expanded to include screenwriters—some of whom were themselves victims of blacklist ing—film historians, are museum directors and curators, and other sympathetic individuals. It is the desire of the organizing committee that this memorial serve as a reminder to future generations, rather than as a memorial to specific individuals.

The memorial will be designed by the internationally renowned artist Jenny Holzer. Holzer bases her art on the expression of language and freedom of speech. She is, therefore, an ideal candidate to design the first amendment/blacklist project memorial.

Her design has three components. The first is a circular configuration of granite benches, each inscribed with statements on essential American freedoms—including an excerpt from the Bill of Rights. The second component of the memorial is a shallow well from which will emanate recordings of the congressional testimony given by the Hollywood 10. The final element of the project will be a beacon of light directed at the sky—symbolizing the illumination of this dark period in our Nation’s history.

This project bears witness to the travails of those individuals persecuted during the infamous McCarthy trials of the 1940’s. It is my hope—and the determination of those individuals involved with the first amendment blacklist project—that this memorial will inspire vigilance and personal responsibility, now and in the future, in exercising, upholding, and defending the civil liberties granted to citizens under the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights.

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C.M. Yongue treated everyone in Houston as a family member, and now that family mourns his passing. As much as the community of Houston loved and respected Mr. Yongue, his sister Mildred has suffered an even greater loss. We share her grief as we mourn the passing of Mr. C.M. Yongue.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

**OF ILLINOIS**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Tuesday, September 16, 1997**

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 11, 1997, on rollcall vote No. 392, I was unavoidably detained. If I were present, I would have voted, "nay."

**TRIBUTE TO HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

**OF NEW YORK**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Tuesday, September 16, 1997**

Mrs. McCarthy of New York. Mr. Speaker, on September 15, 1997, our Nation will honor Hispanic-Americans for their contributions to the American experience. This year's celebration is commemorating the 1965 Voting Rights Act. This year Hispanic-Americans have made great strides in the field of education. For example, Lourdes Santiago, New Jersey's first Hispanic state senator, was elected in 1990, and re-elected in 1994. Ms. Santiago has made an exceptional commitment to serving others in her community. She also holds the honor of being the first woman to serve as president of the Bayonne Board of Education, from 1981 to 1986. In 1986, she was elected to serve as first woman to serve as president of the Bayonne Board of Education. She holds the position of council member at-large after which she was elected in 1990, and re-elected in 1994. Over the years Dot has been an outstanding member of her community, and a dedicated volunteer.

Ms. Lourdes Santiago has made an exceptional commitment to serving others in her community. Ms. Santiago received her juris doctorate in 1981 from Rutgers University School of Law in Newark, NJ. Ms. Santiago has also received admission to the Supreme Court of New Jersey in 1984. In 1994 she was appointed to the supreme court of New Jersey and is currently serving a second term on that task force following a 1996 re-appointment. Ms. Santiago has outstandingly represented her Hispanic community as the recipient of numerous professional and community-based awards.

Ms. Rhoda Birnbaum has dedicated herself to enhancing the lives of the people in her community. As a young adult, following the example set by her parents, Ms. Birnbaum became active in social service and religious organizations. As an accountant with Arthur S. Geiger Co., public accountants, she has provided management and accounting expertise—with member United Way organizations—to advance the health and human services agenda by expanding resources and applying the resources to build better, self-sufficient communities.

It is an honor to have such outstanding and exceptionally caring individuals working in my district. Their dedication exemplifies the ideal of community service at its best. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dorothy Harrington, Lourdes Santiago, and Rhoda Birnbaum.