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A Tribute to Active 20-30 Club

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Madame Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Active 20-30 Club's 85 years of service to the people of Sacramento and our nation. The Active 20-30 Club's participation in numerous community service projects has been extremely beneficial to our youth, and it is truly appreciated by many. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring one of the most prominent groups advocating for Sacramento's children.

Founded in 1922, the Active 20-30 Club provides an opportunity for men and women to give back to the community and support children's charities and programs. Since its inception in Sacramento, the club has expanded to include 111 chapters across the state, nation and world. Promoting their motto, "One never stands so tall as when they are kneeling to help a child," the Active 20-30 Club has encouraged and inspired many young adults to become involved in their community through fundraising, volunteering, and other activities that set positive examples for children.

Aside from community service projects that benefit children, the Active 20-30 Club encourages its members to participate in their communities for the rest of their lives. They work to create lasting relationships between members and their communities, promote programs and gatherings for the purposes of furthering their mission of supporting and promoting programs that benefit children, and develop relationships between people in

professional and social activities. The skills and contacts gained through Active 20-30 have enabled many participants to go on to become civic and business leaders. As you may know, my late husband Bob Matsui was the president of the local chapter and we met some of our closest friends through Active 20-30. Active 20-30's participation in this year's 9th annual "Global Youth Services Day" is merely one example of how they are involved in the community and take part in community improvement projects benefiting our youth.

Each year, thousands of organizations benefit from the Active 20-30 USA and Active 20-30 International. These organizations include: Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the American Red Cross, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America, Jumpstart and Headstart Preschool Programs, and numerous other children's hospitals and after-school programs. In addition to their work with these charities, the Active 20-30 USA and Canada Clubs have raised funds for victims of Hurricane Katrina and forest fires in the Lake Tahoe area. They have volunteered time to construct playgrounds, mentored students and organized "shopping sprees" that provide low-income children with school supplies and clothing.

Madame Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Active 20-30 Club's distinguished commitment to children in Sacramento and across the nation. Active 20-30's dedication to community service has impacted millions of children and numerous communities across the world. We all are thankful for their efforts. As the Active 20-30 Club gather's to honor "Global Youth Service Day" and celebrate 85 years of service to our children and communities, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing them continued success in future endeavors.