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HONORING GENE TUNNEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor the life of Gene Tunney who served as Sonoma County District Attorney for 20 years. Mr. Tunney passed away August 9, 2009, with his family at his side.

Born in New York City in 1931, Mr. Tunney was the son of the famous heavyweight boxing champion James Joseph "Gene" Tunney and brother of California Congressman and Senator John Tunney. After serving in the Army, he moved to the Bay Area where he enrolled in law school in San Francisco. In 1971, he began his first job in Sonoma County as a Deputy Public Defender. A few years later he ran for District Attorney, narrowly winning the race. He served in that office for five more terms, from 1974 to 1994.

Mr. Tunney is credited with modernizing and professionalizing the District Attorney's office, guiding its transition in an era of increasingly urban types of crime. He placed restrictions on plea bargains and reviewed all felony cases while becoming an advocate for victims of crime. He was highly regarded for his sense of justice and for bringing changes to offices around the state after co-founding the California District Attorney's Association.

Married 49 years ago, Mr. Tunney enjoyed spending time with his wife Ann and their family. After retirement, the couple lived in Hawaii for a decade where they pursued their mutual hobby, flying small planes, as well as traveling, swimming, and reading. They later moved to Tiburon in Marin County, California.

Mr. Tunney is survived by his children Alexandra Kelly, Megan Tunney, Erin MacLeon, and Gene Tunney as well as seven grandchildren and brothers John and Jay.

Madam Speaker, we are proud to honor Gene Tunney's contributions to our community and know that, with many of his Deputy District Attorneys serving on the bench, his legacy of high standards and fairness to victims will continue in Sonoma County.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MELISSA SIBLEY FOR WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Melissa Sibley showed hard work and dedication to the sport of softball; and

Whereas, Melissa Sibley was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Melissa Sibley always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional

District, I congratulate Melissa Sibley on winning the Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 softball season.

A TRIBUTE TO CLÍNICA MSR. OSCAR A. ROMERO ON THE OCCASION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clínica Msr. Oscar A. Romero, a non-profit organization based in Los Angeles County that provides quality and affordable health care, health education, and advocacy to the uninsured and underserved communities of Greater Los Angeles.

Named after Archbishop Romero of El Salvador, the organization was founded in 1983 by a coalition of Salvadoran civil war refugees and local volunteer health professionals who wanted to address the unmet health care needs of thousands of Central American refugees arriving in Los Angeles in the early 1980s.

During its 25 years of service, Clínica Romero has grown from a very small operation to a \$9.2 million Federal 330 Community Health Center, with two clinics in Pico-Union/Westlake and a third clinic in Boyle Heights.

In the past year alone, Clínica Romero has reached notable milestones.

The organization completed its \$6 million Capital Campaign, which was essential to the purchase and renovation of its main clinic at 123 South Alvarado Street in Pico-Union/Westlake. When the work concludes, Clínica Romero will be based out of its first permanent medical home in its history.

Equally significant, on June 15, Clínica Romero opened a new Children's Clinic located just two blocks from its main site. Renovated with the assistance of a \$1.2 million grant from the St. Vincent Medical Center on behalf of the Daughters of Charity, this "Clínica Infantil" is dedicated to serving the health care needs of children 11 years and younger.

As a way of including the entire community in the celebration of its 25th anniversary, Clínica Romero will hold its 1st Annual Health Walk on October 3—a fun-filled and innovative way to promote the health and well being of the families it serves.

Clínica Romero's 1st Annual Health Walk (Camine, Sonría y Vive con Clínica Romero) is expected to include 2,000 participants who will meet at its 123 South Alvarado Street clinic. They will then walk three kilometers through the local community to the new Vista Hermosa Natural Park, where they will be invited to enjoy a picnic lunch, live entertainment and a community health fair.

Madam Speaker, during my years in Congress, I have had the privilege of working closely with the community health centers in my district and have seen firsthand the important role that clinics such as Clínica Romero play in improving the health of our communities, especially among Latinos. I especially enjoyed partnering with Clínica Romero in se-

curing federal funds to bolster its successful diabetes care program and I pledge to continue to fight for increased federal funding for all of our community health clinics through comprehensive health care reform.

In recognition of Clínica Romero's ongoing and tireless role as a health provider and educator in the 34th District, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing its 25th anniversary. I also commend Clínica Romero's Board Chair, Carlos Vaquerano, its Executive Director, Albert Pacheco, and all of the many dedicated people who make Clínica Romero the health care safety net that it is today, especially for the most hard to reach and at-risk patients. Clínica Romero provides resources that enable our community members to stay healthy and strong, and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

HONORING KRCB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor a local public broadcaster, KRCB in Sonoma County, California. KRCB is celebrating 25 years of service to our local communities.

Nancy Dobbs, President and CEO, has been the guiding force behind KRCB from the beginning. She notes that it is a rare opportunity to build such a public institution. "When we started in January, 1981," she says, "we had to argue for the license before the FCC, find land on which to build our offices and studios, raise money for a station that did not yet exist, and convince the community about the importance of our own public broadcasting service."

Fortunately for all of us, the effort was successful. Today, we cannot imagine life in Sonoma County without KRCB, which provides PBS television, NPR radio, and local programming. It is the only PBS service available to more than a quarter million residents.

Working with nonprofits, businesses, and government agencies, KRCB has led community dialogs on health care, the environment, and disability awareness, to name just a few. The station has been awarded three Emmys for its national environmental series National Heroes, has been honored by the California Teachers' Association for its North Bay Report, and has received honors for local election coverage, provided consistently for the past 17 years. KRCB also provides air time to celebrate local cultural events, such as the full season of the acclaimed Santa Rosa Symphony, which are available in no other venue.

According to Dobbs, "It was clear from the beginning that KRCB's mission was to utilize the public airwaves of which we are stewards to strengthen the communities we serve. Public broadcasting is a critically important tool with which to stimulate community dialog and engagement, central elements of a healthy democracy."

Madam Speaker, we congratulate KRCB Television and Radio on its 25 years of service. It is indeed a treasure of Northern California.