

law in Calabasas, she has also expanded her interest in horticulture. Along with her husband, she established Astoria Mushroom Growers, specializing in the cultivation of Shitake mushrooms.

Though Susan's successes have not come easy, she has never lost sight of her goals. Through her efforts, Susan has not only enriched her life, but the lives of those in our community. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Susan Windsor.

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RECOGNIZING SHEILA DAAR

**HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize Sheila Daar, an expert in the field of integrated pest management (IPM), who has been awarded a 1997 Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The award recognizes extraordinary achievements and international leadership in protecting the Earth's protective stratospheric ozone layer.

Ms. Daar is the Executive Director of the non-profit Bio-Integral Resource Center (BIRC). This organization works with government agencies and the private sector to design and implement least-toxic IPM programs for solving pest problems in agricultural and urban systems.

Since 1992, Ms. Daar has developed and disseminated practical information on non-chemical alternatives to the toxic fumigant methyl bromide, focusing on California crops, including strawberries and grapes, that use significant amounts of this pesticide. Methyl bromide is a class one ozone depleting substance scheduled for phaseout in 2001 under terms of the U.S. Clean Air Act. Ms. Daar and her staff have documented alternatives, established on-farm applied research and demonstration projects, and conducted technical outreach programs to assist farmers and urban pest control companies to adopt alternatives to methyl bromide. She is an active member of the United Nations Methyl Bromide Technical Option Committee, and co-author of IPM Alternatives to Methyl Bromide and other publications on this topic.

The Environmental Protection Award is significant because it recognizes the two decades of research and public education that Ms. Daar performed. She is a pioneer in the field of integrated pest management in a state and a culture that took pride in synthetic chemical response to pests and the development of pesticides and herbicides of great variety and power. Ms. Daar has made significant contributions to our present understanding of the wide, unexpected sweep and longevity of these toxins, in terms of poisoning our soil, our biosystem, and our atmosphere.

She has labored long in agricultural fields, along the sides of California's highways, in city lots and anywhere where plants grow; espousing, and teaching the values of reduced dependence on synthetic, chemical toxins.

Ms. Daar's early horticultural successes were in teaching as well as being appointed to the State of California Pest Management Advi-

sory Committee in 1993, and to the California Department of Transportation's Public Advisory Liaison System, in 1995. She continues to serve on both bodies.

I am enormously pleased to recognize this remarkable woman on behalf of my district, my state and my country.

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HONORING LEO ARAGUZ

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Leo Araguz, a native of Harlingen, Texas, who is being honored tonight in his hometown for the professional athletic accomplishments in his young life.

Leo Araguz, a small town guy of modest means, has played professional football, as a kicker, for several National Football League teams. Tonight, his family, friends and community plan a surprise celebration for him in his hometown, and I want to let him know that the House of Representatives supports the efforts of his community to honor his work.

Professional sports are the top of the heap for athletes in our country. In Texas, football easily reigns over other sports. Getting to the top in professional football is a difficult thing to do under the best of circumstances, but the circumstances for Leo have never been easy.

As a good athlete in school, he almost missed out on sports altogether after a car wreck that badly injured his leg. A full year of therapy not only brought him back to football, but strengthened his legs, which made him decide to concentrate on the kicking game. As a former soccer player, kicking came quite naturally, and a star was born.

The strength of his kicking game assisted the Harlingen High School Cardinals in securing several South Texas football honors. In college, at Stephen F. Austin State University, he led his division in punting in 1992.

Since that time, he has played for the Miami Dolphins, the San Diego Chargers, and the Oakland Raiders. He has just been re-signed by the Miami Dolphins and will soon go there for training camp. Please join me in commending Leo Araguz for his hard work and his commitment to excellence in the game of football.

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HONORING RABBI AVI WEISS, THE  
HEBREW INSTITUTE OF RIVERDALE

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Avi Weiss and the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale this year celebrate 25 years of passion and outreach within the Jewish community.

Rabbi Weiss has traveled far and wide to support the cause of Judaism, most famously for his work at Auschwitz where he persuaded an order of nuns to move their convent from the gates of that infamous death camp.

He went to Buenos Aires in 1994 to comfort the families of the victims of a bomb attack on

a synagogue. There he met with Argentine President Carlos Menem and was invited to a Cabinet meeting to discuss security concerns. And it was at his urging that the International Relations Committee of the House of Representatives conducted hearings on the bombing when the official investigation lagged.

Rabbi Weiss was named Rabbi of the Year by the New York Board of Rabbis for outstanding service to the rabbinate.

He also pioneered outreach programs at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale including free High Holy Day Services, a free Passover Seder and programs to reach the mentally and physically handicapped as well as elderly shut-ins. It is the only synagogue in the country which is barrier free.

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale reaches 4,000 families embracing Jews of all commitments.

Rabbi Weiss is a great personal friend and I congratulate him and the Center for their great work over these 25 years.

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TRIBUTE TO ISSAC GONZALES

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Issac Gonzales, a community leader in my Congressional District who passed away on January 21, 1998 at the age of 72.

Issac was born and raised in National City, California. In his younger years, he served with distinction in the United States Army and received a number of military honors for heroism and bravery including two bronze stars, a victory medal, and a purple heart.

Issac was a true community leader. He was honored for his service to his neighborhood as a volunteer in the Community Policing Program and worked until his death as a member of the San Diego Senior Citizens Patrol. A quiet man, he also worked tirelessly within his church and led by example.

Issac won the respect and appreciation of his friends, family, and the entire community for his involvement in all aspects of the community life of National City.

We come across a small number of special people who touch our hearts and souls with their activism, optimism, and dedication to making everyone's life richer. Issac was one of those chosen few. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Silvia, his sons Andrew and Robert, and his family and friends. Issac Gonzales will be dearly missed.

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HONORING DOMINIQUE DE MENIL

**HON. KEN BENTSEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of an extraordinary woman, Dominique de Menil of Houston, a world renowned patron of the arts, philanthropist, and passionate advocate for human rights, who passed away December 31, 1997, at the age of 89. Her death is a tremendous loss not only for her family, but for the city of Houston and