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## *House of Representatives*

*Speech of*

*The Honorable Fortney Pete Stark*

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### **HONORING THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDEN AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

MR. STARK, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Eden Area League of Women Voters celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 13, 2007. The Eden Area League serves the communities of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and San Lorenzo, California.

The Hayward Area League joined with the San Leandro League in 1988 to become the Eden Area League of Women Voters.

The Hayward Area League of Women Voters was founded in 1957 by a group of Hayward, California women interested in non-partisan study of local and broader issues, and non-partisan voter education. The Hayward Area League is an expression of the National League of Women Voters founded in 1920. The League is dedicated to enfranchising all voters, educating its members and the public on local, state and national issues, providing non-partisan public forums for candidate interviews and ballot measure discussions.

Members of the Eden Area League have devoted thousands of hours to their communities to improve voter knowledge of local, state and national issues. The members encourage community members to become involved with a special focus on educating voters on state ballot propositions, local issues and understanding governance structures.

The League, at all levels, has a well-deserved reputation for educating themselves and the public about critical public policy issues and events that shape our democratic process.

Over its fifty years of existence, the Eden Area League of Women Voters can point to a number of successful projects with pride. They have become an integral part of the cities they serve and provide an invaluable public service to our communities.

I express my heartiest congratulations to the Eden Area League of Women Voters on reaching a milestone 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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*Presented this twenty-second day of March, 2007  
by the Honorable Pete Stark,  
a Representative in Congress from the State of California*