

Karen Bass Congressional Record Presentation – July 11, 2012

Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an exceptional foundation in California's 33rd District-- Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc. (MMF). This Los Angeles based organization was formed on July 12, 2002 as a 501(c)(3) with the critical mission to increase the number of students and young adults from various backgrounds in the public service system through higher education, scholarships, mentoring, and leadership development training.

MMF empowers and encourages students to further develop their passion for service, commitment to change, and to become leaders within their communities. The program rewards exceptional student leaders with scholarships that are matched by their own institutions, providing more financial resources for students to complete their college degrees. Students attend life changing leadership development workshops focusing on important issues such as personal finance, professional communication, dispute resolution, and resume and interview preparation. This foundation has an outstanding and effectual track record of equipping young people with the tools and skills they need to reach success in public service.

Millennium Momentum Foundation, Inc. has become one of the premier providers of leadership development training in the nation with a 96 percent college graduation rate and an 85 percent employment matriculation rate among program participants completing service delivery from 2004 to 2011. MMF's capacity to effectively reach, educate, train, and professionally develop young adults was so impressive, it was selected by the Obama administration in 2012 to serve as a national partner to help implement the White House Young America Series, a non-partisan educational conference initiative aiming to merge President Obama's vision with young America's needs in 17 cities around the nation.

Mr. Speaker, we are very proud to have such an outstanding organization as part of the Los Angeles Community and California's 33rd Congressional District.