

work. She has a degree in Liberal Arts from Pace University and an MBA from Liberty University. She dreams of opening a finishing school that would be free to her Brooklyn community.

Mr. Speaker, Joelle Bailey has been a leader in our community through her entrepreneurial accomplishments and efforts to create a more civil society. 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 person.

A TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY OF CORONA DEL MAR ON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 24, 2004*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the community of Corona del Mar on the occasion of its centennial celebration. Residents, community leaders, and City officials have been planning the communitywide celebration of this historic anniversary for the last 2 years. It is with great pleasure that I recognize today the entire Corona del Mar citizenry for the outstanding quality of life, arts, education, and rich history that has made this area one of the most sought after places to live in America.

On June 29, 1904, George E. Hart, a Los Angeles real estate mogul, signed an agreement with the Irvine Company for the purchase of a 706-acre corner of Irvine Ranch. In early July 1904, the transaction of this sale and ownership was officially recorded with the County of Orange, and the village of Corona del Mar was born.

A grand celebration recently brought together the entire community in a citywide celebration to honor the 100th birthday of Corona del Mar, as well as to plan for the future.

The official Centennial Celebration, which began with an official launch event and gala art show, culminated with the Centennial Celebration on the weekend of October 14–17, 2004 in Corona del Mar.

I would like to commend the Corona del Mar Centennial Foundation and Organizing Committee for its dedicated commitment to plan a first class, year-long communitywide celebration honoring this important time in Corona del Mar's history. Certainly the village itself, and the people who live in it, deserve the very best. It is an honor to represent Corona del Mar in the United States House of Representatives.

ELECTION IN UKRAINE

**HON. JO ANN DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 24, 2004*

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, 2 months ago, this House overwhelmingly passed H. Con. Res. 415 regarding the October 31 Presidential elections about to be held in the Ukraine.

During the floor debate on that resolution, I noted that the development of a strong de-

mocracy in the Ukraine has been slow and difficult over the past 13 years. In recognizing this fact, I stated that no issue would be more important to the Ukraine's future standing with the West than the test its democracy was about to face in that Presidential election. I said that in many ways the election represented a historic opportunity for the people of the Ukraine to decide whether or not democracy can flourish in this important nation.

Those elections did take place on October 31. Since no candidate received over 50 percent of the votes, a runoff election was just held this past Sunday. Regrettably, and despite every effort we were told would be made by the Government for a free and fair election, the rhetoric was not matched by the actions and the elections seemed to have been seriously flawed.

A preliminary assessment of the elections conducted by the International Election Observation Mission (IEOM), consisting of representatives from the OSCE, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, indicated that the second round of the presidential election did not meet a considerable number of internationally accepted standards for democratic elections. The IEOM report listed election day violence, intimidation of voters and observers, suspiciously high voter turnout in some regions, problems with ballot counting and the addition of several hundred thousand absentee ballots.

In a statement issued by Senator RICHARD LUGAR who was observing the elections as the representative of President Bush, the Senator reported that it was apparent that a concerted and forceful program of election day fraud and abuse was enacted with either the leadership or cooperation of government authorities.

Mr. Speaker, this is disappointing and unacceptable news from the Ukraine. It seems incomprehensible to me that with the rocky relationship the West has had at times with the outgoing leadership in Kiev that the new President of the Ukraine would want to spend the next 5 years under a cloud of legitimacy as a result of an unfair electoral process.

Mr. Speaker, we in the Congress have long supported building a stable, democratic, and prosperous nation in the Ukraine and have tried to work with those individuals and organizations who shared our goals. Unfortunately, and regrettably, the conduct of these recent elections suggests that many in Ukraine's current government have not yet committed themselves to this goal and lack the political will to do so.

As chairwoman of the Europe Subcommittee I believe I can speak for the House in expressing our deep disappointment with the conduct of these recent elections and our concerns for the Ukraine's future. We join with the Bush administration in calling on the current President of the Ukraine, the Rada and the Supreme Court to conduct a thorough review of these elections and investigate the charges of mass fraud before any certification of the results is made. At the very least, it may be necessary to hold new elections in those cities or regions where the fraud was most blatant. We also call on all sides of the dispute to exercise restraint and avoid violence. Finally, if the dispute is not resolved in support of the democratic process, then I believe the Bush administration must begin a review of

our relations with the Ukraine and take whatever actions may be necessary to express our displeasure with the actions of the Ukraine government and its leaders.

A TRIBUTE TO ROSA CALHOUN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 24, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Rosa Calhoun in recognition of her accomplishments in her field of business and commitment to the community.

Rosa was born in Brooklyn, New York, the second child of Ruby Calhoun. Her daughter, Saretta, and her son, Dominique, are Rosa's pride and joy.

Rosa graduated from Clara Barton Vocational High School where she enhanced her talent in hair care by specializing in weaving and hair cutting. She has received many trophies because of these specialties.

Rosa has been in business for 30 years and participated in many fashion shows as "Top Hair Designer". She worked with and received many awards and certificates from The Hilton, Leviticus, Coliseum, and the Bronner Brother in Atlanta for her outstanding expertise in the field of hair styling. She was featured in 1986 "Shop Talk" and the 1998 "Essence" magazines.

Rosa has an active member of the Berean Baptist Church for 7 years. She is a member of the Berean Choir and the Hospitality Committee. In addition, Rosa is a member of the Aurelia Chapter #724 Order of Eastern Stars. She is a potential candidate for the Central Brooklyn Lions Club and the Negro Business and Professional Women's Inc. where she plans to serve as a member. Today, Rosa continues to strive for excellence in hair care. She enjoys working within the community where she grew up. Her love for hair styling has led her to achieve and attain all of her goals in her professional career.

Mr. Speaker, Rosa Calhoun, a Brooklyn native, has been a consistently positive force in her community through her business efforts, church and other civic activities. 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 person.

RECOGNIZING LUPUS INTERNATIONAL

**HON. CHRISTOPHER COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 24, 2004*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call this Congress' attention to a devastating disease that affects millions of Americans. Systematic Lupus Erythematosus, commonly known as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening autoimmune disease. It causes the immune system to become hyperactive and attack the body's own tissue, damaging vital organs which can lead to severe disability or death.

Research shows that 1.5 million people are afflicted with lupus in the United States—more