

Laura Richardson was elected to Congress in 2007, and has served on the Transportation and Infrastructure and Homeland Security Committees, serving as a key advocate for Long Beach's port and California's development of high speed rail.

Mr. Speaker, the aforementioned Members have served a combined 128 years in the House of Representatives. As the Chair of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation, I want to thank them for their commitment to our country, to California, and to their constituents who elected them. Together we've worked to ensure that America is a prosperous and safe society where everyone has equal opportunity. I've enjoyed being with them on this journey and wish them all of the best in the years ahead.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CONGRESSMAN LEONARD BOSWELL

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congressman LEONARD BOSWELL for his 16 years of dedicated service to the people of Iowa's Third Congressional District, and the country.

At the end of this term, the U.S. Congress will bid farewell to one of its great leaders. I have had the good fortune to serve with Congressman BOSWELL on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and as a fellow member of the Blue Dog Coalition. In a Congress that has become infamous for its partisan gridlock, LEONARD has been a stalwart advocate for compromise. He has always understood that on issues related to the well being of our working-class families, the nation's infrastructure, and our men and women in uniform, our responsibilities as elected Representatives must always come before politics.

LEONARD's leadership in this regard has always been a source of inspiration to me. With his departure the U.S. Congress will lose the experience of a public servant who has held elective office for 28 years, a distinguished combat veteran and a true American patriot. His example of hard work and bipartisan compromise should not be lost on the 113th Congress when it convenes next month.

I would like to offer LEONARD and his family my deepest thanks and my best wishes for the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in commemorating Congressman LEONARD BOSWELL's tremendous service to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH E. ROSS

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, our Ranking Member, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life of Joseph E. Ross, former Director of the Congressional Research Service. Joe

Ross passed away on November 23, survived by his wife of 66 years, Joan, 8 children, 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind many friends and colleagues who fondly recall his many years of public service.

Joe was the Director of CRS from 1986 to 1993. Before that he led CRS' American Law Division for 13 years. Prior to his career at CRS, Joe served in the Navy during World War II. Returning from that service, he earned his law degree and entered private practice from 1948–1951. He was called back to active duty, eventually rising to the rank of Captain in the Navy and retiring from the military in 1969. This distinguished military career was followed by 2 years at the Department of Justice and then his 21-year career at CRS which saw him rise from Chief of the American Law Division to eventually lead the agency for over 7 years.

Joe Ross' years as CRS Director saw Congress grapple with the Persian Gulf War, the Iran/Contra investigation, deficit reduction, financial regulatory reform, the Strategic Defense Initiative, multinational trade agreements and early efforts at welfare and health care reform. CRS deployed its staff to assist with these and the many other issues on the legislative agenda and streamlined and modernized its product offerings. Congress celebrated its bicentennial in 1989 and CRS supported and participated in the many events surrounding that anniversary. That year was also CRS' 75th anniversary, an occasion marked by programs on the history of Congress and the Congress of the future.

Under Joe Ross' leadership, CRS became a key player in the Frost-Solomon Task Force. Established by Congress in 1990, the task force provided assistance to emerging democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. CRS helped administer the task force's programs and provided much of the sought after expertise needed to help establish democratic legislatures in those countries. During Joe's tenure as CRS Director, the Service also modernized its technological infrastructure with the introduction of more advanced hardware and software to enhance the products and services CRS was able to provide to Congress and increase the productivity of its staff. CRS staff also benefited from innovative recruitment programs launched during this period to increase the diversity of the CRS workforce.

Joe was active in bar activities throughout his career, serving in several capacities with the Federal Bar Association, including president, and also serving on the governing body of the American Bar Association. After retirement, he was actively involved in providing legal assistance to Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Ross was the epitome of the dedicated public servant. He served his country for over 20 years in the Navy which included involvement in decisive battles of the Pacific theater. He followed that career with service in the Executive Branch as an attorney in the Department of Justice. The United States Congress was then the beneficiary of Joe's second career, over 20 years in leadership positions in the Congressional Research Service, including 7 years as its Director. We are grateful for his dedication to the public good. To his wife, Joan, and his extended family, I extend our deepest sympathies.

HONORING SUPERVISOR KENDALL SMITH OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, my colleague, stalwart community member and outgoing Supervisor Kendall Smith for decades of giving back to Mendocino County.

I first met Kendall when she was a student at Sonoma State University at a graduate class she was taking in Public Administration. She already had a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Jose State University and had been a long time member of the American Association of University Women.

Kendall is also a member of the National Women's Political Caucus of Mendocino County, a group I am proud to say picked me as their last male candidate to endorse, an achievement in no small part supported by Kendall.

As a 32-year resident of the North Coast, Kendall knows the territory. That's why I hired her in 1997 to be a field representative when I was a State Senator. Two years later, when I became a Member of Congress, Kendall continued as my Mendocino County district representative, attending to constituent services, working with all parts of the county and supporting businesses, tribes, environmental groups, nonprofits and government entities in a multitude of ways.

In 2004, when Kendall decided to run for Fourth District Supervisor, I had mixed reactions—pride that she wanted to take that step into the life of an elected representative and sadness that she wouldn't be on my staff. Her record speaks for itself, and we have remained close throughout her eight years on the Board. I was honored to support her appointment by the Secretary of the Interior to the Bureau of Land Management's Northwest California Resource Advisory Council, one of the many boards and associations for which she is a stalwart advocate and member.

Kendall is a model public servant. A dogged researcher and diligent policy maker, she earns her admiration through selfless, hard work. Mister Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we pay tribute to Kendall Smith, a fine legislator, worthy representative and esteemed citizen.

HONORING FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER JUDITH K. SHUPE

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Judy Shupe, a long time Commissioner of Fairfield County, Ohio. After twenty exemplary years of service, Commissioner Shupe will be retiring at the end of this year. Commissioner Shupe first took office on January 2, 1993 and is now serving out the remainder of her fifth term as Commissioner.

Commissioner Shupe has always expressed a passion for public service. Before becoming a Commissioner she served as Clerk of Madison Township where she spent 13 years.

Commissioner Shupe has given her time and dedication to Fairfield County by attending workshops and seminars. These events have given her the knowledge and expertise to better understand the needs of the residents of Fairfield County. Judy has also been a member of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio which has strengthened her ability to effectively and successfully serve all of Fairfield County.

Commissioner Shupe serves on various committees including the Workforce Investment Area; Resource Conservation and Development; Prevention Works for a Drug Free Fairfield County; OSU Extension Advisory Committee; Geographic Information System Committee; Revolving Loan Funding Committee; Tax Incentive Review Council; and the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center Board of Trustees and Board of Directors.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to recognize the service and dedication of Commissioner Judy Shupe.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTHER
JACHIMOWICZ

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the inspiring life of Esther Jachimowicz, who passed away in her San Francisco home on November 5, 2012.

Born as Esther Bendzinski in Poland on October 11, 1925, she was the last remaining Holocaust survivor in her family. The tale of her life—as she would recount to her family and friends—is one of tremendous loss, struggle, and incredible perseverance. Esther and her family were among those forced to live in the Lodz Ghetto by Nazi troops in German-Occupied Poland. In recounting her story to the San Francisco Chronicle, she told of how life for the Jews trapped in the infamous ghetto was a daily struggle to survive starvation, beatings, and shootings.

Esther and her family were among the thousands who were sent from the Lodz Ghetto to Auschwitz. There, she and her father were selected by the Nazis to be kept as slave labor—never to see her mother and younger sister again. From Auschwitz, her father was taken to Dachau, and Esther and another sister were sent to another concentration camp called Stutof. There she experienced unspeakable horrors, including the death of her sister.

After being liberated, Esther searched for her family in the immediate aftermath of the war. Hearing that her father survived Dachau, she went to a hospital where he was being treated. It was there in that hospital where she also met her future husband, Nathan Jachimowicz, a few beds down from her father. The two had similar tales of survival, both being trapped in the Lodz Ghetto, both were taken to Auschwitz. Out of their combined families, only Nathan, Esther and her father had survived.

Years later, during an interview, Esther would say she was lucky to find Nathan, to whom she would be married for fifty-eight years. Soon after they were wed, and along

with Esther's father, they left Europe to start a new life in America. By 1962 they had settled in San Francisco and opened Emerald Cleaners and Tailoring shop on Noriega Street, near 25th Avenue. With hard work and an unyielding belief "that every day is a new day," they pursued the American Dream of a better life for themselves and their children.

Mr. Speaker, the number of Holocaust survivors is rapidly dwindling, and we must not let their tales be forgotten, we must record their history for future generations to learn from. As it was said in the Hebrew Bible's Book of Joel: "Tell your children about it, and let your children tell theirs, and their children the next generation." That is why I wanted to share Esther Jachimowicz's inspiring story.

More than just the story of an individual, her story is that of a kind of person who lived through one of the darkest, most brutal chapters in the Twentieth Century, and held firm to the belief of a future without hate. Her family—and indeed our country—will forever remember and cherish that spirit of perseverance, survival, and hope in a better future. I join with our community in mourning her passing. While I know Esther's family feels her loss, I hope they can draw comfort through the pride they must feel in the heritage and legacy they inherit from this incredible woman.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEW
BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM
AND THE WILLIAM M. WOOD
FOUNDATION

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the William M. Wood Foundation for their collaboration in celebrating the history of Cape Verdean and Azorean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Our nations' histories are forever interwoven, as the ancestors of today's Azorean—and Cape Verdean-American families remain an integral part of Massachusetts' economic prosperity. Many of these immigrants were first drawn to New England's ports on whaling and fishing vessels in the early nineteenth century, often finding work in the region's nearby cranberry bogs. Cape Cod and Southeastern Massachusetts are home to the fastest growing Cape Verdean and Azorean communities in the United States.

Today, it is estimated that over 40% of the southeastern Massachusetts population are of Portuguese descent. The strong influence that the Cape Verdean and Azorean cultures have had on our local community cannot be understated, and it is essential that we honor and celebrate this important part of Southeastern Massachusetts culture.

In keeping with this spirit the William M. Wood Foundation has generously approved a \$300,000 grant to support the initiatives at the New Bedford Whaling Museum geared toward preserving the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean communities in Southeastern Massachusetts. Among other things, this grant will support a major traveling exhibit detailing the lives of Azorean and Cape Verdean whalers that will make an appearance at various coast-

al communities throughout New England. Additional community events will be supported by this funding, including an international symposium on the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean immigration in Massachusetts that will be held at the Museum.

In order to ensure that Cape Verdean and Azorean culture is not only preserved but celebrated in Southeastern Massachusetts, I have worked closely with many local and international officials, including Cape Verdean President Jorge Carlos Fonseca, Cape Verdean Prime Minister Jose Maria Neves, and President of the Regional Government of the Azores Vasco Cordeiro. It gives me great pride to work with these individuals and to see such strong support for honoring Azorean and Cape Verdean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts. The funding given by the William M. Wood Foundation will establish a strong base as we move forward, and we envision many more opportunities for collaboration in the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the William M. Wood Foundation as they join together to celebrate the history of Azorean and Cape Verdean culture in Southeastern Massachusetts. I thank my colleagues for joining me in recognition of these organizations for celebrating such an important aspect of Massachusetts history.

IN HONOR OF NANCY MARIANNA
EMMONS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of Nancy Marianna Emmons.

Nancy Marianna Pierson was born January 5, 1913 to Grace Monkhouse Pierson and Temple Guy Pierson in the small southern Indiana town of Spencer, near Bloomington, Indiana. Her paternal grandmother, Cassandra Conant Pierson, had been a schoolteacher in Kentucky before marrying Joseph Liston Pierson, a private in the Union Army during the Civil War. Her maternal grandmother was a member of the Tyson family in Maryland, descendants of Elisha Tyson (1750–1824), a wealthy merchant and early abolitionist.

After attending the University of Indiana in the early 1930s, she decided to move to Chicago with her best friend to find work—a time she always referred to as "her salad days." Nancy had a good job with N.W. Ayre, an advertising agency, but after a time the glamour of California lured her West. She had some relatives in the Bay Area and chose to move to San Francisco. After being there a few weeks she wandered into an ad agency looking for a job, and was immediately offered a job as "Miss Oakland" on a float inaugurating the opening of the Bay Bridge in November 1936.

It was around this time that Nancy noticed a handsome blond man who walked down the hill past her apartment everyday to his car. She "accidentally" happened to be out on the street one morning, and of course charmed him. He was Donn Emmons, a shy young architect, who was working for William Wilson