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HONORING BILL SANTUCCI

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 12, 2008

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bill Santucci, who sadly passed away on May 7, 2008. Bill was a lifelong resident of Roseville, CA, and served his community for over 20 years as an elected official. His vision and leadership in the city of Roseville and Placer County enabled the region to accommodate a period of rapid growth and improve the quality of life for residents in the area.

In Roseville, Bill served on and chaired both the Roseville Project Review Committee and the Roseville Planning Commission. He also served for a year on Roseville's personnel board. Bill was first appointed and then elected to the Roseville City Council for two terms, including four years as Mayor. In 1988, after raising over \$30,000 for their work, the American Cancer Society named Bill Man of the Year. Then in 1990, the Roseville Sons of Italy Lodge named Bill Citizen of the Year.

Bill Santucci was first elected to the Placer County Board of Supervisors in 1995. He

served on the board for 12 years, serving as board chair twice. Bill's effectiveness and support were evident, as he ran unopposed for reelection in 1998 and 2002. As a county supervisor, Bill consistently championed the needs of his constituents while also being a strong advocate for the interests of the county as a whole. Bill's impact as a community leader was immediately apparent, as he aided residents whose homes were flooded shortly after he took office by raising the elevation of homes in flood zones and ensuring that new homes would not be vulnerable to flooding. Bill understood the importance of a solid infrastructure, helping the smaller towns he represented to install sewer lines and working to secure Federal funding for important transportation projects. He was also an advocate for the preservation of open space throughout the county, working to construct new parks.

On June 25, Bill will be honored as the new Justice Center in Roseville is dedicated in his name. This is a fitting tribute to a man who spent his life making Placer County a better place to live, work, and visit. My thoughts and prayers are with Bill's wife, Norma and his son, David. Bill's accomplishments will carry on, and his example will benefit the region for years to come.

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