

history's oversight with this resolution, and I encourage all my colleagues to support its passage.

HONORING A DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE, ANDREW P. O'ROURKE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Andrew P. O'Rourke, a public servant who has distinguished himself as one of New York's most outstanding community leaders.

With his recent decision to retire from his position as Westchester County Executive, Andy O'Rourke leaves a legacy of goodwill, Responsiveness and genuine concern for the citizens of Westchester. This is highlighted by the many community groups, such as the Westchester Arts Council, that are now calling attention to the success of Andy's 14-year administration as county executive.

The people of Westchester have been privileged to have had a stellar county leader like Andy O'Rourke. Since he began his public career in 1965 as a representative on the Yonkers City Council, through his time as chairman of the board of county legislators, and finally his tenure as Westchester's county executive, it is clear that Andy has maintained a sincere desire to serve the best interests of his constituents. Every resident of Westchester County can take pride in knowing that such a concerned leader was looking out for them.

However, Andy is not just a public servant. He is a playwright and author, having published two novels and is recently finishing a third. Andy is also an educator, having taught students in the 1970's as a law professor at Fordham University. He has also served in the important role of humanitarian in his work with the Cardinal Newman Foundation of New York, Big Brother-Big Sisters, and campaigns to fight AIDS, drunk driving, and racism.

It is the humanitarian role that has possibly drawn the greatest and most rewarding accolades for this great citizen. The outstanding service of Andy O'Rourke has been recognized over the years by the Jewish National Fund with the tree of life award, and as the 1986 B'nai B'rith man of the year. Other honors have been bestowed by Long Island University, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Greater Westchester Human Rights Fund, Bar-Ilan University of Tel Aviv, and the Westchester-Putnam Affirmative Action Program.

While this list is long, it is also diverse and well deserved. Andy O'Rourke has demonstrated love and compassion for his neighbors and their communities. I am proud to have known and worked with Andy O'Rourke. Having represented a portion of Westchester County since 1982, I know how committed Andy has been to the citizens of Westchester. We all regret that he is retiring from his position as County Executive, but we can look back with admiration at the significant work he has accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me in saluting the Honorable Andy

O'Rourke and wishing him and his family continued success and good health in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO LOIS J. CARSON

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lois J. Carson's years of outstanding achievement and service to the San Bernardino and Riverside communities, and to bid her a fond farewell as she retires from more than 20 years of service on the board of trustees for the San Bernardino Community College District.

Mrs. Carson has dedicated her professional, and much of her personal life to helping improve the lives of those most in need in our community by promoting education and fighting poverty. Her early days as a teacher in San Bernardino County marked the beginnings of an admirable and illustrious career that has truly made a difference in the lives of many.

Mrs. Carson, the first African-American to be elected to the San Bernardino Community College District board, has served since 1973. During her tenure, she has served twice as clerk, vice-president, and president, and as a result of her leadership, the college district now offers a child care center, the Minority Transfer Center, and Community Forms—Vision 2001. She has greatly impacted higher education not only in her district, but also on the national level, serving on the board of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). In 1991, Mrs. Carson was recognized by ACCT as the top trustee in the U.S. with the M. Dale Ensing Award.

In addition to her work in the San Bernardino Community College District, Mrs. Carson served as the director of Project Upward Bound at the University of California at Riverside from 1972 to 1976, and, since 1980, has served as the director of the Department of Community Action for Riverside County. She has led the agency, whose mission is to move families out of poverty, in developing innovative, high quality community action programs for female-headed households, for minority males, for the homeless, and for all low-income residents of Riverside County.

Mrs. Carson's dedication to promoting education and fighting poverty also involves extensive community involvement. She is one of the founders of the San Bernardino Commission on the Status of Women, the Inland Empire chapter of the National Council of Negro Women [NCNW] and the Diocesan Assembly for African-American Catholics.

While she will be sorely missed on the San Bernardino Community College District board, Lois Carson has left a remarkable legacy and her work will benefit the district for many years to come. She has given, and continues to give, an invaluable amount of dedication and expertise to the people of the San Bernardino and Riverside communities, and serves as an example for us all.

SALLIE WILLIAMS, A GOOD CHRISTIAN WOMAN

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, Sunday, October 26, marked the Annual Women's Day program at my church, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Newark, NJ. The church and its faithful congregation are led by our progressive pastor, Rev. Toney Jackson. Occasions such as this are used to recognize those persons who make a positive difference in the lives of a church family. I am proud to inform you that Mrs. Sallie P. Williams, my aunt, was afforded this honor this year.

Aunt Sallie, as she is known by both her relatives and her church family, has been a member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church for 65 years, since 1932. A deaconess since 1951, she has served as a member of the Willing Workers, the Progressive Women's Guild, and head of the church kitchen.

As a young woman, Aunt Sallie learned photography and that was her career for over 30 years. She is a good Christian woman who has served as a stalwart role model for many young people.

Aunt Sallie has always been deeply respected as the matriarch of our family, a kind-hearted and generous person with a special love of children. Following the untimely death of my mother during my boyhood, Aunt Sallie welcomed me into her home, along with my siblings.

She and her late husband, Lincoln, had a strong and beautiful marriage spanning many decades. They were totally devoted to each other, the embodiment of true family values.

Aunt Sallie has won the respect of all who know her through her strength of character, sense of purpose and commitment to her community.

I know my colleagues join me in extending congratulations and best wishes to a person of whom I am so proud, Sallie P. Williams.

COLD WAR MEMORIAL

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 7, 1997

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation creating a cold war memorial. This bill will authorize a commission to establish a memorial to honor the military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense, members of the intelligence community, members of the foreign service, and others who served the United States in pursuit of its cold war aims. This legislation will also commemorate the involvement of the United States in that conflict.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this legislation is important, not only because it honors the people who valiantly fought the cold war, but will help future generations understand and learn about one of the most dangerous times in American history. The cold war may not have been as intense as World War II or as widely viewed as the Vietnam war, but it was just as real and just as dangerous. The United States