

"If we are successful, this is how railroads will be built in the 21st century," he said.

And let no one doubt that Salpeas intends to keep building railroads in the new century. Even before the digging for the airport extension begins, he's already thinking of what he hoped would be BART's next big project.

"What about crossing the bay one more time?" Salpeas said, laughing.

A TRIBUTE TO MARILYN BERGER, CONTRA COSTA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing Marilyn Berger, the retiring office manager for the Contra Costa Central Labor Council. Ms. Berger has held together the operations of our country's organized labor for almost 20 years. Her outstanding service is being recognized in my district at a Labor-to-Labor banquet held on Tuesday, October 8, 1998 in Concord.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for a job well done. Marilyn has kept the Central Labor Council on the cutting edge of technology and is self-taught in her computer skills. Her talents as office manager saw her through the terms of three Secretary-Treasurers of Labor Council.

Marilyn Berger has been a member of the Office and Professional Employees Union, Local 29 since August 1, 1979. She held two positions before coming to the Central Labor Council. As a teenager, she worked for the FBI in San Francisco, and she was a secretary for the Inlandboatmens Union, also in San Francisco.

She has led a full life as a working woman and a devoted mother of two sons and two daughters. Marilyn has many interests outside of work including biking, and attending opera, theatre and film presentations.

I know everyone associated with the Central Labor Council and all of us who need to call their office from time to time are going to greatly miss Marilyn Berger when she retires. I wish her the very best retirement has to offer.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMESTOWN CITY LIBRARY

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Jamestown City Library in Jamestown, Kansas. The community of Jamestown recently celebrated this historic milestone with a parade and book sale on September 12.

In 1898, the Current Literature and History Club established the Jamestown Library through the voluntary efforts of the women club members. Initially, they secured a traveling library housed in a spare room in the house of Frank Lane. Soon after, they raised

enough money to obtain the plot of land that became the present site of the library through an initial \$100 donation from Jamestown resident James Pomeroy.

The Club was incorporated in 1900 and the building that housed the new library was completed in January of 1901. The total cost of the project was \$1,098.75 and was named the Pomeroy Library.

In 1911, a fire burned down much of the main street of Jamestown, including the library. What remained of the library's book collection was housed temporarily in the basement of the First United Methodist Church. Again the Current Literature and History Club women went to work for the community of Jamestown. With insurance money and local donations made from 46 charitable events such as box suppers, foods sales, plays and musicals, they again raised the needed funds to construct a new library.

In 1925, the club transferred ownership of the library to the city of Jamestown and gave it its present name, the Jamestown City Library.

Of particular importance to the Jamestown City Library was Ms. Ora Good, who later became Mrs. Ora Ansdell. In 1904, she volunteered to serve as the first librarian. Weathering fire, drought, the depression, two world wars, the beginning and end of the cold war, men landing on the moon, and the bicentennial celebration of our nation, she served for 72 years until her retirement in 1976.

In later years the library has experienced several renovations and alterations, but continues to serve as a reminder of Jamestown's hard fought beginnings and the commitment put forth by its early founders. Jamestown is a community rich in history and long on accomplishments.

I congratulate the community of Jamestown in light of this special celebration. Further, I am confident that another proud Congressman will read a similar such statement 100 years from now on the 200th anniversary of this historic library.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF SAM FLORES AS THE SEGUIN HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S HU- MANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Texas' true humanitarians, Seguin City Councilman Sam Flores. On August 29, 1998, Councilman Flores was recognized for his dedication to the people of his community when he was selected as the Seguin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Humanitarian of the Year. Councilman Sam Flores's career only begins to tell the story of his devotion to his community and the people in it.

Born in San Marcos, Texas, during the midst of the country's worst depression, a young Sam Flores learned the value of hard work at an early age. As soon as he was old enough to perform manual labor Sam began his adult life as a migrant worker, traveling as far north as Michigan to work the fields. Although he recognized the value of education,

Sam dropped out of school during his sophomore year to serve his country in the Far East as a member of the U.S. Marines. He served in the Marines for six years as a Platoon Sergeant in the Korean War and also helped evacuate Americans from Shanghai during the communist revolution in China.

Upon returning home he enrolled at Southwest Texas State Teacher's College where he earned his teacher's degree in 1955. In 1959 he earned his Master's degree in school administration. It was in 1959 that Sam and his wife, Velia, moved to her hometown of Seguin. Sam took a position with the Harlandale Independent School District in San Antonio. He served the Harlandale ISD for 35 years teaching education and special education to elementary and secondary school students. For ten years he held the position of Director for Special Education for six different school districts. He also served as Principal of the Harlandale School District for eleven years. Even after retirement Sam stays involved with education by serving as the Attendance Officer for Seguin High School.

Community leadership defines Sam Flores' life. As a member of the Seguin City Council for 33 years, Sam championed community improvement. He was one of the founders and the President of the Seguin Boys Club. He held a leading role in the establishment of the Seguin Housing Authority and the agreement to build a new Seguin Post Office. His leadership brought about the completion of the Walnut Creek Flood project and the paving of 22 miles of Seguin's gravel streets. He has also provided leadership in the fight against the discrimination of minorities through full integration of the Seguin Independent School District and service on a special committee which brought Mexican American Studies to Texas Lutheran University. Sam Flores now serves the community of Seguin as the Chairman of the "Seguin Memorial Committee," a group developed to honor the city's namesake, Juan N. Seguin, with a statue in the downtown city park.

Sam Flores has made tangible and intangible contributions to the city of Seguin. All those whose lives he has touched, from his students to other council members, can attest to his true humanitarianism. Their description of him is more accurate: "Sam is a soldier for the people of his community and state." We need more soldiers in our communities like Sam Flores.

SALUTE TO JOHN M. LANGSTON BAR ASSOCIATION AFRICAN AMERICAN HALL OF FAME HON- OREES

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to five outstanding and distinguished African American legal legends who on Saturday, October 17, 1998, will be inducted into the John M. Langston Bar Association's Hall of Fame. The celebrated honorees are retired Los Angeles Superior Court Judges Gilbert C. Alston and Dion Morrow; former Congresswoman and currently a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Yvonne

Brathwaite-Burke; and famed attorneys Charles Earl Lloyd, and the late Thomas G. Neusom.

All of the honorees have made exemplary contributions to the legal profession as well as to the citizens of Los Angeles and this nation. That is why I am especially proud to publicly commend and recognize each of them before the House today.

Judge Gilbert C. Alston, a graduate of the University of Southern California (USC) Law School, spent his early career working in the Los Angeles District Attorney's office, and in private practice with his law partner H. Ronald Hauptman. He was appointed the first Commissioner of the Pasadena Municipal Court in 1971, and six months later was appointed by then-Governor Ronald Reagan to the Los Angeles Municipal Court. In 1977 Governor Jerry Brown, Jr. agreed to transfer Judge Alston to the Pasadena Judicial District, where he became Pasadena's first African American judge. Judge Alston is perhaps best known in judicial circles for his ruling allowing the use of cameras in the courtroom. Judge Alston was elevated to the Pasadena Superior Court in 1980, a position he held until his retirement.

Judge Dion Morrow, a native Angeleno, graduated from Loyola Law School on June 1, 1957, and was admitted to the California State Bar on December 18, 1957. His early career was spent in private practice with fellow distinguished Los Angeles attorneys Xenophan F. Lang, Robert Hall, James Gordon, and David Cunningham. Judge Morrow joined the Los Angeles City Attorney's office in 1975, serving as Assistant City Attorney and Senior Special Counsel to City Attorney Burton Pines. He was the first African American to hold such a position. He was appointed to the Compton Municipal Court by Governor Brown on October 17, 1975. A little over two years later, he was elevated to the Los Angeles Superior Court, where he spent the next 18 years presiding over complex criminal and civil cases. Dion retired from the bench on October 23, 1995, but continues to serve the legal community as a private arbitrator, mediator, settlement judge and discovery referee. Judge Morrow is past president of the Langston Bar Association.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke certainly requires little introduction. She has been recognized by *Time* magazine as one of "America's 200 Future Leaders," and was selected "Woman of the Year" by both the *Los Angeles Times* and her alma mater UCLA, which two years ago awarded her its "1996 Alumni of the Year" award. As my predecessor in the California State Assembly and the United States Congress, she is a distinguished public official who has received numerous honors and commendations for an illustrious career spanning more than three decades. Yvonne represented California's then-28th Congressional District from 1972–1976. She is a former member of the University of California Board of Regents, and is currently a member of several boards, including the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where she has been a forceful and influential advocate for an improved transportation system for Los Angeles residents. Yvonne received her Juris Doctor degree from USC and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1956. She has championed equal opportunity for displaced homemakers, and au-

thored legislation benefitting California's disadvantaged youth, nursing home residents, and orphanages. Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke has earned her place in the Hall of Fame.

Attorney Charles Earl Lloyd received his Juris Doctor degree from USC in 1961 and was admitted to the California State Bar in January 1962. After serving two years as a prosecuting attorney in the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, in 1964 he entered private practice under the firm of Berman, Lloyd and Goldstein. A year later, he became the senior partner in the firm of Lloyd, Bradley (Tom Bradley would go on to serve five consecutive terms as the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles) Burrell, and Nelson. He is recognized as one of the premier criminal attorneys in the nation, and has also represented many entertainers and professional sportsmen, including the entertainer Dr. William (Bill) Cosby; legendary boxer Sonny Liston; and former Houston Oilers lineman Ernie Ladd. Charles was the first African American to serve as a City of Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner. He is an outstanding attorney and a mentor to many young aspiring attorneys throughout the nation.

Thomas G. Neusom, who will be inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame, was admitted to the California State Bar in 1950 and for a brief time thereafter practiced law with legendary Los Angeles attorneys Crispus A. Wright and Carl A. Earles. Tom served two terms as NAACP president, during which he successfully litigated and won the integration of the Los Angeles Fire Department. He also served as the co-counsel on the suit which led to the integration of the Los Angeles Police Department. He was a lawyer's lawyer—a man of tremendous integrity and a commitment to helping the downtrodden.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me in applauding the excellence of these five distinguished individuals. It is a special honor to highlight just a few of their outstanding accomplishments, and it is with a tremendous sense of pride that I salute and congratulate each of them as they are inducted into the John M. Langston Bar Association Hall of Fame.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 24, 1998, I was unavoidably detained on official business and missed the following rollcall votes: No. 459 and No. 460.

On rollcall vote No. 459, had I been present I would have voted "no"; on rollcall vote No. 460, had I been present I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my best wishes to the community of

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. For more than a century, this parish has served as a spiritual refuge, opening its doors to any soul in search of peace.

In the spring of 1873, led by Father Patrick F. Quigley, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland established a mission in the village of Brooklyn, Ohio. The community's first mass was held at the local public school, but by 1874, it celebrated the blessing of the cornerstone of its first church, the Sacred Heart of Mary Mission. As the parish flourished, the Cleveland Diocese elevated the community to parochial status in 1894, appointing Father Michael Becker as its first pastor and opening the Sacred Heart of Mary School.

Unfortunately, in 1907, an accident caused a fire that destroyed the church and the school. While rebuilding took place, the parish continued to celebrate mass in the town hall. By August 15, 1909 the new church was finished with a new pastor, Father Luke Rath. During the next eight years, the parish population grew, causing the community to expand their church with a new sister's house, mission house, and portable school buildings to serve 385 students. Father Rath presided over the dedication ceremony, where the community changed its name to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

The current church was dedicated in 1930, a beautiful building which includes a soaring bell tower modeled after that of Sancto Spiritu Church in Florence, Italy. Although it struggled during the Great Depression, the parish maintained a social life, sponsoring a variety of plays, operettas, and card parties. The community also added a bowling alley, a cafeteria, and a new school addition.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and its current pastor Father Leroy Moreeuw, CPPS as they celebrate in commemoration of 150 years in service to God. Throughout its long history, the parish has undergone many changes, but the spirit and dedication of its members have remained constant. As the Cleveland Diocese celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish remains a beacon of solace and friendship for its members and the residents of Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

TRIBUTE TO EBRI

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 25, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Employee Benefit Research Institute on their 20th Anniversary. The Employee Benefit Research Institute, or EBRI as it is more commonly known, is the only nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to original public policy research and education on economic security and employee benefits. For the last 20 years, they have been instrumental in promoting knowledge and understanding among the media and policymakers of employee benefits. I believe their greatest service has been in advancing the public's understanding of employee benefits and their effect on the nation's economy. Their commitment to disseminating the facts has earned EBRI reown