

Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo, Judge Samuel Seabury, John W. Davis, and City Bar President Charles C. Burlingham. Then-NYCLA President William Nelson Cromwell chose 14 Vesey Street for the Home of Law because, with St. Paul's Chapel across the street, no building would ever block the view.

NYCLA, in its 97-year history, has proven to be a visionary and inclusive organization, pioneering some of the most far-reaching and tangible reforms in American jurisprudence and playing an active role in legal developments and public policy. NYCLA also bears the mark of distinction of being the first major bar association in the United States that admitted members without regard to race, ethnicity, religion or gender. NYCLA and its Home of Law serve New York with distinction, and I am pleased to honor them today on the 75th anniversary of their historic building.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LAFAYETTE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building in honor of the contributions and sacrifices of past, present, and future Contra Costa County veterans for the freedoms we enjoy in our personal lives and for the security we value as a nation.

When we look around at our homes, neighborhoods, and institutions like our churches and schools, we see evidence of the valor and sacrifice of our veterans. We feel safe and protected in the ordinary and extraordinary activities of our daily lives because our veterans have made us safe. We are free to believe and speak what is in our hearts because veterans have fought for our freedoms to do that.

The Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building honors the contributions of veterans today, on Memorial Day, and every day to come. It is a living memorial, created in the heart of this vibrant community at the center of community life. It is intended to serve veterans and their families throughout Contra Costa County, and it is designed to accommodate the broadest possible range of needs of veterans as well as those of the community.

The Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building is also remarkable for being the collaborative achievement of Lafayette War Veterans, Inc., the City of Lafayette, the City of Walnut Creek, and Contra Costa County. Over a number of years, these project partners have come together to create this magnificent tribute to those who serve. They have blessed the community with an outstanding example of joint leadership and cooperative decision-making, as well as with the building itself.

Mr. Speaker, the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building stands as a fitting monument to our veterans whom we honor on Memorial Day and in our hearts all year long. It takes its part in our community as a reminder of the glories of past, present, and future veterans and of the work of smart, persevering, and dedicated community leaders who have brought their dreams to reality.

CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES RECOGNIZES SENIOR CHIEF JENSEN

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Congresswomen BROWN-WAITE, SOLIS, CAPPS and the entire Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to recognize the 8th Annual Women in the Military Wreath Laying Ceremony hosted by the Caucus at Arlington National Cemetery. The Purpose of this event is to honor our nation's servicewomen and female veterans for their courage and achievements, and to remember women who have died in service to the United States.

Today we have the opportunity to recognize five outstanding female servicewomen, one selected from each branch of the military. These women serve their respective branches with honor, dignity, and courage. These highly decorated leaders chose to defend our freedom and embody the spirit of those that served before them.

From the United States Coast Guard Reserves, we will honor Senior Chief Jensen, who currently has an Extended Active duty contract with the Coast Guard and is assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters, Office of Command and Control Architecture.

Senior Chief Jensen enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserves on July 11, 1990 as a Third Class Yeoman. Her first unit was Coast Guard Reserve Unit Pensacola, Florida, where she served for five years. In November of 1995, then a Second Class Petty Officer, she reported to the Gulf Strike Team in Mobile, AL. During this period she was sent on special assignment for 6 months to the National Drug Intelligence Center, Johnstown, PA where she was one of only five enlisted members to ever serve. Her second special assignment came when she was requested for support of the joint agency drug operation, "Operation Gulf Shield" in South Texas for a period of seven months.

Senior Chief Jensen has repeatedly demonstrated outstanding performance, leadership, and devotion to the U.S. Coast Guard, as is evidenced by the awards she has received, which include a Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon with Operational distinguishing device, both Active Duty and Reserve Good Conduct Medals, the 911 Ribbon, Reserve Forces Medal, Rifle and Pistol Shot Ribbons at the Marksman level.

Senior Chief Jensen continues to distinguish herself as an invaluable leader in the US Marine Corps, and it is an honor for each Member of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues to recognize the courage and commitment of Senior Chief Jensen and all women in the military.

JEF L. EATCHEL: WINNER OF LABOR'S "SOLIDARITY AWARD"

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, today I acknowledge a great friend of labor, Jef L. Eatchel—recognized with the "Solidarity Award" by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Jef L. Eatchel has served as Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Executive Officer for UNITE HERE, Local 30 (formerly, Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union, Local 30) of San Diego since he was first elected in 1985. Jef began his career at Local 30 as a cook at La Costa Resort & Spa, where he was appointed Shop Steward by International Vice-President, Herbert "Pinky" Schiffman. He was appointed as Business Representative at Local 30 in 1982. After representing the employees for three years, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer in 1985. He continues to serve as its Chief Executive Officer. Jef does a great deal of work beyond UNITE HERE Local 30. He serves as the Treasurer to the California Culinary Alliance; he was elected a voting director of the International Foundation of Employee Benefits for the West Coast and has served as a Trustee and member of the Educational Program Committee. He also serves on the Executive Committee for the Council of Institutional Investors and is National Vice President for District 9 for the UNITE HERE International.

As chairman of the San Diego Health & Pension Plan, he founded the Labor Union 401K in 1997 which now has forty different unions participating. He is also the co-founder of the San Diego Hospitality Training Trust. In these capacities, Jef works tirelessly to assure that the hard working union members who fall under these plans have a safe and secure financial future. Jef's innovation, enthusiasm and insight bring so much to the working families of San Diego.

People like Jef Eatchel perpetuate these qualities and that is why the San Diego Imperial Counties Labor Council recognize and honor him with the 2005 "Solidarity Award."

TRIBUTE TO THE SCOTT COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION POST 24

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Scott County American Legion Post 24. This Sunday, May 29, they will begin their annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage.

Beginning at 8 a.m., these dedicated veterans, along with family and friends, will depart from the Scott County Courthouse and travel to nine cemeteries to honor and show respect to our many departed veterans. They will arrive at the Georgetown Cemetery between 4:30 and 5 p.m. At this time they will also dedicate the stunning new 22 ft. marker honoring all branches of service.

The history of this important organization dates back to the end of World War I, when