certificates, trophies, and honors runs to more than five single-spaced typed pages.

Sarah Lee Foster is the owner of Sarah Lee's Isle of Beauty and Sarah Lee's Modeling Agency. A charter member of the Denver Cosmetology Guild No. 250, she served as the first African American president of the Colorado Cosmetology Association. She was the first African-American nominated to the National Cosmetology Association Board of Directors, and is currently serving her seventh term as Financial Secretary.

Sarah Lee Foster's countless contributions to the Denver and Colorado communities have

been recognized by many elected officials and government representatives. Most recently, she was honored by Mayor John W. Hickenlooper with an "Unsung Hero" Award on the occasion of the 150th birthday of the City of Denver in 2008. She has made an indelible impact on the Denver and Colorado communities and her service will be remembered and she deserves to be congratulated for her "good and faithful service". As she prepares to move to Texas to reside near her family, I know that she will take with her the spirit of community and community service she shared with all of us.

Please join me in paying tribute to the life of Sarah Lee Foster, a prominent community leader, on the occasion of her eightieth birthday. Her service, accomplishments and leadership command our respect and serve to build a better future for all Americans.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING THE NORTH APPALACHIAN EXPERIMENTAL WATERSHED (NAEW) ON THEIR AWARD FROM THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION FOR ITS EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the NAEW conducts research on ways to manage land to protect and improve water quality; and

Whereas, the NAEW works to reduce and prevent flood damages to agricultural areas in Southeastern Ohio; and

Whereas, the NAEW's research has sweeping implications for how water resources can be better managed in agricultural and rural settings all across the country; and

Whereas, the NAEW has received a "Friend of the Extension" Award from the Ohio State University Extension for the strengthened partnership between them, and for their aid in education about forestry, soils, grazing, beef feeding, and many other important rural knowledge bases; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that, along with the Ohio State University Extension, friends and family of the NAEW, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the North Appalachian Experimental Watershed for receiving this award, and commend their continued work in making water usage in agricultural areas safer, more efficient, and more environmentally friendly.

HONORING THE REVEREND CLAUDE WILLIAM BLACK, JR.

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, after 92 years of service to others, the Reverend Claude William Black Jr. died on March 13, 2009. A lifelong San Antonian, Reverend Black was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement, working with A. Philip Randolph, the