

lower 48 to Alaska so supplies could be transported to Alaska. In 1942, John, the company commander, worked through winter temperatures so low that the oil in the trucks froze in order to complete the ALCAN Highway, now known as the Alaska Highway. He continued his service in the South Pacific as an engineer.

A registered civil engineer and licensed land surveyor, John dedicated the remainder of his life to the environment of the Central Coast. He worked for the California Department of Forestry and was a board member of the California Oak Foundation, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, the Society of American Military Engineers, the American Society of Arboriculture, and the Carmel Highlands Fire District, where he was also the chairman. He is credited with devising Monterey County's first slope density formula, for determining allowable development density in the original Carmel Valley Master Plan.

While many of his accomplishments involved the forests and state parks, John loved the Pacific Ocean enough to call it his favorite "fishing hole." He appreciated the marine life tremendously and that appreciation evolved into a need to protect the marine environment. Carmel Bay State Ecological Reserve existed thanks to the efforts of John, and was the forerunner to the National Marine Sanctuary.

An honest person with a great sense of humor, John wouldn't talk about himself because he was humble to the core. Once, he pulled his car over to make a phone call from a public telephone and found a dime in the change slot. He used that dime to make his call, and before leaving the booth, he reached into his pocket and replaced that dime with one of his own. He was that kind of guy, and he made people around him feel like they could be anything they wanted because he treated them with an equal amount of respect, instilling a sense of pride in the individual. Treating everyone with honor made him honorable.

On behalf of this House, I wish to celebrate the extraordinary life of "Jack" Otter, a man whose honesty and ingenuity made for better lands and better people.

RECOGNIZING MARY LOU HOLT FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF YOUNTVILLE, CALIFORNIA AT THE TIME OF HER RETIREMENT AS TOWN MAYOR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the mayor of Yountville, California, Mary Lou Holt, whose outstanding leadership and commitment to community service has significantly benefited the people of Yountville.

Prior to being elected as the mayor of Yountville in 1994, Mary Lou served as an elected member of the Yountville town council. As a member of the town council and as mayor, Mary Lou has been dedicated to improving the Yountville community. She founded the Christmas in April program, is a board member of the Hands Across the Valley program and chairs the Napa County Committee on Child Youth & Families.

Impressively, Mary Lou's community outreach has extended past Yountville and beyond our nation's borders. By actively supporting programs like "Roots of Peace," a program that aids Afghan farmers by providing them with free grape seeds in exchange for the destruction of land mines on their farmland, she has impacted people both at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, in Yountville, Mayor Holt is well known for her many accomplishments. While the community may know that she was honored as the Kiwanian of the year and that the Napa County Hispanic Network and many other service organizations have also honored her, it is most significant that the citizens of Yountville see and recognize that all accolades aside, their mayor is a person of character.

Mr. Speaker, far too often, people doubt their politicians. Cynicism and division have often replaced idealism and unity as building blocks for building societies. Fortunately, in her community, Mayor Holt has shattered that stereotype through her leadership and commitment to those she represents.

For nearly 10 years, Mary Lou Holt has been the matriarch of Yountville. And in that time, she has led and loved her fellow citizens. It was Mary Lou who helped create the "If Given A Chance" program that has awarded hundreds of scholarships to Yountville's underprivileged youth. It was Mary Lou who mourned with Yountville after the horrific

events of September 11, 2001 and recounted her own experience of being in Washington D.C. and hearing the plane that crashed into the Pentagon fly over her head. And it has been Mary Lou, who has never been too busy being mayor to forget to be someone's friend.

Mr. Speaker, because of the many contributions she has made to the town of Yountville and for the special way that as mayor and friend Mary Lou Holt has impacted the lives of her fellow citizens, it is proper for us to honor her today as she retires from the office of mayor.

A TRIBUTE TO PRISCILLA INCORVAIA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 10, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Priscilla Incorvaia in recognition for her tireless energy and dedication to her community.

Priscilla grew up on Long Island and attended C.W. Post College where she studied Elementary Education and Training Development. After an internship at Republic National Bank, she was offered a job in their management-training program. During the next fifteen years, Priscilla rapidly moved up the ranks and presently is the Branch Manager of the Starrett City Office in Brooklyn.

As far back as Priscilla can remember, she has been involved in various community organizations. She feels that it is important to be involved in organizations at the grass roots level, especially those related to children. She is a firm believer in getting involved in the community where she works and is well known in the various boroughs, especially Brooklyn.

Priscilla sits on many advisory boards, including Junior Achievement, the YWCA, the Queens Botanical Gardens, and The Noel Pointer Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides music lessons for gifted underprivileged children where she served as treasurer. She has been awarded the Bronze Leadership Award for Leadership and Support and the Above and Beyond Service Award for her work in Junior Achievement.

Priscilla attributes her team spirit to her husband Angelo, a former New York Giants lineman.

Mr. Speaker, Priscilla Incorvaia is devoted to serving her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.