

Tom was the first black person elected to the Los Angeles City Council and he was Los Angeles' first black mayor.

The truth is I could spend the next hour reciting a list of barriers that Tom broke down. But recognizing that he was a pioneer only tells half the story. His achievements once those barriers were broken tell the rest of it.

Tom served as mayor of Los Angeles for five terms during twenty years of tremendous economic growth, rapid change, and flourishing diversity.

Tom was a terrific mayor and uniquely suited to those times. He was a consensus builder. He never practiced the politics of division. Under his stewardship, Los Angeles became the financial capital of the West Coast. It became a city that valued its multiethnic people and nurtured their entry into the middle class.

Tom was the son of a sharecropper and the grandson of a slave. He experienced the hard existence of the least fortunate of our society in the early twentieth century. From those humble beginnings, he rose to become a leader of one of the most dynamic and prosperous cities of our nation. His story is uniquely American.

I want to express my condolences to Tom's widow, Ethel, and his daughters, Phyllis and Lorraine, during this very sorrowful time.

GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Geography Awareness Week in Texas. Geography is about knowing where things are. It's about being able to read a map to find your way, calculate the time difference before making a long distance, and even situate a place heard about on the news onto your mental map of the world. But geography is also about understanding why things are located where they are. It offers perspectives and information in understanding ourselves, our relationship to the Earth's resources and our interdependence with other people of the world. By knowing geography, we can see how historical processes and present activities influence people, places and things. Geography education better prepares us to understand, interpret and find our place in this changing world at a time when tools like the Internet take us to every corner of the world with the click of a button.

This year, state geographic alliances across the country, including in my home state of Texas, are celebrating the theme: "People, Places and Patterns: Geography Puts the Pieces Together." The state of Texas has begun the task of improving geographic education by adopting state geography standards, and through the support of the teachers' organization Texas Alliance for Geographic Education, is actively working to implement these standards by disseminating new advances in teaching geography at the kindergarten through senior high level.

November 15th to 21st will be Geography Awareness Week in Texas. I urge residents to recognize the importance of geography, and to work toward the development of geographic knowledge in our schools and communities.

ANKARA'S DECISION TO SENTENCE LEYLA ZANA

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my indignation over the decision of the Turkish government to sentence Leyla Zana, the Kurdish parliamentarian who is currently serving a fifteen year sentence, to two additional years in prison as a blatant violation of the freedom of expression and an insult to her supporters worldwide.

This time, the Turkish authorities charge that Leyla Zana broke the law in a letter she wrote to the People Democracy Party (HADEP) to urge them to be forthcoming, diligent, decisive and to push for individual and collective freedoms. The fact that Leyla Zana has been charged with inciting racial hatred reveals that Turkey is a racist state and continues to deny the Kurds a voice in the state.

As my colleagues know, Leyla Zana is the first Kurdish woman ever elected to the Turkish parliament. She won her office with more than 84% of the vote in her district and brought the Turkish Grand National Assembly a keen interest for human rights and conviction that the Turkish war against the Kurds must come to an end. Last year, 153 members of this body joined together and signed a letter to President Bill Clinton urging him to raise Leyla Zana's case with the Turkish authorities and seek her immediate and unconditional release from prison.

Leyla Zana was kept in custody from March 5, 1994, until December 7, 1994 without a conviction. On December 8, 1994, the Ankara State Security Court sentenced her and five other Kurdish parliamentarians to various years in prison. Leyla Zana was accused of making a treasonous speech in Washington, D.C., other speeches elsewhere and wearing a scarf that bore the Kurdish colors of green, red and yellow. This year marks her fifth year behind the bars.

Today, in Turkish Kurdistan, 40,000 people have lost their lives. More than 3,000 Kurdish villages have been destroyed. Over 3 million residents have become destitute refugees. Despite several unilateral cease-fires by the Kurdish side, the Turkish army continues to pursue policies of hatred, torture and murder, and genocide of the Kurdish people.

Mr. Speaker, as I finish my sixth year in office as a member of the United States Congress, I find it outrageous that the government of Turkey, after so much outcry, after so much petitioning and after so much publicity would dare to punish her again incensing her friends and supporters all over the world. There is only one word that comes to my mind and it is, fear, Mr. Speaker. The government of Turkey is afraid of Leyla Zana and it thinks it can lock her away forever. That was the story of those who locked Nelson Mandela. The longest nights, Mr. Speaker, give way to bright dawns. Mr. Mandela is a public servant now. And the world is grateful.

People like Leyla Zana who utter the words of reconciliation and accommodation need to be embraced, validated and freed. I urge the government of Turkey to set aside its conviction of Leyla Zana and free her immediately, and I urge my colleagues and government to

condemn her conviction and make her release a priority.

A TRIBUTE TO SAM MEYERS

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on November 8, 1998, Sam Meyers will be honored with a Lifetime Struggle and Achievement Award by the citizens of Central Brooklyn; however, his career is one with far-reaching significance for the national labor movement and for American progressive political leadership.

Sam Meyers, retired President of United Auto Workers Local 259, has been honored by many groups numerous times over the last few decades and all of the accolades have been deserved. Now eighty years old, he can relax with the satisfaction and assurance that he has been to the mountain top. Beyond his individual giving there are also the contributions of his wife, Carolyn, a retired East New York teacher, and his sons, Dan and Matt. Attorney Dan Meyers has devoted much of his life to the case seeking justice for the victims of the Attica assault.

Sam has been a special hero of Central Brooklyn for nearly twenty years. The Frank Barbaro campaign to unseat Koch and the victorious campaign which elected Mario Cuomo are two of the key events which forged the longstanding alliance of Sam Meyers and Major Owens. The Barbaro mayoral campaign created the opportunity, for fighters who had previously briefly met each other only on speaking platforms, to then become permanent partners for progressive politics and empowerment. Beyond his immersion in the strategy and tactics of everyday leadership for his union, Sam Meyers had a vision and acted with others to fulfill the dream of a citywide political coalition.

In the Summer of 1982, on the same day that major Owens announced the formation of the Brooklyn Coalition for Community Empowerment as his congressional campaign committee, Sam Meyers delivered a check from the United Auto Workers. It was a maximum contribution for the primary and the only such Political Action Committee donation received by the new and unknown Brooklyn political movement. Owens and his political partners—Vann, Green, Norman, Boyland—had nothing concrete that they could trade for support. Indeed, Sam Meyers, angered many powerful old friends of his when he endorsed the dissidents who were despised by the old Kings County machine.

Sam's adoptions of the Brooklyn empowerment effort was an act of political faith with roots in his mother's aspirations for a better world. Across boundaries of race, ethnicity and age, without hesitation, he applied the same principles that had guided his building of a great UAW Local 259. Always present in the mind of Brother Meyers was the credo of the street fighter. You have to believe and you have to dare.

Sam Meyers began his lifetime struggle in 1940 as a sheet metal worker and a member of UAW, Local 365. In 1943 he joined the Army Air Corps. In 1958 he led the successful fight to oust a leadership that had become too

far removed from the membership and was elected President of Local 259. In the late 60's he was a co-founder of the New York Labor Committee Against the War in Vietnam. In the early 70's Sam helped to bring national attention to the impact of plant closings and runaway shops. In the late 80's he served as a Jesse Jackson Brooklyn delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

For several decades Local 259 championed the forces of liberation and democracy in South Africa, South America, Haiti and throughout the globe. Numerous refugee labor leaders found safe haven, support and solidarity at Local 259. To continue expanding his legacy Sam Meyers now serves on the Commission for the Future of UAW. His career offers both inspiration and challenge for future generations.

The personality of Sam Meyers can be summarized in the same manner that author Edith Hamilton described the mentality of the great Greek civilization. He maintains a steady gaze on the world as it is with all of the harshness and pitfalls, but he never retreats into cynicism and despair. He is tough but full of hope. Central Brooklyn is proud to salute Sam Meyers for his Lifetime Struggle and Achievement.

TRIBUTE TO TOM BRADLEY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, few elections have given me greater satisfaction than Tom Bradley's victory as mayor of Los Angeles in 1973. At a time when militants and cynics were beginning to dominate the debate over race, Tom ignored the trend and assembled a coalition of blacks, whites and Latinos in his campaign. I know Martin Luther King would have been proud of Tom's accomplishment.

Courage and strength are the words that come to mind when I look back at the life of Tom Bradley. I can't imagine many of us would have persevered when faced with the same barriers that Tom faced again and again. Grandson of a slave, son of sharecroppers. Tom moved to Los Angeles at the age of seven in 1924. LA in those days was not a city especially hospitable to black people. Certainly there were very few examples anywhere in the country of African-Americans who had achieved success in politics or other fields. But Tom embarked on his career as if none of that mattered.

In 1941, Tom became a member of the Los Angeles Police Department, placing near the top on a recruitment exam. He spent 20 years on the force, eventually becoming lieutenant. At the time of his retirement, Tom was the highest-ranking black officer in the Department.

Now began the most famous phase of Tom Bradley's life. Two years after leaving the LAPD, he ran for a seat on the Los Angeles City Council. In a preview of what was to come, Tom brought together blacks, Asians and whites to defeat a white candidate for the seat. He was the first African-American in the history of Los Angeles to be elected to the City Council.

Tom always remained true to the idea of building coalitions among different groups.

This was not only a political strategy, but an honest expression of Tom's humanity. He genuinely liked people, and was as comfortable in the neighborhoods of Fairfax Avenue, Chinatown and Boyle Heights as in South Central Los Angeles. He was exactly the kind of person you would want to be mayor of a large and incredibly diverse city.

In 1969, Tom Bradley ran for mayor of LA. The incumbent, Sam Yorty, waged a blatantly racist campaign to defeat Tom. Rather than reacting with anger and hostility, which would have been understandable, Tom took the loss with equanimity. He vowed to fight again—at the ballot box. Tom's 1973 victory changed Los Angeles forever. For one, he proved that a black person could be elected mayor in a city with a relatively small black population. Even more important was the vivid demonstration that unity can triumph over divisiveness. Unlike many others then and now, Tom didn't play the "race card."

I don't want to cover in detail Tom's 20-year record as mayor, except to note that he opened up city hall to people from all backgrounds and brought the Olympics to LA in 1984. It says something that he was re-elected four times with only token opposition. I can't imagine Los Angeles will ever have a more popular mayor than Tom Bradley.

I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Tom Bradley, who represented the best America has to offer. He was a gentleman, a fighter for equal rights and justice and a man who fervently believed in the idea that through hard work and determination anything is possible. I hope that future generations will look to Tom Bradley as a model for how to live one's life.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the African Development Foundation (ADF) and appeal that it be funded at the full request of \$14 million. ADF plays a unique role within the United States government foreign aid programs. It is the only agency providing assistance directly at the community level to alleviate poverty and promote economic and social empowerment in Africa. It uses an approach premised on self-help and fosters self-reliance and local ownership. ADF has an impressive track record of high-impact projects that are sustained by the local community.

Working in fourteen countries, full funding of ADF will leverage an additional \$2.0 million from external sources and will finance almost 100 innovative projects that will benefit tens of thousands of poor Africans. ADF efforts are focused in four areas:

Promoting micro and small enterprise development to generate jobs and income for poor women, unemployed youth and other marginalized groups;

Expanding the participation of small African enterprises and producers groups in trade and investment relationships with the U.S. and within Africa;

Improving community-based natural resource management for sustainable development; and

Strengthening civil society and local governance to reinforce democratic structures and values.

I would like to strongly endorse the excellent work of the ADF and encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do the same. In conclusion, I ask you to join me in supporting full funding for the African Development Foundation.

TRIBUTE TO CARNEY CAMPION

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give a special thank you to Carney Campion, who is retiring next month as General Manager of the Golden Gate Bridge, Transportation and Highway District.

San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge is a national symbol and national treasure. Carney Campion has been with the Bridge District for 23 years, and is its eighth General Manager. He continually dedicated himself to assuring that the Golden Gate Bridge remained structurally sound, and that Golden Gate Bus and Ferry Transit performed efficiently.

Carney has guided the Bridge District through labor strikes, has managed repeated demonstrations and celebrations, and has assured that tolls are sufficient to meet all of the Bridge District's needs. Recently, he helped obtain Federal support for seismic retrofit of the Golden Gate Bridge. Among other of Carney's numerous contributions are successful re-decking of the Bridge, modernization of transit and ferry service and facilities, and reorganization of the District's management and operations structure. He also had the foresight to help acquire the Northwestern Pacific Railroad right-of-way, which represents the Northern San Francisco Bay area's best hope for commuter rail service.

Born in Santa Rosa, California, Carney is a 1950 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. He received his Bachelors of Arts degree in Personnel and Public Administration. He has held numerous positions in national and California business, transit and service organizations.

Mr. Speaker, Carney Campion is a true son of Northern California. His contributions will long contribute to the quality of life that we in the area all enjoy. As he begins a well-deserved retirement, I wish him and his wife, Kathryn, best wishes and Godspeed.

THE LOS FRESNOS CISD

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to explain why it is particularly painful for me to be here in Washington DC today, as opposed to the event on my schedule for today in Texas. I was to speak to an elementary school in the Los Fresnos Consolidated Independent School District.

Villareal Elementary is a school which has, for the last three years running, scored an exemplary rating from the Texas Education