

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING MARK COHN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY AND HIS DEDICATION TO SACRAMENTO COUNTY

#### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2009*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mark Cohn for his sixty years of service and devotion to the Mosaic Law Congregation and the greater Sacramento community. On May 31st, the Mosaic Law Congregation celebrated Mr. Cohn's 80th birthday and honored him for his immeasurable dedication to the people of Sacramento. As Mr. Cohn's friends, family and colleagues gather to pay tribute to his lifelong achievements, I ask that all my colleagues join me in honoring this inspirational individual.

After proudly serving his country in the U.S. Air Force from the late 1940s to the early 1950s, Mr. Cohn returned to Sacramento and started his Kustom Kitchens design business. Since the inception of Kustom Kitchens, Mr. Cohn has received numerous residential designs awards which have been publicized in many local and national publications, such as the Sacramento Bee and Sacramento Magazine.

Despite the demands and immense time commitment it takes to run a successful business, Mr. Cohn continues to give back to the Sacramento community. A few of the many organizations Mr. Cohn has volunteered his time to includes the YWCA, Stanford Home Foundations, B'nai Brith, and 4 Robinhoods. "He takes on any challenge and never lets anything get in the way of the big picture," said his wife Dianne Cohn, "he never seems to run out of energy." For example, from 1991 to 1995, Mr. Cohn served as President of the Mosaic Law Congregation, managed his Kustom Kitchens business and served on various non-profit boards.

Mr. Cohn continues to be an incredibly active gentleman, walking the Great Wall of China at the age of 73, and skydiving at the ages of 75 and 80! Throughout his life, Mr. Cohn has shown substantial leadership skills, strength, innovation, and passion. He is a man we can all look up to.

Madam Speaker, as Mark Cohn, his wife Dianne and children Shelli, Lanie, Nelson, Larry, and Scott, along with his many friends and colleagues gather to celebrate Mr. Cohn's 80th birthday, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting him.

### HONORING BETH ASHLEY

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with pleasure today to honor my long-time friend,

Beth Ashley, of Marin County, California. Beth is retiring from the Marin Independent Journal, IJ, after 35 years of passionate and thoughtful writing that has made her a community institution.

Beth's news career began with school newspapers, including editor of the Stanford Daily. At the Marin IJ, she has served in many roles, most recently as a feature writer. Her columns reflected her immersion in many aspects of county life as well as her foreign travels. From Moscow during the early years of Glasnost to Afghanistan and Iran, her trips tended to focus on the humanitarian struggles in troubled areas of the world. Her compassionate heart shines through all her work.

From raising five sons to serving on non-profit boards in Marin County, Beth has had a very full life in addition to her IJ duties. Now 83, she writes that "it's hard to act the intrepid girl reporter, especially when I totter a bit when I walk and can hardly see, hear or speak coherently to boot." But she assures us she has "loved every minute. I only wish I'd done more."

Beth has done more in her career than most of us can dream of. The community will miss her regular features, but we still expect to see her around town enjoying her new adventure—she will be remarrying in a few months.

Madam Speaker, Beth Ashley's work has expressed the heart and soul of Marin County. It has been an honor and delight to read her columns and to know her as a friend. I wish her the best of luck in her retirement and in her new marriage.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2009*

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 292, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

### A PROCLAMATION HONORING CLOW WATER SYSTEMS COMPANY'S 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING UNINTERRUPTED AND DEDICATED SERVICE

#### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Clow Water Systems was founded on March 17, 1910 in the city of Coshocton; and

Whereas, Clow Water Systems has grown from a two-man operation to employing more than 350 workers; and

Whereas, Clow Water Systems has been at the cutting edge of pipe and fitting production,

often trading and competing in discoveries that have both improved efficiency and lowered costs industry-wide; and

Whereas, Clow Water Systems recently expanded their industry even further, exporting pipes to help in the effort to rebuild Iraq; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with their friends and family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Clow Water Systems Company on their 100 Year Anniversary. Their dedication to quality products and customer service has made them a dependable pillar of the Coshocton community.

### IN RECOGNITION OF JACK E. SINGLEY AND HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO IRVING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2009*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jack E. Singley, former Superintendent of the Irving Independent School District (IISD).

Mr. Singley first joined Irving ISD as a math teacher at MacArthur High School in 1965. Over the past forty-four years, he has served in various roles from teacher to vice principal to personnel director to Superintendent. Upon taking the reins as Superintendent in 1988, Irving ISD has undergone tremendous change. Irving ISD added eight schools, enrollment grew from 21,887 to 33,233 students, over 30,000 students graduated from high schools, and employees increased from 2,309 to 4,177. He exhibited great leadership skills and carried out his vision to improve Irving ISD, helping students achieve their full potential. Aside from being one of the longest serving Superintendents in the State of Texas, Jack will be remembered for his commitment to public education and dedicated service to Irving ISD. He has touched countless lives and will be greatly missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Singley for devoting his career to public education and expressing our heartfelt gratitude for his forty-four years of service to Irving ISD.

### MEDIA SHOW

#### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 3, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Texas, Madam Speaker, Judge Sotomayor has yet to answer a question at a confirmation hearing, but the national media's verdict already is in.

Network evening newscasts used the term "conservative" to describe Judge Sotomayor's

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