often shot from the hip, Mr. Lee was fiercely loyal to his deputies and earned the respect of even his most vocal adversaries. Mr. Lee soon became a household name in Louisiana and was inducted into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2001.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Sheriff Lee, a dedicated community leader and great friend to all. I would like to extend my most heartfelt condolences to Sheriff Lee's wife, Lai, his daughter, Cynthia Sheng and his two grandchildren. He will truly be missed.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHANESVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SUGARCREEK, OHIO

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, the dedicated people of the Shanesville Lutheran Church of Sugarcreek, Ohio celebrates the 175th anniversary of the Shanesville Lutheran Church with great joy; and

Whereas, this occasion is a time to look back at the origins of the church and appreciate how much it has grown from the first days in the log church when Rev. Snyder preached in 1820; and

Whereas, occasions such as these illustrate to us that love mixed with grace and trust will stand the test of time; and

Whereas, it is the fond wish of this body that you will continue to present this work as a beacon for hope to the destitute and maintain your stand as a symbol to this generation that our strength lies in our gracious commitment in unity to each other in the bonds of brotherhood; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the congregation for your unwavering commitment, recognizing that all great achievements come from great dedication. With great appreciation and respect, we recognize the tremendous impact this congregation has had in the community and in the lives of those people you have touched.

FAVORING A SINGLE, INTEGRATED MARKET FOR THE CARIBBEAN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in favor of the harmonization of the Caribbean economy, and in that spirit, introduce the article, "Jamaicans To New Government In Kingston: Do Not Change Regional Course On Caribbean Single Market, It's Vital." The article—written by Tony Best and published in New York CARIB News on Sept. 19, 2007—highlights the optimism of Jamaicans in the Diaspora that the island nation's new government will keep pace with the area's push towards economic integration.

The ambitious move promises to augment the production and trade of goods and services, engender products of better quality and prices, bolster the service sectors of transportation and communication, and elevate standards of living. The article conjectures that the integration of the Caribbean's air transportation may already be top priority, as the area's tourism nears consolidation.

[From the New York CARIB News, Sept. 19, 2007]

JAMAICANS TO NEW GOVERNMENT IN KINGSTON: DO NOT CHANGE REGIONAL COURSE ON CARIBBEAN SINGLE MARKET, IT'S VITAL

(By Tony Best)

Keep Jamaica on course with the rest of the Caribbean as the island-nations and coastal states move forward with the plan for economic integration.

That appeal to the new administration in Kingston led by Prime Minister Bruce Golding has come from Jamaicans in New York who believe it would be a mistake for the Jamaica Labor Party Administration to show a lack of enthusiasm for Jamaica's vital role in the efforts designed to launch the Single Market and Economy.

It was a course set for Jamaica by successive Governments formed by the People's National Party led by Michael Manley, P.J. Patterson and more recently Portia Simpson-Miller and it should be embraced by the Jamaica Labor Party's administration.

At the same time, Jamaicans are urging the new Prime Minister and his cabinet to continue working closely with the Jamaican Diaspora in North America and elsewhere so that the country would continue to reap maximum benefits from the human, financial, cultural and other resources if nationals living and working abroad. ''Historically, the JLP was never a very warm supporter of Caribbean unity, Caricom if you will, and this goes back to the time of the West Indies Federation,'' the Rev. Patrick Perrin, Pastor of Hanson Place Central United Methodist Church in downtown Brooklyn told the New York Carib News.

''But when I begin to look at the new persons on the scene within the JLP government, many of the new leaders that they have, I believe I don't have to have that fear,'' added Pastor Perrin. ''I think the new blood, they are probably more broad-minded. The economists, political scientists and others who have gone through the University of the West Indies, which is an integrative kind of force and studied and worked with persons in the other territories, would have this broad view. They would have a feeling of the Caribbean, as distinct from the narrow, nationalistic, isolationist type of policy.''

''I believe the new leadership would probably be more open to an integrated Caribbean,'' he added. ''We can expect a display of courage from the new Prime Minister, looking at the way he dealt with his own party by not being afraid to leave when he couldn't agree with certain things. That's a good sign if strong leadership that bodes well for Jamaica.''

For instance, the Methodist Minister believes the new government place the question of integration of air transportation high on its list of priorities.

''It should be a part of the general integrative package because Caribbean tourism is becoming more and more integrated,'' he said. ''We have to take a broad look at some of the institutions that we have and decide what's best for our interest. What I do know is the Caribbean needs an integrated Caribbean airline. It should consider putting all of the airlines together and make it work, that would be the road to take. We need to look at how we integrate air travel in the entire Caribbean.''

The Methodist Minister, head of the Hanson Place church for the past decade, also said Jamaicans abroad were ready and eager to work with the new administration in much the same that they had linked arms with the PNO Government for the good of their birthplace.

''Jamaicans in the Diaspora are interested in the welfare of their country, regardless if the political party that formed the government and the new government must continue to harness that nationalism and interest,'' Perrin insisted.

Hyacinth Spence, a Jamaican community activist who is also President of the New York chapter of the Mico Old Students Association said that any lukewarm attitude to Caribbean integration that Golding and the JLP displayed in recent years when they were in the opposition was unlikely to become government policy towards the rest of the Caribbean.

''He has to improve with his relations with the rest of the Caribbean,'' Spence said of Golding. ''You can't be a separatist. You can't separate Jamaica from the rest of the Caribbean because Jamaica plays an important part in regional affairs and development. So, if before he had lukewarm feelings while in the opposition, Golding would have to change them, based on the negotiations, the discussions, the meetings in which they have to come to table and participate'' as the government of Jamaica.

In essence, she insisted, when in the opposition politicians say things to motivate followers and criticize Governments but once in power reality sets in.

''You have to keep the country in line with good relations, progressive relations, encourage development because you have to build, cement relations and make things better,'' she added.

Turning to the Diaspora, Spence expects Jamaicans to continue support for their country regardless of the party in office.

''We in the Diaspora have to make a determined effort to continue to support Jamaica in all the ways we can,'' was the way she put it. ''It doesn't matter which party is in power.''

Wellington Sharpe, an educator and politician in Brooklyn agreed.

''We must give the government a chance to see what they are going to do,'' he said. ''We must continue to support our country. When a person in the opposition, and I have seen it over and over, their positions are different from when they have to make decisions as a government. It becomes a different thing when they have to make decisions on things that affect an entire country. Mr. Golding's statements may have seemed lukewarm to regional integration but my hope is that it was simply an opposition stand and not a true philosophy in terms of leadership.''

That's why he is taking a wait-and-see attitude when it comes to Jamaica's approach to the rest of the Caribbean and the CSME.

''When the decisions have to be made we would see the true Bruce Golding,'' he said.

TEXAS GRANDPARENTS JOIN PEACE CORPS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, Maya Angelou once said, "You shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back." Since its inception in 1960, the Peace Corps has labored tirelessly throughout the world, "throwing back" to improve the lives of others. In these

short 47 years, more than 187,000 volunteers in 139 countries, have worked on issues ranging from environmental preservation to information technology.

Despite the fact that many people recognize this global need, fully committing to serving is often easier said than done. Mary and Tom Evans, of Humble, Texas, however, are an example to us all. These Texan grandparents want to ''return to the communities of the world,'' their ''good fortune.''

At the age when most of the couple's peers are retiring, they will soon be departing for their second tour with the Peace Corps. The Evans's are part of the volunteer organizations recent drive to utilize the wisdom of America's baby boomers. Life experiences, undergone by this generation give them a better understanding of what is required to more effectively aid others in foreign cultures. Already serving the community at home in Humble, Mary has taught at local schools for 15 years. Her Husband Tom is retired chemical salesman, who too began teaching as a substitute at area schools.

The grandparents' combined experience adds to the proficiency of their ability to educate and assist different populations, as was demonstrated on their first tour in the Republic of Kiribati. During their previous trip, Mary and Tom's main task was to create textbooks for the Gilbertese speaking islanders. The ''tangible difference'' that the couple observed in the people they helped, made up for the seemingly remote living conditions.

Currently, these Peace Corps volunteers are busy preparing for another adventure this time in the Ukraine. In anticipation of their upcoming trip, Mary and Tom are busy learning both the language and culture of their new posting. Although time has passed since their last endeavor, the couple is confident that they will even now be able to ''serve their country in the cause of peace.''

Giving back to the global community is truly an honorable endeavor. The example set by the Evanses and numerous other Peace Corps volunteers should be heeded by all. These patriots show the world what it means to be American; I commend their noble service.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, up until July of this year, in all the history of America, there are only four individuals who ever received the Nobel Peace Prize, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal, America's highest civilian honor. They are Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Elie Wiesel, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On July 17, President George W. Bush joined with the bipartisan Congressional leadership in presenting the Congressional Gold Medal to a fifth person, a native of Iowa, born in my congressional district, Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. Dr. Borlaug's name is not as well known as those other four vaunted individuals, but the achievements of this humble and self-effacing man are just as magnificent. It was one of the proudest moments of my service in Congress to be on the dais with the President and Dr. Borlaug and to hear him described as: the Father of the Green Revolution; the man who saved a billion people from starvation: and the man who, ''has saved more lives than any other person who has ever lived.''

If there is one person who is the symbol of our struggle to diminish hunger in the world it is Dr. Borlaug. He is a hero on almost every continent from Mexico, where he first developed his ''Miracle Wheat'' that could triple the yield of the plant; to India and Pakistan where his new approach to agriculture staved off famine and helped those two countries become self-sufficient in wheat; to the Middle East and East Asia where his revolutionary agricultural innovations produced unprecedented surpluses in both wheat and rice; and finally to Africa, where his efforts continue to this day as he heads the Sasakawa Global 2000 effort to uplift food deficit countries there.

Dr. Borlaug is in Iowa today attending the first ever Iowa Hunger Summit, which is organized by the World Food Prize Foundation and which is drawing hundreds and hundreds of participants from across Iowa and across America for a day-long focus on countering global food insecurity. I was pleased to learn that members of the Alliance Against Hunger and Bread for the World are traveling to Iowa from many States to take part in this exciting and innovative program. It is highly appropriate that Dr. Borlaug will be surrounded by the bipartisan political leadership of the State of Iowa for the past 40 years in the person of Governor Chet Culver and former governors Bob Ray, Terry Branstad and Tom Vilsack.

While we cannot be there to join with them in this important work, we can send messages of support such as this so that all who are attending the Hunger Summit can know that we in the Congress are also present in spirit, indeed a bipartisan spirit, which comes from the admiration Republicans and Democrats share of Dr. Borlaug and the shared concern we have for people who do not have enough to eat.

RECOGNIZING MITCHELL JOSEPH CREAGH FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mitchell Joseph Creagh, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 303, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mitchell has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Mitchell has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mitchell Joseph Creagh for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS HOMECOMING TRIBUTE

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, whereas, the veterans and home front workers of WWII will reunite with great pride; and

Whereas, they will honor Dreamville, USA as the place that served them during WWII; and

Whereas, they will share their memories with one another and reflect on their time served; be it

Resolved that along with friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the soldiers and home front workers for your commitment, recognizing that all great achievements are a result of dedication. With great appreciation and respect, I wish you continued success.

PRAISING TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PM PATRICK MANNING

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Hon. Patrick M. Manning, whose triumphs were fittingly and deservingly acknowledged by Medgar Evers College on September 26, 2007. The head of government was presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, according to a New York CARIB News article published on September 25, 2007, titled ''Medgar Evers College Honors Prime Minister Manning Of T&T.''

Mr. Manning is noted for his fervid defense of democracy in the region and as a generous supporter of his struggling neighbors. A liberal democracy known as a leader among its peers, Trinidad and Tobago is a steadfast member of CARICOM—the regional pact intent on economic integration—and it sits on the recently created Caribbean Court of Justice. But Mr. Manning is well-reputed for striving to bolster his nation's political and economic prowess even further, vowing to surge it to developed-country status by the year 2020.

The Prime Minister has kept a keen and perceptive eye on the future, all the while refusing to forsake those peers embattled with a harrowing present. He is to be lauded for possessing the foresight and wherewithal to dream an ambitious destiny for the Caribbean and set it on the path towards getting there.

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MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE HONORS PRIME MINISTER MANNING OF T&T

The Hon. Patrick M. Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, will be honored by Medgar Evers College on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 with the conference of a Doctor of Laws degree—Honoris Causa. The ceremony will take place at 10.00 a.m. in the Founders Auditorium. Prime Minister Manning is expected to deliver a major address on the occasion.