

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in physiology from Hunter College in New York City, Judge Lytle headed out west to attend Hasting College of Law. Judge Lytle was successively secretary and president of the Black Law Students Association, member of the Student Faculty Curriculum Committee and the Student Faculty Academic Standards Committee. Throughout law school Judge Lytle was also employed as a law clerk for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and various attorneys in private practice.

Soon after completing law school, Judge Lytle became an instructor of Criminal Law at New College of Law in San Francisco. At the same time, she also served as a Rural Housing Specialist with the National Housing and Economic Development Law Project. Eventually, Judge Lytle would make her way to Sacramento where she would serve as the Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary in the office of Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

As a result of her strong civil rights background, Judge Lytle was appointed by Governor Brown to head the Division of Fair Employment Practices with the Department of Industrial Relations.

In this capacity, Judge Lytle managed a staff of approximately 200 workers in 10 offices within the state. She would ultimately be appointed as the Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency, a Cabinet-level agency in the State of California that exercises general management, coordinative and liaison responsibility over 13 departments and program entities.

In 1983, Judge Lytle was appointed to the Sacramento Municipal Court, sitting in trial court hearing misdemeanor trials, felony preliminary hearings and civil court as well as jury trials. From June 1988 to September 1989, Judge Lytle served as presiding Judge of the Municipal Court. Judge Lytle also served as the Master Calendar judge for unlawful detainer matters.

Currently serving on special assignment as a Superior Court judge to the Juvenile Division of the Superior Court, she is the Lead Judicial Officer for juvenile dependency cases. Judge Lytle has remained especially giving with her time and energy through financial contributions and services to programs that benefit youth and the underprivileged. Judge Lytle received funding from the Wellness Foundation to create a mentor program for delinquents called the SacraMentor Program. Judge Lytle also established the Healthy Teen Mothers program and served as a mentor for pregnant teens while working with the Birthing Project.

Mr. Speaker, as Judge Lytle's friends and family gather to celebrate her great career, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable citizens. Her successes are considerable, and it is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to pay tribute to her contributions to the city of Sacramento. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in wishing Judge Lytle continued success in all her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE 38TH DISTRICT'S BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud that two schools in California's 38th District recently were honored as Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education for the 2001–2002 school year. Elementary and secondary schools compete for this honor in alternate years. Last year I was proud to recognize the two elementary schools in my district chosen for this honor. This year, I am pleased to announce that St. Matthias High School of Downey and St. Joseph High School of Lake-wood have received this prestigious award.

According to Education Secretary Rod Paige, Blue Ribbon Schools share several characteristics, including a clear vision and shared sense of mission, a challenging, up-to-date curriculum, policies and practices to ensure a safe campus conducive to learning, evidence of family involvement, and a commitment to help all students achieve high standards. Moreover, by their very nature, these two schools stress the importance of moral character and community service to their students.

These two schools are examples of what is right in education. They show the remarkable successes that happen when teachers, parents and students are committed to a superior standard of education. I congratulate the faculty, teachers, parents and students of St. Matthias and St. Joseph on this remarkable achievement, and wish them well in their continued pursuit of educational excellence.

TRIBUTE TO CHINA ROEBER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to pay tribute to an outstanding Colorado restaurateur who has been serving South Fork, Colorado for 25 years. China Roeber, owner of La Casita restaurant, is an example of the entrepreneurial spirit that keeps our country strong. It is for her dedication and service to the South Fork community that I stand to pay tribute to China Roeber before this body of Congress and this nation.

For more than 25 years, China has owned and operated La Casita, with many of those years spent in Creede before the restaurant moved to its present location in South Fork. Because she suffers from Lupus, China can no longer keep La Casita open everyday. Rather, she opens it for the summer and spends her winters with her husband, Mac, in their Creede home.

Since the beginning, China's La Casita restaurant has drawn returning customers from throughout the state and region as people pass through during the summer season. Her exclusive use of corn tortillas, along with her commitment to serving authentic Mexican food, has made her establishment a great

choice for dining. The jobs China provides to local Coloradans in the summer are also an important addition to the local economy.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to honor this outstanding citizen before this body of Congress and this nation. China Roeber has shown great dedication to the communities and people she serves, and I am glad to extend to her my gratitude for all of her service.

HONORING RICHARD E. SCOTT

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard E. Scott for his dedication to providing health care to citizens of Central Texas.

On October 31, 2002, Richard retired as President and CEO of Hillcrest Health System after forty years of service. Richard has served Hillcrest in a number of ways during his career, beginning in 1962 as a Registration Clerk and Cashier, and working his way up to President in 1992. At each stage in his career, Richard worked tirelessly to diversify and update the services of Hillcrest. Under his leadership, Hillcrest has invested in needed medical technologies such as MRI and CT services and has expanded important hospice, community clinic and social programs.

Richard has found special meaning in his calling as a healthcare professional and has been active in his commitment to local health care. His dedication has led him to leadership positions in important medical associations such as the American Cancer Society Advisory Board, the Arthritis Foundation Advisory Committee, the board of FirstCare HMO and the Waco Family Practice Foundation.

Richard's lifelong enthusiasm for providing quality healthcare is matched only by his devotion to his community. He is a real friend to all who meet him and is known for his integrity, fairness and honesty. In addition to serving as president of the Dr. Pepper Museum and Education Foundation, chairman of the board of the Waco Business League and Member of the board of directors of the Waco Chamber of Commerce, Richard is a Deacon of First Baptist Waco and was Deacon Chairman at Highland Baptist Church. He is a member of several groups active in community involvement, such as the Rotary Club of Waco, the United Way of McLennan County, Waco ISD Partnership in Education, Waco Conference of Christians and Jews and the Waco Big 12 Steering Committee.

Because of his efforts in healthcare and in his community, Richard has been recognized with numerous honors including the United Way Volunteer of the Year Award, the American Red Cross CEO of the Year Award, the Trinity University Healthcare Alumni Association Leonard A. Duce Award, Honorary Patron Chairman of the Cattle Baron's Ball, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas Community Builder Award and the Public Relations Society of America Silver Bridge Award.

Outside of his career, Mr. Scott enjoys spending time with his wife Carol, their two children and seven grandchildren.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and accomplishments of Richard

E. Scott. The people of my District are better off today because of his commitment to health care and community service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO: LATINO
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to an outstanding Colorado organization. The Latino Chamber of Commerce, based in Pueblo, Colorado, is an example of the leadership and entrepreneurial spirit that are vital to our country. As the chamber celebrates its 23rd anniversary, it is my honor to pay tribute to this organization of community leaders before this body of Congress and this nation.

The Latino Chamber of Commerce was established in Pueblo in 1979 to organize the Hispanic professional community and give it a clear, unified voice. Many prominent Latino leaders supported the chamber as it grew, doing all they could to promote the organization and its goals. As the chamber steadily grew in size and reputation, it began to function on its own. By the early 1990's, it hired assistants to help manage the increasing administrative load, and soon added a director and support staff. Then, in 1995, the chamber moved into its own building at 215 South Victorian Street, rightfully taking a place in the Historic Union District of Pueblo.

The Latino Chamber can point to many accomplishments in its 23 years. Over 800 individuals, businesses, and corporations are presently members of the Latino Chamber. At the recent United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's conference, Pueblo's Latino Chamber was acknowledged with the Hispanic Chamber of the Year Award for being the best in the region. The award recognized the many contributions the chamber has made to the community, as well as the challenges it has overcome. With such an outstanding organization, it is no wonder several of its members walked away from the conference with individual regional awards and are now under consideration for national recognition. The owner of Cortez Construction, Carla Barela, earned the Hispanic Businesswoman of the Year Award; Patrick Avalos received the Government Hispanic Business Advocate of the Year Award for his work on the Pueblo City Council; and Priscilla Lucero took home the Corporate Hispanic Business Advocate of the Year Award for her leadership at Wells Fargo. Leaders like these make the Latino Chamber stand out in the Pueblo community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to honor the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo before this body of Congress and this nation. The chamber has shown great dedication to the community it serves. I am honored to extend my sincere gratitude to the chamber and its members for all they have accomplished, and I wish them all the best.

TRIBUTE TO J.D. BRAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize J.D. Bray of Santa Rosa County. Mayor Bray served the town of Jay for forty-four years as Mayor holding the second longest reign in the state of Florida.

Mayor Bray was born Christmas day in 1919 and has been a lifelong resident of Jay. Mayor Bray volunteered for the U.S. Army in 1939 and served 18 months in Europe. He risked his life for our country when he crossed the half intact Remigan Bridge, while being shelled, in the "Battle of the Bulge".

After being discharged from the service in 1946, Mayor Bray worked for Escambia River Electric Cooperative until going into business for himself in 1954. He owned and operated the Bray Service Station until he sold the business in 1962.

He then worked for the Jay Natural Gas System during construction of the system and the conversion of consumer's appliances. Mayor Bray managed the parts department of Burns Tractor Company in 1963 and worked there until he accepted a job with the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners in 1968. Mayor Bray was elected to the Town Council of the town of Jay in 1954 and was elected its mayor in 1956.

As mayor, Bray was instrumental in getting natural gas for the town, a sewer system, a second water well, a well-equipped voluntary fire department, Bray-Hendricks Park (named in his honor), which provides recreational facilities for all ages, and a new town hall. He worked to obtain facilities and transportation for over sixty years.

I would also like to recognize Mayor Bray's family, who has had a helping hand in his success. Mayor Bray is married to the former Theda Rae Warrick and they have three children: Debbie Weil, Cheryl Bray, and Stewart Bray.

Mr. Bray has been a part and is currently active in many organizations: Jay Volunteer Fire Department, Quarterback Club, Redrock Lodge number 96, Scottish Rite, Hadji Shrine Temple and Mustang Unit, Veterans of Foreign Wars and member and past commander of American Legion Post number 121.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to recognize this special person for the example he has set in his community. I offer my sincere thanks for all that he has done for Northwest Florida.

MURDER OF 5 DALITS SHOWS
THERE IS NO FREEDOM IN INDIA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, much has happened while we were in recess. In Dulena, India, five Dalits, the dark-skinned "Untouchables," the lowest caste in India's repressive caste system, were murdered because of a rumor that they had killed a cow. Cows are revered in Hinduism.

According to the Washington Post, family members stated that at least one of the Dalits was murdered by the police because the Dalits refused to pay them a bribe. The remainder were killed by upper-caste Hindus after the police planted a rumor that the Dalits had killed a cow.

To make this case even more offensive, charges have been filed against the five Dalit victims, but no charges have been filed against the police who were involved in these murders. In Hindu-dominated India, apparently the life of a cow is worth more than those of five humans. What kind of country protects cows but engages in the massive killing of minorities?

Dalits are converting in large numbers in order to escape from this oppression, prompting the BJP to pass laws in the states it controls banning anyone from converting to any religion other than Hindu.

Unfortunately, this is part of a long pattern of Indian tyranny against the Dalits. Tens of thousands of Dalits have been killed by the Indian government. In an incident several years ago, a Dalit constable went into a Hindu temple on a rainy day and he was stoned to death. A little Dalit girl was blinded by her teacher when she drank water from the community pitcher. And Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, and other minorities have suffered from similar persecution. As you know, over 250,000 Sikhs have been murdered since 1984, over 80,000 Kashmiri Muslims have been killed since 1988, and over 200,000 Christians have been killed in Nagaland, in addition to tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Manipuris, Tamils, and others.

Mr. Speaker, this is not the conduct of a democratic state. If America wants to live by its principles and help spread democracy, it must take action against this kind of repression. India has already been declared a country that violates religious freedom, which seems to be confirmed by these latest incidents. It is time to impose the sanctions that this status brings. We should also cut off our aid and trade with India until human rights are respected and declare our support for self-determination for all the peoples of South, because self-determination is the very essence of democracy. These measures will help bring real freedom, peace, prosperity, and stability to all the peoples and nations of the subcontinent.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to place the Council of Khalista's press release on the killing of these five Dalits into the RECORD at this time.

[Council of Khalistan, Press Release, Oct. 29, 2002]

5 DALITS MURDERED ON RUMOR OF COW
KILLING

FUNDAMENTALIST HINDU FASCIST POLICE KILL ONE BECAUSE THEY DID NOT GET A BRIBE, THEN INCITE VILLAGERS TO MURDER OTHER FOUR—LIFE OF A COW WORTH MORE THAN 5 HUMAN LIVES IN HINDU THEOCRACY

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 29, 2002—Five Dalits, the dark-skinned "Untouchables," were murdered in Dulena, India, about an hour outside Delhi, on a rumor that they had killed a cow. According to a report in the Washington Post, family members stated that one of the Dalits was murdered by the police because the group refused to pay a bribe, then the upper-caste police planted the rumor that the Dalits had killed a cow to get the upper-caste village residents to kill the other four. Cows are revered in Hinduism. No charges have been filed against