

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO WOMEN'S CLUB—90 YEARS YOUNG AND STILL GOING STRONG

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, in 1914 the South San Francisco Women's Club was founded to promote the educational, civic, and social well-being of the community. Today, on the occasion of the club's 90th Anniversary, I am delighted to report that the South San Francisco Women's Club continues to deliver for the South City community.

Since its inception, the South San Francisco Women's Club has remained committed to its core goals. Their commitment to beautifying the town has never wavered. Whether hosting flower shows, sponsoring classes on floral arrangement, or planting trees and flowers throughout the city, the Women's Club continues to be one of the primary sources of beautification in South San Francisco. In addition to beautifying South San Francisco, the Club has also focused its efforts on conservation; both by adopting a recycling program and by purchasing many Penny Pines Plantations to help in the reforestation of our national forests.

Additionally, the club has continued to keep all aspects of children's well being a priority, a tradition dating back to the club's founding when members made layettes for babies of people who had fallen on hard times. Since then, the members of the club were instrumental in forming the first Parents Teachers Association (PTA) in South City, and for the past ten years have assisted the staff at the well baby clinic where club members help test pre-schoolers for amblyopia. Members of the club also continue to volunteer with the local Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program and with the Grandma Pen Pals program that fosters penmanship and communication skills with 5th graders.

Mr. Speaker, at the time of its founding, the Club lacked a permanent meeting place and was forced to hold meetings at various social halls or in member's homes. Although club dues were initially 10 cents a month, the ladies were determined to own their own clubhouse, and through hard work and a variety of fundraising activities including card parties, luncheons, dinners, auctions, rummage sales, musical shows, carnivals, and cook book sales, their dream became a reality when the clubhouse was completed and dedicated on October 15, 1940. Shortly after completion, the United States found herself at War, and the Club did its part, contributing to the USO and also allowing the Office of Price Administration to rent out the building. This partnership proved valuable as the rent greatly assisted the Club in paying down their mortgage as well as the fact that the OPA left a very large table behind that the club continues to use to this day in their main hall.

Over the course of the last 90 years the South San Francisco Women's Club has fully integrated itself into the South San Francisco community. Today under the stewardship of Club Chairman, Jean Altizio, the South San Francisco Women's Club continues to provide remarkable service to the Bay Area. Whether by providing refreshments and volunteers for the annual South San Francisco Scholarship Association Scholarship Tea or providing nursing homes with slippers and lap robes, or creating the Little Red Toy Box, which provides new toys for children undergoing chemotherapy, it is now impossible to think of valuable organizations in South San Francisco without the South San Francisco Women's Club coming to mind.

Mr. Speaker, although the industries of the "Industrial City" have changed during the 90 years of the Club's existence as companies such as Jupiter Steel and Shaw-Batcher Shipyard have been replaced by companies such as Genentech and other bio-tech firms, the South San Francisco Women's Club has remained steadfast to its original purpose of promoting the educations, civic and social well-being of the South City community. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the organization on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary and to wish them continued success for the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RENE WORKMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Rene Workman, a dedicated fire chief from my district. Rene is a caring and capable firefighter who is committed to saving the lives of families in Fruita, and will step down after 17 years of service with the Lower Valley Fire Protection District, and I am proud to join my colleagues here today in recognizing her tremendous service to the Colorado community before this body of Congress and our Nation.

Rene's dedication to help those in need began with her own family tragedy; her father died of a heart attack when she was 8 years old. Rene joined the department as a volunteer when she was 26 and worked towards her certification as a paramedic. She was hired as the chief in 1992, and seventeen years later she is remembered for her compassion for both her volunteers and her patients. Rene's husband Matt remains a volunteer.

Rene often sacrifices sleep, and the few days she has off, to come into work with the Fire District, where she also responds to house calls for medical problems because of her emergency medical technician. She has been a fearless leader who transformed the department by improving the training and

standards within the Fire District. The people in Rene's district are safer as the result of her service and protection.

Mr. Speaker, Rene Workman is a dedicated individual who sacrifices her time to helping those in need. Her compassion and selfless service to our state definitely deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Thanks for your service Rene, and I wish you all the best in your future nursing career.

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HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the nation's longest serving Hispanic Senator, Dennis Chavez.

Yesterday, as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs September 15th to October 15th, I hosted a screening of a documentary about Senator Chavez called *El Senador*, in conjunction with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. I was privileged to be joined by Senator Chavez's daughters, Mrs. Gloria Tristani and Mrs. Ymelda Dixon, his granddaughter, Ms. Gloria Tristani, and Wayne Coy, the husband of Cissie Coy, who is Mrs. Dixon's daughter.

It was a pleasure to work with the family and the rest of the Dennis Chavez Foundation to bring that event together. And many thanks are due to Paige Martinez, the extraordinary filmmaker behind *El Senador*, who has correctly deemed the legacy of Senator Chavez as an important part not only of New Mexican history, but also of American and world history.

I have the privilege of representing the 3rd district of New Mexico, the state that Senator Dennis Chavez represented for 32 long years. My father, Stewart Udall, served in the U.S. Congress with Dennis Chavez in the late fifties and early sixties. He has always said that what he saw in Senator Chavez was a visionary and a man of courage.

In 1944, Senator Chavez cosponsored a bill to prohibit discrimination in employment. Such forward thinking was not well received by the Southern senators at the time. A legendary filibuster and eventual interference by President Truman forced him to withdraw his bill. Twenty years later, in 1964, these rights were finally secured with the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. A true visionary, Senator Chavez was far ahead of his time in progressive thinking.

Dennis Chavez was also a man of courage. At the height of anti-Communist sentiment in the 1950s, he was one of the first to denounce the activities of Joseph McCarthy, and expose him for being a demagogue. Imagine the kind of courage it took speak out loudly against McCarthy's Committee on Un-American Activities during a time when spreading fear of Communist infiltration was rampant. The following is a quote by Senator Chavez from a

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