

RECOGNITION OF DORA
MENCHACA-DORSEY'S DEATH

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I join Congressman HENRY WAXMAN to acknowledge the death of Dora Menchaca-Dorsey. Her death has brought great sorrow to family members in both of our districts.

Dora Menchaca-Dorsey, was an unfortunate victim of American Airlines Flight 77 which crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Had Ms. Menchaca-Dorsey taken the later flight on which she was scheduled, she would have returned safely home to her husband, Earle Dorsey and 5-year-old son. Her daughter, Imani, was away at college in Oregon. Due to the airport shutdowns at the time, Imani Dorsey, drove from Portland to Los Angeles to be with her family. Ms. Menchaca-Dorsey also leaves behind a brother in San Gabriel.

Sadly, Dora Menchaca-Dorsey's life was cut short while she was working to save the lives of others. Ms. Menchaca-Dorsey was in Washington, DC attending a briefing with the Food and Drug Administration on medical developments for patients with prostate cancer. She was a dedicated scientist who worked tirelessly to find a cure for some of today's deadliest diseases. Ironically, amidst such death, her co-workers remember her laughter and energy. She could also be maternal towards others, urging them to get regular health-care check-ups. Her husband, Earle Dorsey says he owns his life to his wife. Because of her insistence, his prostate cancer was diagnosed at an early stage.

She also gave back to the community. Proud of her Mexican-American heritage, Dora Menchaca-Dorsey often visited schools to encourage students, especially minorities and girls, to pursue careers in the sciences. That is how we should all remember her.

Menchaca-Dorsey was an energetic and dedicated individual who believed in and lived to find a cure for the diseases plaguing society. She was also a giving and loving wife and mother to her two children. Let us celebrate her memory by remembering what was contributed, not what was lost. Her contribution to the scientific world, to society, and to her family will not be soon forgotten.

REGARDING THE DEATH OF
JULIAN HESTER

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Julian Hester, CEO, Community Bankers Association of Georgia, who passed away on September 4, 2001 after a long battle with cancer.

Julian was a native of Washington, Georgia. Upon graduation from Washington High School, he received a scholarship and attended the University of Georgia where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. Following graduation in 1955, he

began his long and illustrious banking career with Farmers and Merchants Bank in his hometown of Washington. While at the bank, Julian graduated from the University of Georgia School of Banking. Later, in 1979, he served a term as president of the Community Bankers Association of Georgia. After serving more than 15 years with Farmers and Merchants Bank, he became president of Habersham Bank in Clarksville, Georgia, where he served for nearly 12 years.

During the early 1980's Julian worked for a large Southeastern correspondent bank, and recognized the need for a correspondent bank in Georgia. In 1984, he organized the Georgia Bankers Bank, which currently serves more than 800 community financial institutions across the Southeast. The following year, he began lobbying for the Community Bankers Association of Georgia, and in 1986 joined the staff as Executive Director/CEO.

As a well-respected lobbyist for more than two decades, Julian expanded the Association to include important services for its member banks, such as educational programs, group services and a strong system of inter-bank networking. Currently, the Association has more than 200 associate members and 330 community bank members statewide.

In addition to his incredible dedication and commitment to community banking, Julian was also very active in several business and civic organizations, and served in many leadership positions. He was a past president of the Independent Bankers Association of America's National Association of State Independent Banking Association Executives, and the Northeast Georgia Chapter of the Bankers Administration Institute. He also served as vice president, treasurer and president of his local Georgia Jaycees chapter, and president of the Rotary Club of Habersham County. He was an active member and a deacon of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarksville.

HONORING DEANNA STRAND

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Deanna Strand for her success and accomplishments in the field of aviation. Deanna owns the Strand Flying School in Grand Junction, Colorado. She started the school in 1983 and over the course of eighteen dedicated years, has produced a business with a great national reputation.

Flying has played a large role in her family. Deanna's parents owned an aviation business in Montana and she had received her private pilot's license before she graduated from high school. Several years later she received her flight instructor rating and opened the Strand Flying School with one leased airplane and no employees. Over the years, she has been developing her credentials, expanding the capabilities of her school and, in turn, her reputation. In addition to being a flight instructor and business owner, she is also a Federal Aviation Administration Flight Examiner and a Flight Instructor Examiner. Deanna is one of only two people in Western Colorado who determines whether an applicant can receive their next li-

cense or rating, including an instructor's license. This year she was named FAA Flight Instructor of the Year in the Northwest Mountain Region as well as the Salt Lake City District. Her list of accomplishments also includes over 8,000 logged hours in the air. Deanna has recently taken on a new challenge. In cooperation with Colorado Northwestern Community College and Mesa State College, she will be providing a program that will award students an aviation degree.

Deanna Strand and the Strand Flying School have come a long way in the last eighteen years. She now owns seven planes and employs a fully staffed office and nine instructors. Deanna Strand has turned her favorite pastime into a successful business and an accomplished career. I would like to recognize her accomplishments in the field of aviation and thank her for the wonderful service that she is providing her community.

TO HONOR ELÍAS AND CECILIA
ESQUER, RECIPIENTS OF THE
12TH ANNUAL PROFILES OF SUCCESS
HISPANIC LEADERSHIP
AWARD

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize two outstanding citizens who have been honored for their leadership qualities and service to their community. On September 5th, Elías and Cecilia Esquer were honored by their peers at the Annual Profiles of Success Hispanic Leadership Awards presentation in Phoenix, Arizona. This event, coordinated by Valle del Sol, a local non-profit community based organization, kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month in Arizona and is now in its twelfth year of honoring worthy individuals.

Honored in the Hall of Fame category, Mr. and Mrs. Esquer were recognized for their extensive civic involvement and service to their community. Together, they have served on various federal, state and local boards and commissions supporting educational, legal, and artistic advancement. They have been instrumental in creating the Arizona Association of Chicanos in Higher Education and the Hispanic Convocation at Arizona State University. Their work has been instrumental in creating various educational programs and they have dedicated countless hours towards mentoring students, staff and faculty members at colleges and universities throughout Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing these outstanding citizens for their fine work and dedication. Through their work they have earned the respect and admiration of their community and peers.

POEM BY BRITTNI BATES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I am amazed at the many heroic and kind deeds that we have

seen since the horrible terrorist attacks of September 11.

The Nation has developed a unity of spirit and patriotism such as I have never seen in my lifetime.

This spirit has been captured in a beautiful way in a poem written by one of my constituents, Brittini Bates.

This poem, entitled "United We Stand," is even more impressive, considering it was written by a 13-year-old middle school student.

This Nation would be a much better place if we had more young people like Brittini Bates, and I would like to call her poem to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

UNITED WE STAND

Blood was shed for this land, many men took a stand.

Now, again we unite. Now . . . again we must fight

We will protect our nation,
and protect our civilization.

Freedom was won with a heavy price.
Now again we must roll the dice.

United we stand for our land.

So now we come to pray,
to our Lord and nation, we will obey.

The deaths of those were pointless and cruel.
United we stand to protect our land.
To banish hate and not discriminate.

And reclaim the declaration to our nation.
Terrorists beware!

You have gone too far!

For United We Stand To Protect Our Land.

God Bless America, Home of the Brave.

—by Brittini N. Bates, age 13, Holston Middle School

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1900, the Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2001 which amends current juvenile crime policy and provides quality prevention and accountability programs relating to juvenile delinquency.

Regrettably, juvenile crime is a growing problem in our country. Today's teenagers account for the largest portion of all violent crimes; offenders under the age of 18 commit more than one-fifth of all violent crime. Furthermore, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) estimates that murders committed by juveniles will increase by 145%, forcible rapes by 66%, and aggravated assaults by 129% by the year 2010 as the number of juveniles increases dramatically.

In the wake of the rash of school shootings which our nation has endured over the past few years, I believe it is more important than ever to protect our children and communities from violence. Accordingly, H.R. 1900 will expand existing after-school programs for at-risk youngsters as well as providing innovative treatment for juvenile offenders.

H.R. 1900 will also fund programs related to the organization and maintenance of school violence

hotlines and programs designed to reduce the unlawful acquisition and illegal use of guns by juveniles. This program directs much-needed resources to a social issue in which all Americans have a stake. Our children are the future of this country. Let us give them the tools and guidance to resist criminal activity and to improve their lives. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1900.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN N. HARDEE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John N. Hardee of South Carolina, who is a respected member of the South Carolina Transportation Commission for the 2nd Congressional District. He has been a member of the Transportation Commission since 1997. Mr. Hardee's career achievements and accomplishments exemplify his extraordinary contributions to the state of South Carolina.

Currently, Mr. Hardee is the Director of Governmental Affairs at Lamar Advertising. He has served as the President of the Outdoor Advertising Association of South Carolina since 1989.

In 1995, Mr. Hardee was appointed to represent South Carolina on the Scenic Highways Committee. As a member of the committee, he assisted in the drafting of regulations that established the necessary criteria for Scenic Highways. Mr. Hardee has served as the Chairman of this valuable committee since its inception. Mr. Hardee was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the State's highest honor, in 1998, in recognition of his dedication to the field of transportation through his service to the Transportation Commission and Scenic Highways Committee.

At the request of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, the South Carolina Transportation Commission voted to name the proposed seven-mile airport connector road between I-20 and I-26 in Lexington County as the John N. Hardee Airport Expressway, in recognition of his efforts to obtain funds to support the project.

Along with Mr. Hardee's service to the field of transportation, comes his service to the community.

As a member of the First Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina, he served on the Board of Deacons from 1985-1988 and 1990-1992, and was chairman of the Board in 1988. He organized the first prayer breakfast in Florence, as well. As a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina since 1993, he has served on the Board of Deacons and Stewardship Planning in 1994.

He has served as a member of the Florence Chamber of Commerce from 1973-1992 and served as president in 1985. He was a member of the Florence County Economic Development Commission from 1988 to 1992, and was the chairman from 1990 to 1991. He was also a member of the Florence Planning Commission from 1981 to 1992, and chairman for almost five years.

Mr. Hardee has also served as a member of the Florence Lion's Club, and as its president in 1984. From 1980 to 1992 he served as a

member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and as chairman from 1983 to 1986. He is currently a member of the Five Points Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Mr. John N. Hardee for the incredible service he has provided for the residents of South Carolina. I sincerely thank Mr. John Hardee for the outstanding contributions he has given to the state of South Carolina through his distinguished service to the field of transportation. I congratulate him on his recent accomplishment of having the airport expressway named on his behalf and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING JANICE LEE ROHLF

HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 60th birthday of Janice Lee Rohlf.

On September 18, 1941, Janice Lee Rohlf (nee Janice Smith) was born and raised in a remote, rural area in Northeast Pennsylvania. A high school teacher/guidance counselor encouraged Janice to attend college; he even gave her the \$15.00 to apply to what was then the East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. Janice was the first in her family to attend college, majoring in mathematics, with a minor in social studies.

Upon graduation, Janice came to LI to teach in the Islip school district. After one year, she married and began raising a family. Janice has three wonderful children, Justin, Jason and Janine. Janice divorced and returned to work, starting in Suffolk County Government. During this time, Janice also earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration at Stony Brook University, and moved through four positions in three years in Suffolk County: Investigator in the Child Support Enforcement Bureau, Labor Technician in the Department of Labor, Administrative Assistant in Medicaid, Legislative Aide in the County Legislature and, finally, an Administrative Assistant in the County Executive's Office. While in her last position in the Suffolk County Government Janice began work on a Master's Degree in Social Work at Stony Brook University, which she completed in December of 1989. Janice currently has a small, part-time psychiatric social work practice.

Following a change in leadership in Suffolk County, Janice then worked for the Long Island Chapter of the New York State Head Injury Association. Then, in September of 1987, an opportunity arose at Stony Brook University, albeit temporary and part-time, in the University Affairs office as the Director of Public Affairs, which Janice accepted. Needless to say, Janice never left and since 1988 has been the Director of Governmental Relations at Stony Brook University.

In November of 1998 Janice married F. James Rohlf, a Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolution at Stony Brook. They travel extensively, most recently to South Africa, Chile and Australia. Janice and Jim reside in Port Jefferson, with their cat, Tigger.