

blocking women financially from obtaining proper health care coverage. Furthermore, this act will prevent insurers in the individual market from either denying or limiting coverage based on a current or past pregnancy as well as method of delivery. This bill will eliminate the insurers from punishing women who are either pregnant or have been in the past. The bill will also require individual market insurers to provide comprehensive maternity coverage. This legislation will not only save the insurer money, but I believe it will improve the health outcomes of both the mother and the child.

To ensure that individual market insurers enforce these regulations, this bill will provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with the authority to monitor compliance with this act. The Secretary will be able to assess fines of at least \$10,000 against any health insurance company that fails to submit the required data. The act will also require the Government Accountability Office to issue a report by December 31, 2010. This report will address any remaining problems for women on the individual insurance market throughout the entire country.

This bill will grant more women access to affordable health insurance that will meet their health needs. No longer will women be punished for their gender. I urge my colleagues to support my legislation to prevent this type of gender discrimination in the health insurance market.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DAVID JENNINGS BROWN, SR.

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of David Jennings Brown, Sr., whose business acumen, community service and family dedication are inspirational.

Acclaimed as a pioneer developer of Silicon Valley and San Francisco Bay Area business parks, David J. Brown is a man of vision, compassion and energy. David began his business career developing and managing commercial and industrial income properties for Newhall Land & Farming Company and Holvick deRegt & Koering. He then became the Regional Vice President of Boise Cascade Building, where he completed the acquisition and commenced the development and management of four major Bay Area Business Parks.

With a vision to create a commercial and industrial real estate development and management company offering the utmost level of integrity and service, David founded Orchard Properties in San Jose, California in 1973. During its 32 years of operations, Orchard Properties developed over 1,400 acres and 7 million square feet of commercial/industrial property in Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, and Sacramento Counties. Through the teamwork of over 200 individuals, Orchard Properties earned numerous awards and special recognitions over the years, including being named Developer of the Year four times. And, as a result, David is being inducted into the "Developer Hall of Fame" by the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) in May 2009.

Beginning in 2007 NAIOP Silicon Valley felt that it was important to take a moment to reflect upon the significant role that very few individuals have had in shaping the look and feel of Silicon Valley and the role Silicon Valley's Commercial Real Estate community has played in the international business community. Silicon Valley, as we know it today, is the result of the efforts of a few developers who did big things in the 60's and 70's, including building speculative, flexible buildings that allowed high tech companies to expand, contract and change creatively, a visionary concept from the 1960's. It was considered to be very, very risky and was not often attempted. Yet, the NAIOP Developer Hall of Fame honorees were pioneers who took risks, had vision and worked tirelessly building an industry providing a foundation of the entrepreneurial economy that today is replicated around the world.

In 1995, David acquired a ranch located in Wolf Creek Valley outside of Pagosa Springs, Colorado where his family built BootJack Ranch, which has become one of David's true passions. BootJack Ranch is a one-of-a-kind world-class family compound and retreat. The ranch is considered to be one of the finest and most beautiful recreational and fly fishing ranches in the country. The Brown Family enjoys using BootJack Ranch as a tranquil retreat to provide rest, renewal and introspection for their family, Christian ministry leaders, executives and others in need of a place of silence and solitude.

BootJack Ranch is also the backdrop numerous philanthropic events including the annual Music in the Mountains Festival. The Browns also founded the Pagosa Springs affiliate of the Durango festival of the same name in 2001. Music in the Mountains, Pagosa is a world class music festival featuring a wonderful variety of composers, artists and styles from classical to country and Celtic showcased in the beautiful mountain scenery.

David has 3 daughters, 2 sons and 11 grandchildren. He and his wife recently relocated to Paradise Valley, Arizona where David is currently the Vice Chairman of the Mayo Clinic Arizona Leadership Advisory Council.

I would like to thank David for his contributions to the community and commend him on his meaningful and productive career.

TRIBUTE TO RICK MUTH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Orange County, California are exceptional. Orange County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Rick Muth is one of these individuals and he is also one of my closest friends. On April 17, 2009, Rick celebrated his 60th birthday with friends and family.

Rick's success in life began with the positive influence from a special teacher at Mater Dei High School. Henry Enriquez encouraged Rick

to join the track team where Rick discovered a talent that he never knew he possessed. Track built Rick's confidence and steered him in the right direction: towards college. Rick attended Santa Ana College where he became the Freshman Vice President and won national honors on the track team. He transferred to the University of Southern California, USC, earned his Bachelor's of Science in Marketing and still holds a spot on the track team's all-time three-mile list. Upon graduation from USC, Rick went to work for a labor relations firm, then spent two years as an administrative trainee in plant construction at Northrop Aircraft. Rick continued his education at Chapman University, where he earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

In 1975, Rick joined the ORCO Block Company, Inc. a family-owned business, as assistant office manager. In many ways, Rick had always been a part of the family business. Rick picked up broken pieces of block as a kid, and he repaired wooden pallets, in the summer after the fifth grade, to earn the new bike that he wanted. In his high school and college years, Rick spent his summers making deliveries, taking orders and working with customers. Rick learned the business from the bottom up, and held almost every position in the company. In 1994, Rick ascended to the position of President and currently oversees the day-to-day operations of the multi-million-dollar company. He has continued the development of its extensive product line, directed the company's aggressive expansion and helped maintain ORCO's high industry profile and leadership role.

Throughout his career at ORCO Block Company, Inc. Rick also has continued the legacy that his father established: service, leadership and community. Rick started this legacy in his own community—at ORCO's headquarters in Stanton, California. Rick's father, Pete Muth, established the Stanton Boys and Girls Club, and Rick continued to support the Club by serving as President, assisting with fundraising and guiding the increase in children from 100 to 650. Rick also serves as a Board Member of the Orange County Performing Arts Center and has helped raise approximately \$1.8 million in donations and matching funds. Rick has also contributed to his own industry by serving as former Chairman of the Board for the National Concrete Masonry Association, NCMA, and establishing the NCMA Foundation, which has raised \$6 million to support research and development. Rick and his father Pete were the first father-and-son team to both serve as NCMA Chairman.

Rick has also not forgotten to give back to the schools that gave so much to him. He was a Capital Campaign Committee Member for Mater Dei High School. Additionally, for the past 28 years, as an alumnus for Santa Ana College's Track Team, Rick has raised money, assisted with coaching and provided jobs for members of the track team. At USC, Rick has been a member of the Orange County Planning and Development Council, partial annual scholarship provider to architecture students and former co-chair for the first USC Symphony Orchestra performance in Orange County. Rick also sits on the Business School Advisory Council at Chapman University, and he and his family have donated funds to support the construction of a new library named in honor of the Muth Family and ORCO Block Company, Inc.