

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO JESSICA
SELESTINE JENKINS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jessica Selestine Jenkins. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the impressive accomplishments of this young woman.

Jessica Selestine Jenkins was born on September 10, 1987 in Brooklyn, NY. She is the daughter of proud parents, Moszestia Ahay and Ronald Jenkins.

Jessica is a role model for her family and young people in her community. In her quiet and studious manner, Jessica was educated in the private and public schools of Brooklyn, NY. She attended Phyls Academy, Parkway Elementary School, Ebenezer Junior High School and Boys and Girls High School.

Jessica has always maintained honor roll status throughout her schooling. She is a 2005 Arista Honor Roll graduate of Boys and Girls High School with an average of 91 percent. Her awards, plaques and recognitions are numerous. Some of her most cherished are the Martin Luther King Essay and Community Service Award, the Elliot Spitzer Triple "C" Award, Student of the Month, Community Service Award and Perfect Attendance Award to name a few. Jessica is a member of Berean Baptist Church where she participates in the Youth Ministry.

Jessica loves to work with and teach children. She has been employed with the Berean Summer Day Camp since 2003. Her favorite scripture is "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he would not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) Her favorite song is "All of My Help Cometh From the Lord." Her favorite motto is, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Jessica is presently a freshman at New York City College of Technology where she is studying to be a registered nurse. She chose this field because of her desire to help others and make a difference in someone's day and/or life. Jessica's hobbies include reading, listening to music and dancing.

Jessica's proud younger siblings, Jani and Jeffery Ahay look up to her as a great sister.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Jessica Selestine Jenkins.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT J.
LEVINSOHN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Robert J. Levinsohn, an out-

standing New Yorker who has devoted himself in service to others throughout his career. Robert Levinsohn has distinguished himself both as an attorney in private practice and as a driving force behind New York County's pioneering role in fostering a reform of its judicial culture, rendering it free of corruption and unwarranted partisan political influence.

A member of our Nation's greatest generation, Robert J. Levinsohn proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He went on to graduate with a bachelor of arts degree from Yale College in 1946 and from the Columbia University School of Law in 1948, where he was named editor of the prestigious Columbia Law Review.

In 1952, Robert J. Levinsohn joined Proskauer Rose LLP, one of the Nation's oldest, largest and most highly respected law firms, and one of the first in the Nation to develop a specialized practice in tax law, which became Mr. Levinsohn's area of professional expertise. Named a partner of the firm in 1963, he continues to represent clients in the firm's New York office to this day. In addition, Mr. Levinsohn's professional qualifications and impeccable reputation for probity and integrity have led his colleagues to name him to numerous leadership positions in the New York State and City Bar Associations as well as the New York County Lawyers' Association.

A lifelong activist devoted to the highest ideals of the Democratic Party, Robert J. Levinsohn naturally assumed a series of important positions of leadership in the world of politics and public policy. An active member and longtime Executive Committee member of the Lexington Democratic Club, one of the first political organizations in the Nation devoted to reform of the political and judicial system, Mr. Levinsohn also served as president of the Columbia Law School Democratic Club; president of the New York Young Democratic Club; chief campaign legal aide to the late, much beloved, Manhattan Congressman William Fitts Ryan; cochairman of the Committee for Democratic Voters and of the New Democratic Coalition; cochairman of the New York County Democratic Committee's Law Committee; vice chairman and member of the New York City Council Districting Commission; and a delegate to New York County Democratic Party judicial conventions for more than 35 years. Throughout his professional and civic obligations, Mr. Levinsohn remains devoted to his beloved wife, Louise Katz.

It is in Robert Levinsohn's extraordinary success in reforming New York's judicial and political culture that he will undoubtedly bestow his most enduring legacy on the citizens of our Nation's greatest metropolis. A leader of Manhattan's postwar political reform movement from its first origins, Mr. Levinsohn helped spearhead the drive to remove the taint of political influence from New York's judicial branch. The key to this movement's ultimate success was the reform of the process selecting nominees for judicial office through the establishment of nonpartisan judicial screening panels. This long-sought goal of

civic activists like Mr. Levinsohn was finally realized in 1977 under the leadership of former New York County Democratic Party Chairwoman Miriam Bockman.

The judicial reform package promoted so ably by Robert J. Levinsohn and like-minded advocates of good government succeeded in establishing "doubleblind" independent judicial screening panels that effectively removed partisan political considerations from the judicial nominating process in New York County. Mr. Levinsohn's efforts to ensure the independence of the judiciary was further ratified after a fellow reform advocate, Congressman Edward I. Koch, was elected mayor of New York City and instituted a merit selection process for mayoral appointees to the bench. The reforms advocated by Robert J. Levinsohn have now become a model which is the envy of every other county in the Empire State.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by Mr. Robert J. Levinsohn, a true reformer in the finest traditions of our great republic.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND
OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 609) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965:

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Chairman, only 2 months after Congress cut \$12 billion in student loan assistance, this Republican majority wants the American people to understand how much they appreciate the vital connection between higher education and solving the most pressing problems of our communities and the country.

But let me be clear—they don't. If this majority understood the extent to which access to a quality education is inseparable from our economic prosperity, national security, and civic health, they would not be failing to make college loans more affordable with this bill. If this misguided majority believed that a quality college degree were the cornerstone of the American dream, opening the door to job opportunity and professional fulfillment, they would not be freezing the authorized level of the maximum Pell Grant at just \$200 above current levels through 2013. As if the cost of college will only rise by \$200 in the next 7 years—over the next two decades, the cost of a public university is expected to rise to \$50,000 for a public university and more than a quarter million dollars for a private school.

When this historic law was first passed in 1965, President Johnson promised that, "a high school senior anywhere in this great land of ours can apply to any college or any university in any of the 50 states and not be turned

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away because his family is poor." This legislation turns its back on that commitment, Mr. Chairman.

And so, the American people should see this legislation for what it is—not only a missed opportunity but also an assault on America's middle-class and a grave threat to our global competitiveness. Indeed, one recent international test involving mathematical understanding found that American students finished in 27th place among the nations participating. This as low-wage employers are creating the bulk of our new jobs—in one recent period, Wal-Mart and McDonald's created 44 percent of all new jobs.

If the Republican majority in this Congress was serious about strengthening our higher education system, this legislation would have adopted some of the recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*—one of the central recommendations of which was to make American universities the most attractive setting in which to study and get a degree.

In contrast to this legislation, the Democratic substitute would cut interest rates in half for the borrowers most in need—effectively lowering the cost of college by \$2.4 billion for students and their families. Our substitute would offer the 3.4 percent fixed interest rate to students who take out subsidized loans this year. And it would incentivize service in the fields of nursing, for three teachers in bilingual and low-income communities, librarians, and first responders.

Mr. Chairman, the critical role colleges and universities played in the last century's economy will pale in comparison to the role they will play in this century's. And this legislation should recognize that—not turn back the clock on access and affordability.

A TRIBUTE TO SALVATORE J.A.
SCLAFANI, M.D.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Salvatore J.A. Sclafani MD, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Dr. Sclafani received his Bachelor of Science from Fordham University in 1968 and undertook his medical education at the Upstate campus of SUNY, graduating in 1972. He completed his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Downstate/Kings County in 1976. He is a diplomate of the American College of Radiology with a certificate of added qualifications in Interventional Radiology.

Dr. Sclafani is a Fellow of the Society of Interventional Radiology and a member of numerous other medical societies. He is a past President of the American Society of Emergency Radiology.

Dr. Sclafani has published more than 150 papers in scientific journals and authored or co-authored more than 20 textbooks. He is currently the Section editor of Radiology for the Journal of Trauma and has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Interventional

Radiology, and Emergency Radiology. Dr. Sclafani has presented at almost 200 invitational lectures in the U.S. and has lectured extensively on 4 continents. He has taught countless radiologists the techniques of Interventional Radiology during his 9 visits to the Peoples' Republic of China.

Dr. Sclafani is recognized for his work in the uses of Radiology in traumatized and emergency patients and has either developed techniques or set standards for the use of Interventional Radiology in the control of hemorrhage after trauma. He is most recognized for his development of a method of treating without the use of open surgery patients who have sustained a ruptured spleen. Other collaborations have led to an awareness of the value of physiological monitoring of the injured elderly, a non-operative approach to exsanguinating hemorrhage after pelvic fractures and management schemes for vascular injuries of the head and neck.

In 1989, Dr. Sclafani became an honorary police surgeon of the New York Police Department after a celebrated "save" by Interventional Radiology of a patrolman who had sustained a near fatal gunshot wound of the internal carotid artery. This event brought national public recognition to Kings County Hospital as an innovator in trauma care and the techniques were featured in the New York Times Science Section.

Dr. Sclafani has spent his entire career working among the indigent and was honored by the New York Academy of Medicine for his contributions to urban health.

Participating in the Trauma Service of Kings County since 1976, he is its senior member. He is currently the Chief of Radiology at Kings County Hospital Center and Chairman of the Department of Radiology of the Downstate Medical Center where he directs more than thirty radiologists and 29 residents. He is also President of the Medical Board of Kings County Hospital Center.

Dr. Sclafani was born and raised in Brooklyn to which he has dedicated his entire career. He currently resides in Park Slope, Brooklyn with his wife, Georgia Sclafani with whom he raised 2 sons, Paul and Ross. He lived in the pediatric examining room of his father, Anthony Sclafani, MD in Bensonhurst during the first 4 years of his life and lived above the waiting room of his father's office until the age of 13. Thus, he considers the hospital his second home and its patients his family.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Sclafani, as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local and national communities.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Sclafani's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY TO PREVENT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This august institution is celebrating its 140th anniversary this month, and all Americans should salute its remarkable success as the first organization dedicated to the protection of animals in the Western Hemisphere.

Over the course of the last 140 years, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or ASPCA, has helped change the way Americans think about animals. The society came into being on April 10, 1866 when its founder, the diplomat and philanthropist Henry Bergh, succeeded in securing it a charter from the New York State Legislature. Just 9 days later, Mr. Bergh and his colleagues from the ASPCA convinced the legislature to pass a new law preventing acts of cruelty to animals and giving the society the power to enforce it. This burst of activism succeeded in focusing public attention on the plight of animals throughout the United States, and its activities helped spawn similar efforts across the Nation.

Headquartered on Manhattan's Upper East Side, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has expanded its services over the decades to encompass a humane education program and a government affairs initiative that lobbies for the enactment of laws to provide better protections to animals. The ASPCA provided the city of New York with animal control services for a century, rescuing countless animals in its ambulances, providing them with medical care in its clinics, and sheltering and placing them in new homes whenever possible. The society's humane approach to law enforcement established a model that has been adopted by cities, towns, and villages across the United States.

Today, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is one of the largest humane societies in the world. Its New York City headquarters house an animal hospital, shelter, and adoption center. Law enforcement officers for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals continue to serve as the primary enforcers of anti-cruelty statutes in our Nation's greatest metropolis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to the well-being of both animals and humans made by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

A TRIBUTE TO ANTONIO D.

MARTIN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Antonio D. Martin and I hope

my colleagues will join me recognizing the accomplishments of this outstanding member of the community.

Tony Martin's approach to leadership is formulated in his fervent belief in the concept of teamwork, as demonstrated by his track record as a healthcare executive.

A 20-year veteran of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, HHC, the largest municipal healthcare system in the United States, Mr. Martin was appointed chief operating officer of Queens Hospital Center, QHC, in July 1999 and executive director in 2002. Under his direction, the hospital successfully completed the construction and opening of a new state-of-the-art facility in January 2002, which has since expanded to a total of 243 beds. In the spring of 2005, QHC volunteered to be one of the first city hospitals to undergo an unannounced Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, JCAHO, survey, successfully completing the rigorous 4-day examination. This acknowledges the hospital's firm compliance with regulatory JCAHO standards at all times.

His overriding mission has been to make Queens Hospital Center the hospital of choice in the borough, and to broaden its appeal beyond the traditional populations within its surrounding community. Specific initiatives include a comprehensive disease management initiative that empowers patients to manage their chronic illnesses, as well as an overall redesign of the hospital's ambulatory care services to better expedite patient visits.

Managing an annual operating budget of \$230 million, Mr. Martin currently oversees three Centers of Excellence within the hospital for Cancer Care; Women's Health; and Diabetes. For the past 3 years, he has aggressively promoted the technological advancement of the Queens Cancer Center of Queens Hospital, his objective being to present it as the premier cancer care facility in the borough. In addition, a new Ambulatory Care Pavilion is scheduled to open its doors in 2006, and a total of four family health centers affiliated with QHC are now offering comprehensive primary care services within the hospital's neighboring communities.

From April 1998 until July 1999, Mr. Martin served as deputy executive director of Network Behavioral Health for the Brooklyn/Staten Island Network of HHC, including Kings County Hospital Center, East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center, Sea View Hospital and Nursing Home, Dr. Susan Smith McKinney, and Bedford-Stuyvesant Alcoholism Treatment Center.

Prior to his Network position, Mr. Martin was the executive director of East New York Neighborhood Family Care Center, ENYNFCC, in Brooklyn from 1990 to 1998. Under his leadership, ENYNFCC successfully received its article 28 designation from the New York State Department of Health in 1993, and became the East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center, ENYDTC. He was the administrator for the Medical Records Department at Kings County Hospital and previously the acting director of Medical Records at Metropolitan Hospital, both of which are HHC facilities.

Mr. Martin recently served, along with other esteemed African-American leaders, as the healthcare executive on a regional panel addressing the current state of the African-American male. He was a delegate for the Health

and Human Services, HHS-International Conference on Ethnic Health. He has received numerous awards for community service, most recent among them the Center for the Women of New York's "Good Guy" Award, 2004, the Metropolitan New York Association of Diabetes Educators "CEO of the Year" Award, 2004, and the NAHSE Award from the National Association of Health Service Executives, an organization of leaders in the healthcare field, 2002. Professional memberships are sustained with the following organizations: the Health Association of New York State, HANYS, East New York-Brownsville H.I.V. Steering Committee; New York Association of Ambulatory Care; Community Health Care Association of New York State, CHCANYS; National Association of Public Hospitals, NAPH; and the American Hospital Association, AHA.

Mr. Martin holds a master's degree in health service administration and policy from the New School for Social Research in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Antonio D. Martin, as he offers his talents for the betterment of our local and international communities.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Cesar Estrada Chavez. Seventy-nine years ago one of the greatest civil rights leaders of our time was born near Yuma, Arizona. A man that embodied the strength to fight for civil rights, Cesar Chavez dedicated his life to the liberty and justice of farm workers across America.

Mr. Chavez dedicated his life to teaching others that persistence, hard work, faith, and willingness to sacrifice one's self breaks down barriers. He committed himself to achieving justice and equality for all farm workers and paved the way for momentous social change.

Mr. Chavez began early in his life dealing with injustice and inequality; his family was forced off their land and subjected to working in fields all over California. He attended 37 schools, never succeeding past the eighth grade. Despite his tribulations, he was able to instill his passion for education in the hearts of all that he touched. Mr. Chavez taught that the love for justice is inherent in each and every one of us and that it is the most amazing and true part of being human.

In 1962, Mr. Chavez put his beliefs into action and formed what is known today as the United Farm Workers. His efforts initiated one of the greatest social movements of our time; fighting for safe and fair working conditions, reasonable wages, decent housing and the outlaw of child labor for farm workers everywhere.

Mr. Chavez embraced nonviolent tactics to help focus national attention on the problems that existed for farm workers. The non-violent tactics Mr. Chavez utilized included fasting, marching, rallying, picketing and boycotting. The vast attention that was drawn to the plight of the farm workers educated America of the

great pain and exploitation the farm workers endured to produce food for millions of American families.

Mr. Chavez was said to have given his last ounce of strength defending the farm workers before he died in his sleep on April 23, 1993.

Cesar E. Chavez is honored throughout America for his tireless work to help those that could not help themselves. In my hometown of Houston, every year we celebrate the life and times of Mr. Cesar E. Chavez by holding a Hispanic Pride parade. An event sponsored by the community and an event to bring us together and celebrate as one.

We honor him today in life and in death for his leadership, his vision, his bravery, and his unselfish commitment to the principles of social justice and respect for human dignity. He will forever live on as an inspiration to those of us who seek to create a better world, and his legacy is one which serves to remind us that "Together all things are possible." Si se puede!

A TRIBUTE TO KATHIE T. RONES
M.D., M.P.H., FACP

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a Brooklynite and distinguished physician, Dr. Kathie T. Rones. It is an honor to represent Dr. Rones in the House of Representatives and it behooves us to pay tribute to such an outstanding leader.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Rones is currently the Medical Director at Kings County Hospital Center a position she has held since 1996. Dr. Rones manages a staff of over a thousand doctors and hundreds of residents. As the busiest trauma in the State of New York, King's County has a minimum of 120,000 emergency room visits a year.

Dr. Rones is a Senior Clinical Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Medicine at SUNY Downstate. Prior to her appointment as Medical Director, Dr. Rones served as Chief of Ambulatory Care Services and Director of the Medical Clinic at King's County and more recently as the Medical Director of Bronx Lebonon Hospital Center-Ambulatory Care Network. Dr. Rones went to Medical School at Brown University and earned her M.D. in 1980.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the achievements and selfless service of Dr. Rones as she continues to offer her selfless health services for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Speaker, may our country continue to benefit from the actions of altruistic community leaders such as Dr. Kathie T. Rones.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE TRUEMAN
KIRK PEEK

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Trueman Kirk Peek.

Every once in a while, a person comes along who has the capacity to positively influence people, the community, and life in general. Kirk Peek was just such a man. It saddens me to say that, tragically, he perished in a plane crash on January 17, 2006.

Kirk was born on August 14, 1938 in Unionville, Missouri. Very patriotic and dedicated to our country, he joined the Marines in 1956. He was an avid outdoorsman and after his discharge, Kirk settled in Lone Pine, CA. A 41-year resident, he was the community's beloved barber and his shop was considered the unofficial center of town. People went to Kirk's barbershop for a friendly chat, to find shelter from inclement weather, shoot pool, or to pick up dry cleaning. Kirk was not always there, but the door was never locked. His shop was also a sort of self-help bank as well because frequently the cash register wasn't locked either. As Lone Pine's informal ambassador, Kirk welcomed tourists and his barbershop felt like a second home for many people.

Kirk was involved in several organizations over the years including the Lions Club, Mt. Whitney Golf Club, Little League, the volunteer fire department, Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce, Inyo Associates, and the Lone Pine Booster Club. Appointed to the Inyo County Board of Education in 1998, Kirk felt it was an honor to serve and he continually provided astute insights, wise counsel, and humble leadership.

An accomplished pilot, Kirk flew almost everywhere. He loved to fly and said it gave him a sense of spirituality and a sense of awe. He felt at home in the air and he would always make sure his plane was available for a friend in need.

Although Kirk will be remembered as a gregarious, honest, and caring man who was generous with his time and talents in order to help others, Kirk's lasting legacy rests in his family. He was a dedicated husband to his wife, Judy, and a loving father to daughter, Beth, as well as a devoted grandfather to Sara and Daniel Blodgett. Sadly, Kirk's son, Phillip Shawn Peek, passed away in 1991.

When Oscar Wilde said, "Some people cause happiness wherever they go," he could have been talking about Trueman Kirk Peek. With his contagious sense of fun and enthusiastic love of life, Kirk always brought out the best in people. He had a genuine affection for others and made friends wherever he went. And those friends deeply miss Kirk and mourn his passing.

A TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA DEANS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patricia Deans, a decorator, designer, economist, coordinator, organizer and entrepreneur. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her accomplishments.

Patricia was born in Wilson, NC in 1941 and is the oldest daughter of Samuel and Helen Ruth Reid. Patricia graduated from Charles H. Darden High School and moved to New York in 1959. In September 1963, she graduated from Adelphi Business School and began working in the health care profession where

she remained for 30 years. She is the mother of three children, Sharon, Walter and Sean, and the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren.

As a community advocate, she is involved with the following organizations: National Association for the Study of African-American Life and History; National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, state coordinator; Solid Waste Advisory Board, SWAB, Brooklyn Borough President's appointment May, 1996; Glenmore Plaza Tenant's Association, president; Brownsville Heritage House Inc., first vice president; Faith Hope and Charity Community Services, Inc., secretary; Brooklyn Public Library Friends Group; Stone Avenue and Brownsville Branches; Multi-Cultural Committee for District 23, member; Youthbuild Brownsville, member.

Patricia's art exhibits have touched both children and senior citizens. Mt. Ararat-Presentation Church Community Senior Citizen Center exhibited her art during its Thanksgiving Convocation for resident leaders.

Patricia's work, which has a multi-cultural focus—Kwanzaa, Dr. Martin Luther King's Celebration, Hispanic Heritage and Black History Month to name a few—is also exhibited at the Brownsville Heritage House. Founded by Mother Rosetta Gaston in March 1981 at the age of 96, Brownsville Heritage House was to be a beacon of hope to the Brownsville Community. Patricia's commitment is to safeguard and enhance the work started by Mother Gaston. One of Patricia's greatest objectives is to see Brownsville Heritage House become to Brooklyn what the Schomburg Center is to Harlem. She desires to see children take advantage of the rich heritage contained within its walls. Patricia wants more people to become aware that Brownsville Heritage House, located on the third floor of the Stone Avenue Branch Library, is the first library built for children and therefore should have landmark status.

Patricia's art graced the Fort Greene Senior Citizen Center and other venues around the city as well as a library dedication at PS/IS 332, which was attended by the former first lady of New York City, Mrs. Joyce Dinkins along with other dignitaries.

Patricia's strong belief in improving the quality of life in urban and rural environment led her into becoming an entrepreneur in July 1994. She saw the need for community based partnerships to provide opportunities for the elderly, the children and the homeless. By pooling resources, sharing gifts and talents, the end results will provide multiple opportunities and empowerment for this population.

To further this quest, Patricia conducts workshops, consults on arts, education, restoration and environmental community development through the use of intergenerational instruction.

Mr. Speaker, Patricia Dean's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall votes 74, 75, and 76, taken last week.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 74, the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297; "yes" on rollcall 75, final passage of H. Res. 742; and "yes" on rollcall 76, the motion to table H. Res. 746).

A TRIBUTE TO MARIE I. HOLNESS-FLEMMING, LCSW

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 3, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marie Isabel Holness-Flemming, Senior Associate Director of Social Work Services at North Brooklyn Health Network. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her accomplishments.

Ms. Holness-Flemming is an accomplished professional, dedicated to helping people cope with illness and crisis. As a social work professional for over 20 years she has worked with and developed programs to service a wide variety of populations such as critical ill newborns, the elderly, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of violence and substance abuse.

Ms. Holness-Flemming was born in Panama City, Republic of Panama to Boswell and Vera Holness. At the age of two, she immigrated with her family to the U.S. where they settled in the Bronx. Education, highly valued in her household, Ms. Holness-Flemming was a New York State Regent Scholarship winner. She went on to attend Union College in Schenectady, New York obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Psychology. After working for several years with preschool children as a day care teacher, she returned to academia and obtained a Master of Social Work degree from Hunter College School of Social Work.

Pursuing her interest in children, she worked for a child-abuse prevention agency focusing on "at risk" families in order to prevent children from entering the foster care system. Understanding that violence in the household was not only directed toward the children, she developed support groups for victims of domestic violence in an effort to empower women to protect themselves as well as their children. In 1987, she then joined the social work staff at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center where she served for 14 years in a variety of positions moving from direct practice to program development and administration. She worked as a Social Work Supervisor, Discharge Planning Coordinator, and Coordinator for HIV AIDS testing counseling programs, Director of Social Work and Associate Director for the Emergency Department. Ms. Holness-Flemming was honored by the Generations+ Health Network as one of its outstanding women in March 2001.

Currently, at the North Brooklyn Health Network, Ms. Holness-Flemming is responsible for

the social work staff at Woodhull Medical Center's Chemical Dependency Program and Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center's Mental Health Program. She was instrumental in the implementation of the department's computer-based discharge planning program and has developed an ongoing education program for staff to ensure they are informed and are providing quality care. She is involved in a number of community outreach projects to promote closer ties to the surrounding community. Ms. Holness-Flemming is a member of the hospital's Ethics Committee and Acute Care Flow team. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, NASW, and the Counsel of Social Work Administrators.

Ms. Holness-Flemming is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Homeowner Association where she has assisted in numerous food and clothing drives. She has volunteered time to assist the elderly in nursing homes and worked with the homeless. Ms. Holness-Flemming counts her family as her primary support system. She still resides in the Bronx with her husband of eight years, Tony Flemming, and her mother. In her free time she enjoys gardening, reading, watching ballet and modern dance and going to museums.

Mr. Speaker, Marie Isabel Holness-Flemming's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her worthy of our recognition today.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 5

Time to be announced
 Veterans' Affairs
 Business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits.
 S-216, Capitol

9:30 a.m.
 Armed Services
 Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session.
 SR-222

Environment and Public Works
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.
 SD-628

Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine the Indian separation plan and the administration's related legislative proposal, relating to U.S.-India atomic energy cooperation.
 SH-216

Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the problem of methamphetamine in Indian country.
 SR-485

10 a.m.
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine all hazards medical response.
 SD-430

Finance
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.
 SD-215

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine S. 2459, to improve cargo security.
 SD-342

10:30 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Legislative Branch Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Sergeant At Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and Capitol Guide Service.
 SD-138

2 p.m.
 Appropriations
 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice.
 SD-192

2:30 p.m.
 Appropriations
 Energy and Water Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Army Corps of Engineers.
 SD-124

Foreign Relations
 European Affairs Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Islamist extremism in Europe.
 SD-419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine various avenues of Federal funding for museums including authorized programs, grantmaking agencies and earmarks.
 SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Global Climate Change and Impacts Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the current and future role of science in the Asia Pacific Partnership.
 SD-562

Energy and Natural Resources
 Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the 2005 wildfire season and the Federal land management agencies' preparations for the 2006 wildfire season.
 SD-366

Intelligence
 Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
 SH-219
 3 p.m.

Armed Services
 Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.
 SR-222

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9:30 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Environmental Protection Agency.
 SD-124

Judiciary
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
 SD-226

Appropriations
 Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Treasury.
 SD-138

10 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture, focusing on current proposals to regulate offshore aquaculture operations, discuss research in this field being conducted off the coasts of New England and Hawaii, and the impacts that expanded aquaculture operations would have on fishermen, seafood processors, and consumers.
 SD-562

Aging
 To hold hearings to examine employment and community service for low income seniors.
 SD-106

10:30 a.m.
 Finance
 To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care coverage for small businesses.
 SD-215

- Appropriations
Homeland Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the United States Coast Guard's role in border and maritime security. SD-192
- 1:30 p.m.
Appropriations
District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine healthcare in the District of Columbia. SD-138
- 2 p.m.
Appropriations
Energy and Water Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Nuclear Security Administration. SD-192
- Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Mark C. Minton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia. SD-419
- Judiciary
Intellectual Property Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposals for a legislative solution relating to orphan works. SD-226
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the VA's 5-year capital construction plan. SR-418
- 2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of the Small Business Administration, focusing on SBA programs and their financial impact on the budget and economy. SD-342
- Finance
Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine if America is saving enough to be competitive in the global marketplace relating to saving for the 21st century. SD-215
- Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 1510, to designate as wilderness certain lands within the Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 1719 and H.R. 1492, bills to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, S. 2034 and H.R. 394, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and assess the suitability and feasibility of including the farm in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2252, to designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, and S. 2403, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to include in the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park land and interests in land of the GT Park Subdivision. SD-366
- Armed Services
SeaPower Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Navy Shipbuilding in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-232A
- Intelligence
To receive a closed briefing regarding certain intelligence matters. SH-219
- 3:30 p.m.
Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007. SR-222
- APRIL 25
- 9:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the state of the biofuels industry. SR-328A
- APRIL 26
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine fostering innovation in math and science education. Room to be announced
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138
- MAY 3
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Printing Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Office of Compliance. SD-138
- MAY 17
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology. Room to be announced
- MAY 24
- 10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Legislative Branch Subcommittee
To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138
- JUNE 14
- 10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies. Room to be announced
- POSTPONEMENTS
- APRIL 5
- 2 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations. SD-226