

vet said when he returned from the war, he had totally lost his sense of humor. He said he only started to laugh again when he tuned into Dave Moore.

Mr. Speaker, Dave Moore was much, much more than just your everyday anchorman. He was the man we welcomed into our homes every day and filled it with important facts, wit, perspective and the simple joys of being from Minnesota.

Dave Moore gave us great and priceless gifts. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Shirley and their wonderful family. Minnesota will never forget Dave. As one newspaper put it: "Journalism won't see his like again." And Minnesota won't see a friend like him again, either.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE RENNE, SAN FRANCISCO'S OUTSTANDING CITY ATTORNEY

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 1998*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor for me to pay tribute to San Francisco City Attorney Louise Renne, who was recently cited in *California Lawyer* magazine as one of the state's top attorneys for 1997. To those of us who have known her and followed her career over the course of the last three decades, Louise is so much more than an outstanding solicitor: She is a fighter for the people of San Francisco, a crusader for the progressive values of fairness and equal rights and one of the most compassionate and decent public officials that I have had the privilege of knowing.

*California Lawyer* writes: "Think of a hot political issue that came up during the past year involving a city, and San Francisco City Attorney Louise Renne was probably center stage." For Louise, 1997 was indeed a successful year, as her participation in a \$1 billion-plus lawsuit forced Bank of America to admit its culpability in knowingly mishandling millions of dollars as trustee of San Francisco's municipal bond programs.

While this is a landmark achievement for the city, it serves as only one of many in Louise's remarkable career. Her commitment to public service has spanned decades, initially as a California deputy attorney general for eleven years, during which time she worked with the Sierra Club to stop clear-cutting at Redwood National Park and with the San Francisco Fire Department to ensure the hiring of more women and minorities. As president of the California Women Lawyers during the 1970's, she fought tirelessly for increased representation of women on the judicial bench. In her twelve years as City Attorney, she and her highly regarded staff have established a record of legal accomplishment and dedicated community activism that dwarfs contemporaries and predecessors alike.

One of Louise Renne's most recent and, in many respects, most significant battles has been her fight against Big Tobacco. In June 1996, at a time when many analysts and attorneys claimed that it would be folly to demand compensation from large tobacco companies for the billions of public dollars spent on treating tobacco-related illnesses, her office filed suit against these irresponsible corporations.

San Francisco was one of the first cities to stand up to Big Tobacco, but certainly not the last.

Following Louise's leadership, public officials began to speak out in overwhelming numbers, demanding that tobacco companies be held accountable for decades of deceit and outright lies. She has already scored one huge victory, negotiating a settlement with R.J. Reynolds that included \$1.5 million for city anti-smoking programs focusing on children and a ban on the use of the cartoon character Joe Camel forever in the State of California. She continues to make her voice, and the voices of the overwhelming majority of San Franciscans, heard on this vital issue, fighting for legislative initiatives which promise to reimburse cities and towns, restrict tobacco advertising and keep this addictive and deadly drug away from our children.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have as my constituent and friend such as outstanding public servant. Congratulations to Louise Renne on being named by *California Lawyer* as one of the state's top attorneys for 1997, and congratulations to all San Franciscans for twice electing this outstanding woman as City Attorney.

TRIBUTE TO ISAAC AND VEOLA CHAMBERS, RUTHERFORD BOYD GASTON, SR., DR. BENJAMIN F. QUILLIAN, MICHAEL E. SMITH, AND LA'VERA ETHRIDGE-WILLIAMS

**HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 1998*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Isaac and Veola Chambers, Rutherford Boyd Gaston, Sr., Dr. Benjamin F. Quillian, Michael E. Smith, and La'Vera Ethridge-Williams for being selected the 1998 Portraits of Success program Honorees by KSEE 24 and Companies that Care. In celebration of African-American History Month, these five leaders were honored for their unique contributions to the betterment of their community.

Isaac and Veola Chambers were selected for the Portraits of Success award as a husband and wife team. They have lived in Madera since 1957 and have been blessed with nine children. Veola Chambers was a farm worker and nurse's aid until 1975. She then was hired by the Madera County Welfare Department as a social service aid. In 1977, she served as a peace officer for the Madera County Probation Department until 1995. Isaac Chambers served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was discharged in 1956. After his discharge he worked hard in the construction industry and in the fields. In 1968, he became the foreman for the United Vintners/Canadian Winery in Madera, where he worked until retirement in 1995. The Chambers have also worked hard to give back to the community by organizing food, clothing and toy drives for the needy. They organized Fresno's popular "Juneteenth Celebration" and have been very active with the Second Baptist Missionary Baptist Church. Isaac and Veola Chambers have truly been model citizens over the years through their strong dedi-

cation to children, family values, hard work, volunteerism and a commitment to church and God.

Mr. Rutherford "Bud" Gaston is one of Fresno's most highly distinguished African-American leaders. He achieved the rank of Second Lieutenant in five years of service with the U.S. Army. After his military service, Mr. Gaston enrolled at California State University, Fresno and obtained a degree in education. He later went on to obtain a Masters Degree in Educational Administration. Mr. Gaston had a distinguished teaching career in the Fresno Unified School District from 1953 to 1986. His passion for education is reflected by his lifetime involvement with community educational advocacy groups. Mr. Gaston founded Black Educators of Fresno in 1961, and was instrumental in Fresno's Desegregation Task Force during the mid-1970's. He has served as the President of United Black Men of Fresno for ten years and also kept active on several organizational boards, including the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, Chaffee Zoo, Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno, St. Agnes Medical Center and the Kiwanis Club of Fresno. Mr. Gaston's hard work and leadership has earned him much appreciation from major civic, church and public agencies in Fresno.

Dr. Benjamin F. Quillian, Jr. has served as the Vice President for Administration for the California State University System since 1993. This position gives him the responsibility to oversee and plan the areas of financial management, plant operations, human resources, procurement, facilities planning, campus police, environmental health and utility management for the entire California State University System. He also chairs the Athletic Corporation Board of Directors and the Campus Planning Committee. Dr. Quillian has published numerous research articles dealing with affirmative action, the juvenile justice system, the status of black men in education, and more recently investment in information technology. His work will likely have a positive impact on many people for years to come.

Michael E. Smith began his career as a firefighter in 1978 with the Monterey Fire Department. In 1981, Mr. Smith joined the San Jose Fire Department and soon moved through the ranks to become Deputy Chief. He was then selected as the Fresno Fire Department Chief in 1994. Since then, he has started several innovative programs, such as "A Friend is Waiting." This program welcomes children or residents who feel threatened by strangers or a dangerous situation. Mr. Smith is married and has three children. I applaud his exceptional dedication and hard work.

La'Vera Ethridge-Williams is a dedicated community leader and highly successful business woman. Ms. Ethridge-Williams was born in Oklahoma and moved to Fresno to attend Fresno State University in 1945. In the mid-1960's, Ms. Ethridge-Williams recognized the enormous need for child care in West Fresno. Armed with this knowledge and vision, she opened her first child care facility in 1969. Today she operates fourteen child care centers in Fresno and surrounding cities. These facilities service over 1,000 children daily and employ more than 100 people. In addition to being highly successful in business, Ms. Ethridge-Williams has been very active in community work. Her hard work and commitment to help better the community has resulted in numerous awards.