

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 Lakeview 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