

Cadets in the program succeed in attaining this rank.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor CPO Myles for his outstanding achievement. He is truly an inspiration to all U.S. Naval Sea Cadets and to all citizens of this great Nation. I want to again congratulate CPO Myles for this achievement and I wish him the best of luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD S.
WOODWARD

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor a fellow Californian who has had a long and distinguished career as a political consultant while setting extremely high standards of quality and integrity. For more than 35 years, Richard S. Woodward has guided his political consulting firm to a stunning 98 percent winning record while taking on some of the toughest, seemingly impossible ballot measure campaigns.

Two of America's great institutions helped prepare Mr. Woodward for the future. The United States Marine Corps demanded toughness and a steadfast approach. Graduating from Stanford University required a sharp, agile and inquisitive mind that could apply varied pieces of information to solving problems.

Mr. Woodward raced up the political ladder from legislative staffer to political director. In 1971 he teamed with the dean of the California state capitol press corps, the late Jack McDowell, to form a new consulting firm. It wasn't long before Woodward & McDowell focused solely on that most Californian of election efforts: the ballot measure campaign. Mr. Woodward basically wrote the book on proposition campaigns: Known for his strategic mind, Mr. Woodward has often led his team to victory when early polls showed the other side started with the sentiment of two-thirds or more of the voters. Even with the demands of campaign after campaign, Mr. Woodward and his wife, Mary, have raised two fine sons, Brendan and Ryan.

On February 20, the American Association of Political Consultants will meet in Miami. One order of business will be to honor the former president and chairman of the bipartisan organization, Richard S. Woodward, with the lifetime achievement award.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Mr. Woodward for a job well done and wishing him the best of luck and health as he continues setting the standard.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY LEROY
CLARKE

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, with a heavy heart, I rise to pay trib-

ute to the life of former General Manager and founder of the Public Employees Union, Local No. 1, Henry LeRoy Clarke who died on January 4, 2007. For more than 38 years, Henry Clarke dedicated his life to improving working conditions for thousands of public employees in the Contra Costa County community. As General Manager, Mr. Clarke was a strong advocate on behalf of union members, transforming the political landscape from one that was highly adverse to organized labor to one that promotes mutual respect between administration and employees.

Henry Clark was born on March 10, 1923, in Denver, Colorado, to a family of seven children. During the depression, Henry moved with his family to Chico, California, to prosper in farming. He graduated from Chico High as Student Body President, and soon after entered WWII to serve in General George Patton's army in Europe. After the war, Henry returned to Chico, where he was named All Western Conference Tackle while playing for Chico State. He transferred to the University of California, Berkeley in 1948 to play football under legendary coach Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf and study labor, economics, and politics. Although Henry was only a young student, he helped organize the food service workers at Cal into one of the first unions in the U.C. system.

Upon graduating with honors from the University of California, Henry became a history teacher in the Napa public schools where he met his lovely wife Maureen. He only taught for 2 years before the school district fired him for none other than trying to form a teachers' union. From that moment on, Henry dedicated himself to the causes of organizing labor. He became the first full-time executive secretary of the California Federation of Teachers, and soon after the western representative of the American Federation of Teachers. In this position, Henry helped direct the largest collective bargaining election of teachers in the United States during the New York City teacher strikes of 1961 and 1962.

In 1962, Henry took on the job of General Manager for the Contra Costa County Employees Association, a title he would hold for the next 38 years. In 1968, he founded the independent Public Employees Union, Local No. 1, which many county employees joined in order to avoid a passive international union. Henry formed the union based upon fierce democratic principles, providing each member access and a voice in the governance of the union. Under Henry's visionary leadership, Local No. 1 grew from 632 members into a model for controlled unions everywhere achieving a current membership of over 15,000, which includes public employees from Northern California's counties, cities, school districts, and special districts. Henry represented these employees with vigor until his retirement in 2000.

Henry Clarke spent over four decades standing up for the rights of workers in Contra Costa County. He was a true public servant who understood the process of social justice.

To Henry's son and daughter-in-law, Cameron and Ellen Clark, and his grandson, Henry Wallace, I extend my heartfelt condolences. Your loss is shared not only by those who knew Henry personally but also by all those

who have been touched by the work he has done. We will be forever grateful for the integrity, passion and determination with which he sought to make our country's work environment fair and safe for all.

TRIBUTE TO SONJA LILLIAN
MACYS

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to take the opportunity to honor an environmental leader who has made an indelible mark on the Sonoran Desert region and on the community of Tucson, Arizona. Five years ago, Sonja Lillian Macys came to Tucson and took the town by storm. As an undergraduate, Sonja had mastered the Spanish language in 6 months and lived and worked in Mexico, promoting environmental education and ecotourism. Originally from the horse country of Virginia, she came to Tucson by way of Colorado, where she had skied her way to a Master of Science degree in Protected Area Management specializing in International Conservation, with extensive training in non-profit leadership and management.

Sonja rapidly immersed herself in her new community in the role of the Tucson Audubon Society's Executive Director. Sonja quickly moved to create a broad-based conservation strategy with a significant cross-border element. Sonja's deep commitment to environmental and social justice, sustainability, and public participation soon became Audubon's trademark.

Her contributions to the Southern Arizona community and the U.S.-Mexico borderlands are numerous: creating multi-jurisdictional partnerships to conserve riparian areas and desert landscapes; partnering agencies, conservationists, ranchers, business interests, and students; educating scores of birders and other citizens to become active policy-makers and advisors; protecting critical habitats from devastation wrought by mining, development, overgrazing, and other harmful activities; and creating a community more literate in the articulation of social and environmental justice.

Sonja Macys will leave a legacy that cannot be adequately expressed in words, and gives all of us who have known and worked with her hope that we can truly achieve the goals that we set out to accomplish together. The Tucson community and the wildlife of the Sonoran Desert will sorely miss Ms. Macys, but I have no doubt she will go on to accomplish great things in her future endeavors. I wish her the best of luck.

TRIBUTE TO DANNY VALDEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Danny Valdez on his inauguration as Webb County Judge on January 1, 2007.