

San Ramon Patch

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Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, praised members of the Soroptimist International of San Ramon Valley on Wednesday on the floor of the House of Representatives.

McNerney's remarks, which came during Women's History Month, recognized the organization's hard work to improve the lives of women.

The text of Congressman McNerney's remarks is below:

I rise today to recognize the members of the Soroptimist International of San Ramon Valley for their work to improve the lives of women in our community. This is the final week of the Women's History Month and as such it is fitting that we recognize an organization that's helping the next generation of women to succeed and make history.

The Soroptimists of San Ramon Valley recently held a conference for the seventh year in a row to help young women gain self-confidence and develop important life skills. The event included presentations from speakers and interactive workshops that promote leadership and help the participants to pursue their life goals.

The Soroptimists of San Ramon Valley, which is one of many chapters of the Soroptimist International throughout the world, also issue awards to girls who are involved in community service and provide grants to women so they can participate in job training and education programs.

The Soroptimists of San Ramon Valley have made a difference for many in our community. I

ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the members of this organization for their hard work to improve the lives of women.