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IN RECOGNITION OF WENDY  
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**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in praise of the talented and accomplished radio personality, Ms. Wendy Williams. Wendy stands as a testament to all that can be accomplished through hard work, dedication and the ability to relate well to others. Born in Ocean Township, New Jersey, Wendy earned her Bachelor's Degree in Communications with a minor in Journalism from Northeastern University in Boston. Throughout college she interned at Boston's Kiss 108 radio station, while working various shifts at her college radio station.

Two weeks after graduating college, Wendy started working at WVIS, St. Croix, USVI. After successful stints at various radio stations across the mid-Atlantic region, including 3 years at POWER 99- where she took the morning show from number 15 to number one, Wendy settled back in New York City and has been the hugely successful and popular host of The Wendy Williams Experience. Her afternoon talk show, which airs on WBLS, attracts a large audience as well as countless celebrity guests. Her candid and straightforward interviewing style is often cited as a major contributing factor to her success.

Recently, Wendy has expanded to other media industries, including television and books, which include, Wendy's Got the Heat and The Wendy Williams Experience. In addition, Wendy covered the 2003 Grammys for the entertainment show, Extra, and has also appeared on Entertainment Tonight, Access Hollywood, E!, BET, MTV and Celebrity Justice. With her radio show expanding through syndication, we can be certain that Wendy's charismatic personality and unmistakable style will reach millions of others.

Once again, I praise Ms. Wendy Williams, not only for her accomplishments and the talent that she has shared with us, but for being a role model to so many women, particularly African-American women. Wendy's work and career offer us a mere glimpse of the extraordinary abilities of minority women that many times, go unrecognized. Today, I applaud Wendy for all that she brought to the field of entertainment and I thank her for being a trailblazer for the many women that will inevitably follow in her footsteps.

IN HONOR OF RUTH KESLER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruth E. Kesler, whose lifelong dedica-

tion to San Benito County consists of many volunteer and local government positions. Ruth will be stepping down as the San Benito Supervisor for District 2, where she has served for 12 years.

A longtime resident of San Benito County, Ruth has always taken an active interest in the problems facing senior citizens and the homeless. In addition to her time on the County Board of Supervisors, she has also served as Director and Chair of the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Board. Furthermore, Ruth has been the county's representative on the California State Association of Counties Board of Directors for the past two years.

In addition, Ruth has served on the Child Care and Development Council, Emergency Medical Care Commission, Mental Health Advisory Board and over a dozen other local government and volunteer committees. She has been a strong advocate of slow growth policies for the county and wishes to insure clean water for all citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Ruth on her long and honorable career and thank her for her contribution to our society. Ruth has consistently gone above and beyond the roles bestowed upon her, and has left a legacy of community leadership. I wish her all the luck in her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MR. JOHN M. TURNER ON RECEIPT OF THE LILLIAN C. MCGOWIN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER CIVIC LEADER AWARD

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. John M. Turner, President of Whitney Bank in Mobile, Alabama, on the occasion of his being honored with the Lillian C. McGowin Outstanding Volunteer Civic Leader Award.

This annual award is presented by the Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The local chapter of AFP represents nearly fifty fundraisers in the Alabama Gulf Coast region and encourages the growth and development of professional fundraisers, as well as promoting the maintaining of high ethical standards in this profession.

John Turner is certainly quite deserving of this recognition, having been extremely involved in the life of the Mobile community for many years. For many years, he has championed numerous educational and non-profit organizations in south Alabama, all of which have been the beneficiary of his efforts and those of his fellow fundraisers. These groups include St. Paul's Episcopal School, the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Mobile Infirmary Foundation, Leader-

ship Mobile, and the Mobile Education Foundation.

The Gulf Coast AFP Chapter undoubtedly received numerous worthy nominations for men and women from throughout Mobile who in their own way also make significant contributions to their friends and neighbors on a daily basis. I am certain it is difficult to make the final selection for this award, but as in the past, this year's winner has shown a tremendous level of community support and charitable giving. I have had the privilege of knowing John for many years and can personally attest to his deep concern for his neighbors and for so many in Mobile who have benefited from his tremendous generosity.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no higher praise than that received from professional colleagues, and this award is certainly strong testimony to the esteem in which John M. Turner is held by so many in Mobile. Along with his many family, friends, and colleagues throughout south Alabama, I wish to extend to him my warmest congratulations on the receipt of the Lillian C. McGowin Outstanding Volunteer Civic Leader Award. Likewise, I can only imagine how proud John's great-grandfather, the late Congressman John McDuffie, would be knowing that John has continued in the family's strong and proud legacy of dedicated community service and charitable giving.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
LYNN HAMTIL

**HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Lynn Hamtil, a friend, colleague and an indefatigable advocate for improving the quality of education in Orange County. She was a civic leader devoted to raising student standards and to nurturing our youth for responsible citizenship. Lynn passed away on September 21, 2004. Her recent death is a great loss to her community, her family, and this great nation.

Born in Wisconsin, she came to Orange County while in high school. Lynn later graduated from Fullerton High School and later attended Santa Ana College.

Lynn lived her life serving her community in every capacity imaginable. Lynn was a 40-year resident of Garden Grove, and was a Governing Board Member of the Garden Grove Unified School District. She was also known for her passion and involvement in her community serving as a six-term member of the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education, residing as a past president and vice-president. Lynn also is a recipient of the PTA Honorary Service Award and two Continuing Service Awards.

Lynn Hamtil was a role model for us all, a woman who worked hard and did her best to give back to her community. Her contributions

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