

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Con. Res. 288, H. Res. 546, and H. Res. 1407.

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL F.
ESCALANTE, ED.D.

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Michael Escalante, whose tenure as Superintendent of the Glendale Unified School District has contributed substantially to its increases in student achievement. This feat is especially commendable considering the significant fiscal challenges the district has been and is currently facing.

The Glendale Unified School District is an impressive school system in its own right, encompassing 27,000 students and 2,500 employees at 31 schools—twenty-three of which have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools, nine as National Blue Ribbon schools, and 11 as Title 1 Achieving Schools.

As its Superintendent, Dr. Escalante has guided GUSD towards many more distinctions and accomplishments. Under his leadership, the district has garnered many state and national awards for student achievement, helped establish and expand programs such as the Foreign Language Academies of Glendale, and created Focus on Results, a district-wide professional development plan.

Even more impressively, Dr. Escalante's accomplishments stretch back before his role as superintendent. Prior to joining GUSD, Dr. Escalante began his teaching career at the elementary and high school levels and served for seven years in this capacity. He subsequently rose through the ranks to enter other administrative assignments, including Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, administrative assistant, elementary principal, intermediate principal, and two separate tenures as a high school principal. Dr. Escalante's experience is extensive and he has worked in several school districts, including Hawthorne, Centinela Valley, Santa Monica, Malibu, Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Long Beach Unified. As evidenced by the GUSD's successes, his wide breadth and sheer depth of experience has clearly been invaluable to its development.

Dr. Michael Escalante has been a tremendous asset to the Glendale Unified School District and to the City of Glendale, and I ask all members to join me in thanking him for his dedicated service to education.

HONORING JOSE TAMAYO

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jose Tamayo, who passed away on June 10, 2010, in Santa Rosa, California. His legacy as a philanthropist and entrepreneur has enriched Sonoma County and the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

As a young immigrant from Mexico, Mr. Tamayo moved to this country with a bright vision for his family's future. He quickly recognized Sonoma County as uniquely endowed with a rich agricultural, culinary, and environmental tradition that lent itself well to the production of wholesome, handcrafted foods. After settling in Santa Rosa, Mr. Tamayo and his wife Mary opened their first "Mexican-tessen," bringing a taste of their heritage to Sonoma County customers.

The Tamayos built on their success, founding La Tortilla Factory in 1977 and branching out into new products and new ventures. From a tiny family business run entirely on Jose and Mary Tamayo's hard work and dedication, La Tortilla Factory grew into a nationally recognized leader with hundreds of local employees. It also continues to be an industry innovator. Over the several decades that La Tortilla Factory has been in operation, it has consistently been at the forefront of new, health-conscious, high-quality wraps, breads, and tortillas.

In spite of the demands of a growing business, Jose and Mary Tamayo remained committed to their family and community. They worked tirelessly to give their children the education and grounding they would need to succeed in their own right, and to create a family centered on the principles of hard work and service. In 1986, Jose and Mary Tamayo passed La Tortilla Factory on to their sons and rededicated themselves to contributing to the people of Sonoma County.

The Tamayos were particularly active in a number of community organizations, from food banks to local schools and youth-support organizations. The Mary and Jose Tamayo House, a residence for former foster children at Sonoma County's Social Advocates for Youth, is just one example of their efforts to provide all children the same opportunities they provided their own. This is a legacy of compassion and civic-mindedness that will live on in our region.

Jose Tamayo was predeceased by his wife Mary and his son Bernie Tamayo. He is survived by his sons Carlos, Jose, Mike, and Willie Tamayo, and by his eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join in me in celebrating the life of a man who gave back more than he received, who measured his success in his service to others. Jose Tamayo's story reminds us of how much we can all achieve when we pursue our goals with passion and integrity.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,046,652,647,591.81.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,408,226,901,298.01 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

GRADUATES OF CRISTO REY NEW YORK HIGH SCHOOL BEAT THE ODDS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend the fifty graduates from Cristo Rey New York High School in East Harlem, who have beaten the odds to achieve this success. Every student in this class has been accepted to college in the fall.

Cristo Rey students dream big. Many aspire to become lawyers, forensic pathologists, journalists, psychologists and a wide variety of professions. The students will attend prestigious universities and colleges, in and out of New York, including Fordham University, Brooklyn College, John Jay College, New York University, Pace University, Georgetown University, Lehigh University, and Boston College.

The school is part of a network of twenty-four Cristo Rey schools throughout the country—Catholic, co-ed, college prep schools, where students of all faiths are welcomed.

Cristo Rey has played a special role in helping these students overcome obstacles they have faced in their young lives. Some have had financial difficulties, and others have faced the dangers and temptations of the streets.

In addition to academics, the students received hands-on experience in the workplace, even before being handed their diplomas. One day a week, they worked in some very high powered firms such as JPMorgan, Chase and Citigroup. The students performed office work and received guidance from mentors who helped them identify desired career paths.

Many of these firms pay sixty-percent of the school's expense.

Cristo Rey's motto is, "transforming Urban America, One Student at a Time". The transformation of these fifty students shows what hard work and dedication can achieve. Cristo Rey has laid the educational foundation for these students. The sky is the limit for them in what they can achieve, in their working careers.

Here are the names of the students whose achievements we celebrate: Lucio Reynoso, Steven Gonzalez, David Luna, Andrew Sanabria, Andy Paulino, Jonathan Balbuena, Aleksander Perpalaj, Daniel Estevez, Joel Frias, Bryan Santos, Charles Perez, Randy Nunez, Melany Rodriguez, Sade Gonzalez, Michelizabeth Sainvill, Nyasha Johnson, Tiffany Tejada, Steven Saverino, Amaury de Dios, Stanley Majors, Jr., Christian Guzman, Angel-Alvarez, Laury Veudna; Devany Baez, Celia Martinez, Lizbel Escamilla, Sheniqua Green, Katherine Santiago, Olivia McBride, Vitoria Velazquez, Marisol Almonte, Ashley Garcia, Asia Davis, Angelique Agudo, Stephanie Ortiz, Amanda Rodriguez, Lidibeth Iona, Ashley Saucedo, Genesis Cedeno, Vanessa Ruiz, Noelia Taveras, Raquel Salgado, Cailyn Asturias, Jessica Vargas, Patricia Diaz, Stephanie Medaivilla, Tamika Flores, Paola Peguero.