

Christmas day they will gather in groups. The children will play happily under the tree while the women drink a glass of German wine and enjoy their turkey and dressing. But there will be a lump in every wife's throat.

There's nothing easy about what the soldiers are about to do. But, believe me, there is nothing easy about what those strong women are about to face.

Think of them during this holiday season.

TRIBUTE TO CARTER BURDEN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Carter Burden, a philanthropist, former New York City councilman, candidate to Congress, publisher, and arts benefactor. It saddens me to report that Mr. Burden died on January 23, 1996 at the age of 54 years. With his death, my district has lost a compassionate advocate for the elderly and generous contributor to the arts and libraries of New York City.

Mr. Burden was city councilman in New York City from 1969 to 1978. As city councilman, he was dedicated to improving the health and housing for New York City's children and elderly. He advocated to improve standards for prisoners and introduced legislation for one of the first gay rights bills in the Nation. Mr. Burden ran for Congress in 1978, but lost to Bella S. Abzug.

Previous to his years on city council, Mr. Burden was a legislative aid to Senator Robert F. Kennedy. While working for Senator Kennedy, he was the liaison to minority groups in East Harlem and helped establish the Bedford-Stuyvesant Development Project. He was one of the founders of the New Democratic Coalition which fought for reform within the Democratic Party, and against Tammany Hall style politics.

Mr. Burden was born on August 25, 1941 in Beverly Hills, CA. He was fortunate to be a great-great-great-grandson of the railroad and shipping magnate Cornelius W. Vanderbilt, and great nephew of the actor Douglas Fairbanks. He attended Roman Catholic school, military school, and completed his secondary education at the Portsmouth Priory School in Rhode Island. Mr. Burden graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in English from Harvard college in 1963. He received a bachelor of laws degree from Columbia University Law School in 1966.

During these same years, he was active in the publishing industry. In 1969, Mr. Burden became the principal owner of the Village Voice, which was then the country's largest weekly newspaper. In 1980, Mr. Burden turned to broadcasting and founded Commodore Media, a New York City company which owns and operates 20 radio stations. At his death, he was also managing partner of William A.M. Burden & Co., and director of the Reliance Insurance Companies.

Although he never held another elected position after his loss to Ms. Abzug, he continued serving the public as a philanthropist. He established the Burden Center for the Aging in Yorkville, NY. He supported the National Crime Prevention Council, the Brookdale Cen-

ter on Aging, and Survivors of Domestic Abuse.

In the arts, Mr. Burden was a major benefactor of the New York Public Library, the Morgan Library and the New York City Ballet. His collection of rare first edition books by 20th century authors is regarded as one of the world's finest. He was also a collector of drawings, most significantly of works by Sargent, Picasso, and Matisse.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Carter Burden, and am compelled to recognize his important contributions to the people of my district and to the city of New York at large.

IN MEMORY OF PEYTON MCKNIGHT

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to come before this body to pay tribute to a distinguished public servant and outstanding American, Peyton McKnight of Tyler, TX. Peyton's recent death leaves behind a powerful legacy of achievement and a void that will not be easy to fill.

Peyton was widely known and admired throughout the State of Texas for his record of public service. He served as both a State representative and as a senator. The energy and enthusiasm that he brought to public service is legendary—and the results of his efforts are significant.

His legislative career began at the age of 23, when he was elected to the Texas House while attending the University of Texas at Austin Law School. As a representative, he authored the bill that established what is now the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. He supported prison reform and helped enact the highway safety code, and he supported a proposal that resulted in the East Texas Chest Hospital—now the UT Health Center at Tyler. As a State senator, Peyton introduced the bill which moved the University of Texas at Tyler into the University of Texas system.

At the age of 28, Peyton was appointed U.S. Marshal for the eastern district of Texas, making him the youngest marshal in history at the age of 28. He became a lifetime member of the East Texas Peace Officers Association.

He was an independent oil producer and businessman and was a member of the All-American Wildcatters Association and the Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments Committee on Energy. Peyton was active in his community and was involved in numerous worthwhile organizations. He served on the board of directors of Scott and White Memorial Hospital, the Sherwood and Brindley Foundation, and the East Texas Hospital Foundation. He was a Shriner and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Peyton also devoted his considerable talents to the field of education. He served on the board of regents of Texas A&M University for 6 years, served on the UT Tyler Development Board, and held a similar position with the University of Texas Health Center in Tyler.

Peyton was a native of Alto and a graduate of Quitman High School. He flew with the U.S. Army Air Corps on combat missions in Europe during World War II and graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in history and government.

During his lifetime he was honored on numerous occasions, including a "Peyton McKnight Day" in Tyler and in Kilgore. He was respected and admired by the State's top political leaders and loved by his many friends throughout Texas. Peyton was one of those rare individuals who made a difference in everything he tackled. He was a true American patriot and a true friend—and he leaves behind a remarkable legacy of accomplishment. He will be truly missed by all those who knew him and loved him.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL BONE MARROW DONOR PROGRAM'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CAMPAIGN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bertelsmann Music Group and the National Bone Marrow Donor Program's The Choice is Yours, month-long campaign. Bertelsmann Music Group designed this campaign to highlight the importance of choice and responsibility among African-American businesses and communities. This campaign will focus on the civil participation of African-Americans the recruitment of potential donors among African-Americans for nationwide bone marrow donorship and increased voter registration.

Life threatening diseases such as leukemia and aplastic anemia are nondiscriminatory diseases. They occur at similar rates among members of all races and ethnic heritage. If a patient is diagnosed with one of these life threatening diseases requiring a bone marrow transplant in order to survive, the first place to find an identical human leukocyte antigen matched bone marrow donor is among the patient's siblings. If no match is found among the patient's brothers and sisters, a donor unrelated to the patient must be found. Due to the uniqueness of antigen types and the rare occurrence for exact matches between bone marrow patients and donors, the first place to find a matched unrelated donor is from within the patient's own racial or ethnic group.

The National Bone Marrow Donor Program is vigorously engaged in an unprecedented 11-State and 15-city campaign tour to expand the pool of eligible unrelated bone marrow donors of minority heritage in order to improve the chances of minority patients finding matching unrelated donors. At this late date, African-Americans currently have a 34 percent chance of finding a matched unrelated donor on the National Bone Marrow Registry, while Caucasians have a 71 percent chance of finding a matched unrelated donor. The only way to equalize the chances of finding unrelated matched bone marrow donors for patients of minority backgrounds is for more minority donors to volunteer to join the National Bone Marrow Registry.

The Choice is Yours campaign will offer potential African-American and other donors the