

June 2, 2007: Loretta Honors Gold Star Mothers

Sanchez Thanks Military Families

Gold Star Mothers Receive Tribute

GARDEN GROVE, CA - This Saturday marked the 4th Annual Military Mothers' Luncheon, hosted by Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez and Madres Militares of Orange. Sanchez welcomed and thanked over 200 military mothers for their continuous love and support for their children currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The program also included a heartfelt presentation to honor Gold Star mothers, mothers of fallen soldiers, paying tribute to their sons' memory and service.

"We wanted to honor our local Gold Star mothers who have made carried the biggest burden of the war in losing their sons' in the service to our country," said Sanchez. "Additionally, Gold Star mothers continue promote service to our country; provide patriotic work; provide aid and volunteer for our troops and veterans; keep the spirit and memory of our fallen soldiers alive; provide support assistance to military mothers; and promote good will for the United States."

Sanchez also paid tribute to Jasmine Crawl, Gold Star mother of local Fullerton hero Warrant Officer 3 Cornell Chao. Cornell, served his country for 18 years as a helicopter pilot. He was 36 years old when he passed away on January 28th of this year when his Apache helicopter crashed in Najaf, Iraq. Ms. Crawl was recently notified by the U.S. Army that Cornell was awarded a Silver Star medal for his heroic actions.

This year's mother's organizations include: Madres Militares of Orange County; Blue Star Moms of California; Gold Star Mothers of Orange County; Moms of Military, Riverside; Moms of Military, Yorba Linda; Madres Militares, East Los Angeles; Comfort, Love & Hope, Camp Pendleton Wives and the American Legion Auxiliary District 29.

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