

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING MRS. ANNA WALLACE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Mrs. Anna Wallace who will celebrate her 100th birthday on September 12, 2006. Mrs. Wallace is a lifelong resident of South Buffalo and lives in an apartment at 36 Columbus Avenue and her grandson lives upstairs. Anna is the daughter of Cecelia and Daniel Hurley, and was raised in the family home on Woodside Avenue with two siblings, Cecelia Duggan and Daniel Hurley.

On June 9, 1926, Anna was married to Francis Wallace by the revered Reverend John Nash in Holy Family Roman Catholic Church on South Park Avenue. She and Francis were married for 71 years until he passed away in 1997.

The Wallace's were always a very social couple and remained active well into their 80s. To this day, Anna is a member of the Catholic Daughters at Holy Family Church. She and her husband were instrumental in starting the second chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Society in the nation and they were involved in raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Society, the disease that afflicted their son, Paul. For many years Anna was a school aide in the City of Buffalo working with handicapped children.

Anna and Francis had four children, Mary Katherine Jordan (deceased), Janet Ann (deceased), Frances Carol Konter, and Paul Francis (deceased). She will be celebrating this momentous occasion with her daughter, 10 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 8 great great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to pay tribute to Mrs. Anna Wallace, a strong and inspirational woman. I am pleased to extend my best wishes to Mrs. Wallace upon this very special birthday and further wish her health and happiness in the years to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Wallace a very happy 100th Birthday.

HONORING THE NOVATO YOUTH CENTER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Novato Youth Center, which is commemorating 30 years of community service to the children, youth and families of Novato, California.

In response to the need for a safe and nurturing environment for children, parents and community leaders launched an energetic grassroots effort to establish the Novato Youth

Center in 1976. Now, 30 years later, the Youth Center provides a safe and caring home away from home while responding to ever changing community needs. Serving children, infants through 18 years, the Youth Center offers childcare and recreational activities, as well as teen pregnancy prevention programs, tutoring, family counseling, and Parent Project workshops. Youth serve in many positions, and are involved as program volunteers, sports coaches, event planners, and as full voting members on the board of directors.

Through advocacy and outreach, Novato Youth Center's mission is to increase the community's investment in its youth, and to nurture and encourage youth to realize their potential for growth and personal development. The founding parents and Board Members were an ideal match for this mission. Honorary Board Members include: Robert Bushner, Tommie Whitener, Steve Rempe, Peter E. Haas, Jr., David Kenyon, Dennis DeSousa, Alan Dunham, Ed Lathrop, Vicki McDill, Dave Milano, and Paul Scheller.

Over the years Novato Youth Center grew steadily, developing successful collaborations with Novato Unified School District, the City of Novato, the County of Marin, Novato Community Hospital, and other local youth service and childcare providers. Providing strong community leadership, the Youth Center played a key role in starting the Novato Youth Wellness Collaborative, also serving as its fiscal agent. As a result, the Novato Wellness Center will open soon, offering health education, teen pregnancy counseling, substance abuse prevention, mental health services, and a health clinic devoted to teens.

Collaborative and inclusive in philosophy, the Youth Center is committed to serving youth across ethnicities, economic levels, age groups, social and educational levels. To that end, the Youth Center champions respect and diversity, recruiting and hiring bicultural and bilingual staff to ensure the full spectrum of needs and interests of all communities are met.

Mr. Speaker, Novato Youth Center provides an invaluable role in preparing our youth for the challenges of the future as well as instilling the values of community involvement and education. I am proud to honor the Novato Youth Center on this memorable occasion.

IN HONOR OF MR. EUTIQUIO CHAPA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Eutiquio Chapa upon his receipt of the National Hispanic Heritage Youth Award in the category of Education. This prestigious award is given each year to Latino high school graduates who have excelled in academic achievement, community service, and writing.

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based non-profit organization which commemorates ethnic dignity and education, specifically tasks each applicant to express the influence of their heritage on their personal success. Looking at Mr. Chapa's accomplishments and goals, it is evident why he was chosen.

Mr. Chapa was a top student at Palma High School, where he graduated with a 4.4 GPA and was named a National Hispanic Scholar. Furthermore, Mr. Chapa was chosen for a special summer program at M.I.T. in 2005. All of this success was in the face of criticism he endured from his own peer group for changing schools midway through high school. Eutiquio Chapa has been accepted to Stanford University for the fall and will no doubt have much success there.

A second-generation Mexican-American from King City, CA, Eutiquio Chapa is interested in furthering his knowledge of the human brain. He plans to develop manners of instruction in order to improve the education process for low-income elementary grade level students learning English as a second language. He is obviously determined to equip others with educational possibilities.

Mr. Speaker, my heartfelt congratulations go to Eutiquio Chapa. It is a true pleasure to have him as a member of my constituency.

HISPANIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION HONORING DR. JULIET GARCIA

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a patriotic American honored this month by the—Hispanic Heritage Foundation—Dr. Juliet Garcia of Brownsville, Texas.

Dr. Garcia has been a groundbreaker for higher education, becoming the first Mexican American woman in the nation to ascend to the presidency of a university, the University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB).

She has provided improved higher education opportunities for the people in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas.

She has led UTB through a phenomenal period of growth and success. The campus has grown from 49 acres to 382 acres, enrollment has increased by 27 percent, and student performance has improved dramatically.

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation promotes and celebrates Hispanic culture, education, and accomplishment through year-round national and regional inspirational leadership programs by sponsoring a number of educational and cultural programs, including the Hispanic Heritage Awards, Youth Awards, and the LOFT (Latinos on Fast Track) Initiative.

The Hispanic Heritage Awards and Ceremony began as a small White House ceremony in 1987 honoring the creation of Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 thru October 15. The award is a prestigious honor for

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