

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LANA BOLDI, UAW
REGION I-D

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman who has dedicated over 23 years to the United Automobile Workers, Lana Boldi. As an International Representative for UAW Region I-D, her remarkable achievements as a CAP Coordinator have brought so many families and communities together in an effort to educate and promote political action and community service. As members of UAW Region I-D gathered together on November 3, 2001 to bid farewell to Lana, a longtime friend and advocate of the labor movement, they honored her retirement with a celebration of memories, laughter, and fun.

A leader and an activist all her life, Lana Boldi was the first female apprentice in the Fisher Body Corporation. She was a past Vice President and Chairperson of the UAW/CAP Council of Kalamazoo County, Chairperson of UAW Local 488's Community Service Committee, and Chairperson of the Labor Participation Committee of the United Way in Kalamazoo County. She was a founding Chairperson and Vice President of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) in the Kalamazoo area, and on the National Task Force of CLUW, specializing in Apprenticeships for women. Her leadership continues today, as she is Chair of the Kent County Democratic Party Executive Board, of which she has been Vice Chair of for the past five years, and continues to sit on so many other boards and committees.

Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment throughout the years, Lana Boldi has truly led her community in a new direction, creating and developing programs that have advanced UAW Region I-D's political and community outreach services. She was a Chairperson of the Labor Task Force for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, a board member of the Michigan State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention group, and a board member of the Community Coordinated Child Care of Kent County. Additionally, Lana's outstanding efforts have not gone unrecognized, as she has been honored with prestigious awards from the Grand Rapids YWCA, MEA Region 9, and the Michigan House to name a few. Lana Boldi's crusade to raise the standards of activism and community outreach programs is one that will be remembered by citizens of this community for years to come.

I applaud Lana Boldi for her leadership and commitment, and thank her for dedicating her life serving her community and UAW Region I-D. I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting her for her exemplary years of service.

IN HONOR OF LORETTA A.
WASHINGTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Loretta A. Washington in recognition of her service to her community and her commitment to God.

Loretta A. Washington was born in Brooklyn. The first of six children, she attended Wingate High School and then went on to Edison College in Florida. Her desire to succeed led her back to New York where she continued her education at Baruch College.

Loretta and her husband, Michael have two beautiful children, Chanelle and Micah. Loretta began her career in banking at Chemical Bank (before it became Chase) in the early 1980s. Starting as a teller, she worked her way up the corporate ladder. Loretta understood that education had to be at the top of her list and God at the beginning of the list. She challenged the way things were done at the branch, ruffling feathers along the way; however, she was able to win over the staff and customers with a combination of her kindness, business sense and smile.

In the summer of 1999, a Branch manager position opened at the Bedford Avenue branch and Loretta jumped at the opportunity to enhance her career. She welcomed the opportunity to make a difference in the community in which she lived her entire life.

Loretta's primary focus is to impart her financial knowledge to businesses in the community, in hopes of building and improving financial awareness for all. She is dedicated to God and the community in which he allows her to serve. Her motto is, "Let's serve the people with a smile!"

Mr. Speaker, Loretta A. Washington serves her community and her religious beliefs through her work. As such she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly dedicated spiritual woman.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES THAT VET-
ERANS DAY CONTINUE TO BE
OBSERVED ON NOVEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 298 sponsored by Congressman FRELINGHUYSEN that ensures November 11 remains a day solely committed to United States Veterans, a separate day from any other federal holiday, day for federal elections, or day for national observances.

Veterans Day is a day of celebration, a day of remembrance, and a day of thanks. It is a day when we celebrate the challenges that our country has faced and the moments in America's history where we have united on land, air, and sea to fight for our country and to ensure security, happiness, and safety for our world's people. It is the one day a year when we remember the men and women who sacrificed their lives' for our country, its ideals, and its foundation of personal freedom. It is a day to remember the families of the victims who may have lost a son, daughter, husband or wife during times of war. And above all, it is a day of thanks for the 25.5 million veterans today who look towards the American flag with such feeling of pride, devotion, and American spirit and who define what it is to be an American.

United States veterans truly are some of our nation's bravest citizens. They not only risked their own lives but sacrificed time away from their loved ones to protect our country. Because of their sacrifice this day of honor should remain solely theirs. Since November 11, 1919, we have been acknowledging these men and women annually. It would be a tragedy if we try to combine their memorial with other days of observance.

As Chairman of the VA/HUD Subcommittee for the past three years, I have had the privilege of working very closely with veterans and their various organizations. A day in their honor is the least we can do to acknowledge the pledge they have made to a grateful nation.

TRIBUTE TO GURMALE SINGH
GREWAL, 2001 DEVELOPER OF
THE YEAR

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man whose leadership and achievements span the decades and who has touched the lives of so many across southeastern Michigan, Gurmale Singh Grewal, or Gary, as many of his friends and associates have come to know him. As members of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan gathered together on November 27, 2001 for their Leadership Recognition and Awards Night, they honored Gurmale Singh Grewal as their 2001 "Developer of the Year".

As Singh Development Company CEO and a distinguished businessman, Gary has demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to his family, work, and community for many years. Beginning in 1921, Gary's grandfather, Sarwan S. Grewal, left his village in India for the United States, heading to California and then settling in Detroit. With a

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