

ranchers are to survive. Farmer cooperatives allow farmers and ranchers to improve their bargaining power and benefit from economies of scale. Strengthening farmer cooperatives will provide a counterweight to the increasing concentration of U.S. agriculture in large corporations.

This proposal provides tax fairness by allowing farmer cooperatives to receive the same tax-deferred status for sales of processing facilities available to other businesses and entities under current law. Under current law, there are several strategies available to corporate agribusinesses to structure tax deferred purchases of processing facilities that farmer cooperatives cannot utilize.

I appreciate the President's commitment to address this important issue, and look forward to continuing to work with the White House and representatives from the Department of Treasury to craft a provision that will aid our Nation's farmers and ranchers. Although we are introducing a resolution of disapproval in order to preserve our legislative options on this issue, Mr. HUSLSHOF and I would prefer to resolve this issue by working with the administration in a cooperative manner. I am hopeful that we can reach an agreement with the administration on legislation to help farmers and ranchers, through their membership in farm cooperatives, become more involved in the profitable, value-added production of agriculture products.

Enactment of this legislation is an important part of an agricultural strategy of helping individual farmers survive in an increasingly competitive global marketplace. I encourage all Members to support this effort.

#### TRIBUTE TO JESSE MARTIN

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 1997*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jesse Martin, a loving husband, father and concerned community activist.

Jesse was born in Albany, New York, and married his high school sweetheart Lillie Cooper. The father of seven children, Mr. Martin reflects old world values.

Jesse's professional career began in the Garment District of New York City. Subsequently, he went to work for the Model Cities Program and has performed admirably as the superintendent of maintenance for a major house development, the Marcus Garvey Village. The residents of the complex know, love and respect Jesse Martin.

Jesse has been a wonderful role model in his home, on the job, and in the community. Jesse has earned a reputation for working hard, being loyal and being committed to serving his community. It is my pleasure to recognize his accomplishments and contributions.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. WALTER CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 1997*

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I missed rollcall votes Nos. 369 and 370. I was

unavoidably detained while returning from my district where I was fortunate enough to be celebrating the wedding of my son. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on both votes.

#### TRIBUTE TO MOTHER TERESA

### HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 1997*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, this week we pay tribute to Mother Teresa, a selfless woman who received her calling from God and devoted much of her life to caring for the poor and needy. She was a miracle worker who consistently put others ahead of herself; a woman who believed the worst tragedy was to be someone to no one. She spent her life relating to audiences the need to tell the poor that they are somebody to us. She said, "they too have been created by the same loving hand of God, to love and be loved."

Mother Teresa was a living saint, drawing both the rich and poor to her side and to the message of God. I have followed her work over the years and have lived my own life by her edict that we must love one another and care for one another. She was an amazing woman and a willing servant of God. Her compassion, piety, and devotion will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, when Mother Teresa was alive, she relied on herself and on her followers to aid the needy. She obtained financial assistance from individuals and corporate benefactors. I believe in this same philosophy and have gotten involved with the Renewal Alliance, a group of Congressmen and Senators, to educate others that local problems can be cured with community solutions. Stronger families, churches, and community organizations—the backbone of America—can provide the solutions to problems created by poverty, broken families, substance abuse, and loss of hope.

Mother Teresa was a marvelous woman. Her work will not soon be forgotten. To that end, I will continue to further promote her message of hope and love through my work with the Renewal Alliance. By working together with families and communities, we can make more of a difference than government assistance ever could. Mother Teresa should serve as an example to everyone. I encourage all those across the Nation to reach out to their families, churches, and neighborhoods. Improving the lives of the less fortunate should be our top priority.

#### TRIBUTE TO ARNOLD BROWN

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 1997*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Arnold Brown. Arnold was born in New York City and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and Central State University. He also attended Pennsylvania State University, where he received his masters degree.

Since 1983, Arnold has served as the head teacher for preschool and kindergarten. He is indeed a rarity, an African-American male elementary schoolteacher. Mr. Brown undertook the noble profession of teaching because of his deeply maintained optimism, especially as it pertains to young people. Arnold has been recognized by day care workers for his exceptional work.

In addition to his labors of love, Arnold Brown enjoys reading, chess, physical fitness, and sports.

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF ORANGE COUNTY HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 1997*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address my colleagues about the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. For years our Nation has officially recognized the important contributions Hispanics have made to our great country through Hispanic Heritage Month. It is important to periodically pause and reflect on the rich contributions Hispanic-Americans have made to this extraordinary Nation. I commend the Hispanic Heritage Committee of Orange County as they celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, 1997.

While contributing to the diversity of the United States, Hispanic-Americans themselves are diverse. Some are recent immigrants. Some have had their roots in the United States for centuries. Hispanic-Americans embrace the American society and culture while at the same time perpetuate a unique Hispanic cultural heritage. This heritage proudly asserts love of family, country, and religion.

Hispanics have demonstrated unfailing loyalty to our Nation through their service in the Armed Forces. Men and women of Hispanic heritage have proudly fought to maintain freedom and democracy throughout the world.

Hispanics hold tremendous faith in the power of the American dream. The opportunities offered by this country have enabled many Hispanics to succeed. Along with their successes, Hispanics have strived to give back something to their community.

Hispanics helped to build our Nation. From the railroads to the freeways, Hispanics have provided not only their labor, but their engineering expertise. They have contributed to the colorful tapestry that is our American culture through language, music, art, and literature. In so doing, they have fortified one of our country's greatest assets, its diversity.

By celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the proud tradition of family, cultural heritage, and religion that are the foundation of Hispanic culture as well as the diversity that enriches our Nation and helps it to prosper.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Hispanic Heritage Committee of Orange County for their outstanding work in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.