SALUTING THE ''THREE AMIGOS'' FROM THE SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DRAFTED TO THE NBA

HON. CARDISS COLLINS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 1995

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the accomplishments of three outstanding student athletes from the seventh Congressional District of Illinois; Michael Finley, Sherrell Ford, and Donnie Boyce of Maywood, IL. Recently, these three students were drafted into the National Basketball Association [NBA].

When these three young men attended Proviso East High School in Maywood, IL, they were often together and were nicknamed the ''three amigos,'' after the movie with the same name. As high school seniors, they were the leaders of the 1991 Proviso East Pirates basketball team that won the Class AA State Champion. While Michael, Sherrell, and Donnie were at the helm, the Pirates won the first of two back-to-back State championships.

After high school, Michael Finley went on to play small forward at the University of Wisconsin and was recently drafted in the first round by the NBA's Phoenix Suns. Sherrell Ford played forward for the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames and was the first round draft pick of the Seattle Supersonics. Donnie Boyce was a guard on the University of Colorado's basketball team and was drafted in the second round by the Atlanta Hawks. Donnie succeeded despite the fact that he was recovering from a broken leg.

Mr. Speaker, these three young men possess outstanding talent and have been highly successful student athletes. As the Representative of the congressional district that produced Isaiah Thomas and is home to Michael Jordan, I am looking forward to a bright future for Maywood's ''three amigos'' and wish them lots of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. URSULA F. SHERMAN

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community [JCC] to honor Ms. Ursula F. Sherman at the First Annual Cultural Arts Tribute held September 10, 1995.

Ms. Sherman is a founder and founding board member of the Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, which serves as one of California's most active centers of Jewish life. She is a past president and current active board member of the JCC. She has played a central role in promoting Jewish cultural activities at the center. Ms. Sherman is also cofounder of Berkeley-Oakland Support Service [BOSS] which provides shelter, transitional housing, job counseling, and other social services to thousands of the East Bay's homeless. She serves as a current board member of BOSS.

Ms. Sherman also serves as president of the board of ''A Traveling Jewish Theater,'' a nationally renowned innovative theater company. She is a board member and former president of the Jewish Arts Community of the Bay [JACOB], an association of board members of the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay and is trustee of the Northern California American Jewish Congress. Previously, she served as a board member and chair of the Religious School Committee of Berkeley's Congregation Beth El.

A Berkeley resident for many years, Ms. Sherman has devoted her life to improve and enrich the lives of everyone around her. Her commitment to community building and social justice is deeply impressive and worthy of commendation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to congratulate the Nesconset Fire Department for 60 years of dedicated service to the people of Nesconset, St. James, Ronkonkoma, and Smithtown. The residents of the Nesconset Fire District are fortunate to have such a well-trained and devoted fire department. The Nesconset Fire Department worked hard to establish itself as one of the best departments in New York and has achieved an impeccable record.

The success of the fire department is a direct result of the dedicated and effective management displayed by its members. Under the leadership of Chairman Nalio D'Orzaio the fire department has continued to play an active role in the life of the Smithtown community. This leadership umbrella extends to the other members of the board of fire commissioners, Frank Bernabeo, Vincent Puelo, James Goelz, and James Trube as well as the loyalty and hard work exemplified by Chief Officer Greg Anderson, First Assistant Andrew Normandeau, Second Assistant Neil Zanfardino and Third Assistant Thomas Guerriere. The Nesconset Fire Department consists of more than 123 volunteer firefighters, containing no career employees, offering further evidence of their passion and commitment to the community they serve.

On Saturday, September 17, 1995, the Nesconset Fire Department celebrates its 60th anniversary with a parade, marking the culmination of a long, proud history by recognizing and honoring the efforts of those who have sacrificed and served the department and community. Therefore Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the rest of the House to join me in congratulating the fire department on achieving this milestone. This is a much deserved tribute and I wish them all the best on their day of recognition and glory. They give of themselves because of the love and pride they share for their community, and we applaud their extraordinary service and efforts. These courageous individuals have truly earned this recognition. May they continue to serve their community for many years to come.

HONORING BENNETT A. LANDMAN

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, recently Bennett A. Landman, an outstanding student at Orinda High School in my home district in California, won a signal honor. Bennett was awarded second place in the physics and astronomy category in the senior division at the 1995 California State Science Fair.

Bennett's project, titled ''Chaotic Cards,'' investigated the path of a falling card and its relation to chaos. This innovative project ultimately determined that the interaction of the surface of the card and the air when it resists torque is a source of chaos in the fall of the card.

The sophistication of this project was matched by the creativity that inspired it. Bennett deserves high praise for the discipline and energy he brought to this endeavor. Innovation and commitment have been the hallmarks of America's scientific achievements throughout the years, and these same qualities are evident in Bennett's fine work.

It is a pleasure for me to recognize Bennett Landman, and to wish him well in all his future efforts. He is a credit to his family, his school, and to California.

TRIBUTE TO HISPANIC HERTIAGE MONTH

HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 1995

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, today marks the commencement of Hispanic Heritage Month.

From as early as the 1400's, people of Hispanic descent have contributed to the benefit of our national mosaic. In 1492 Spain was the only country that would support a visionary Genoese explorer's quest in finding a sea route to India. As a result of Queen Isabella's courageous backing of Christopher Columbus, America was discovered.

Since then, the Hispanic-American community has infused a rich cultural, ethical, and intellectual flavor into our melting pot. Men like Everette Alvarez who, as a brave young Navy pilot, became the first American prisoner of the Vietnam war. For 8 long years he painstakingly endured all of the mental and physical anguish that the North Vietnamese could inflict, and survived as a hero.

Women like Jovita Mireles Gonzales, an historian and folklorist who was one of the first people write in English about the Mexican-American culture. As a folklorist, she became the first Mexican-American president of the Texas Folklore Society.

And men like Dr. Luiz Alvarez, a physicist who developed a radar beam that could guide an airplane to landing under impossible visual circumstances. This innovation gave the United States of America a great advantage during World War II. As a pioneer in the world of high-energy physics, Dr. Alvarez achieved the highest goal in his field in 1968 by becoming the sole recipient of the Nobel Prize.