

ranks as the highest in the country. If per capita income is measured in real terms, the State of Hawaii ranks 47th at \$19,755 compared to the national average of \$24,231 (according to the twenty-first edition of "The Federal Budget and the States," a joint study conducted by the Taubman Center for State and Local Government at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and the office of Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN). Thus, Hawaii's 50 percent FMAP rate is understated because cost of living factors are not considered. Per capita income is a poor measure of Hawaii's relative ability to bear the cost of Medicaid services.

Some government programs take the high cost of living in Hawaii into account and funding is adjusted accordingly. These programs include Medicaid prospective payment rates, food stamp allocations, school lunch programs, housing insurance limits, Federal employee salaries, and military living expenses. These examples show a Federal recognition that the higher cost of living in noncontiguous states should be taken into account in fashioning government program policies. It is time for similar recognition of this factor in gauging Hawaii's ability to support its health care programs. It is time to pass my bill increasing Hawaii's FMAP from 50 percent to 59.8 percent.

Setting a higher match rate as was done for Alaska would still leave Hawaii with a lower FMAP rate than a majority of the states. However, the higher rate would better recognize Hawaii's ability to pay its fair share of the costs of the Medicaid program and I am committed to achieving it.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST SERGEANT  
DANIEL L. JENNINGS

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 2, 1999*

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I stand here before you today to honor a man who without his efforts, my existence in Congress may not have been a reality. Daniel L. Jennings was born to the late Samuel Rufus and Rosie Lillie Jennings on November 19, 1936 in Claiborne County, Mississippi. He attended school in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Louis, Missouri, and Fort St. Illicum Community College. He also attended the University of Puget Sound in the state of Washington and Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

First Sergeant Jennings served 21 years of active duty in the United States Army where he retired as one of the most decorated soldiers of the Vietnam War. He received the Silver Star, Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Army Commendation Medal and the Cross for Gallantry.

First Sergeant Jennings was indeed a "community concerned citizen." He served as President of the MS Christian Missionary Convention from 1992 until present, past President of the Claiborne County Board of Education, President of the Claiborne County Branch of the NAACP, President of the Claiborne County Democratic Party and County Coordinator for my reelection to Congress Campaign. He also worked at my Alma Mater, Hinds Agricultural High School in Utica, MS as the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor for 17

years. First Sergeant Jennings died Sunday, January 17, 1999 at his residence in Port Gibson, MS.

Mr. Speaker, First Sergeant Jennings will be sorely missed. It is indeed reassuring to know that he is going to a better place. His efforts and services to the Second Congressional District of Mississippi will be remembered for eternity. There will never be another like him.

TRIBUTE TO EVELYN WATSON

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 2, 1999*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Evelyn Watson, an outstanding individual who has dedicated her life to public service and education. She was honored by parents, family, friends, and professionals for her outstanding contributions to the community at a January 29 dinner marking her retirement as Executive Director of East Tremont Head Start.

Mrs. Watson was born on September 10, 1925 in Beckley, West Virginia. She received her certificate in Community Organization in 1972, her AAS from New York University in 1974 and her BSW from the same university in 1975.

She started her career as a Units Clerk at the New York State Employment from 1955-1962. From 1967 to 1969 she worked as a Family Assistant with Head Start. From 1969 to 1974 she was a Lay Associate LCA at Messiah Lutheran Church. In 1976 she joined East Tremont Head Start.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Watson has been a pillar of our Bronx Community for more than thirty years. She dedicated almost twenty five years of her life to the Head Start community, working at East Tremont Head Start. Her first position was Family Assistant. She served as Acting Director before ascending to Executive Director. Presently, East Tremont Head Start is comprised of six sites, all operating under Mrs. Watson's diligent and dedicated leadership.

It is a privilege for me to represent the 16th congressional district of New York, where East Tremont Head Start is located. I have witnessed first-hand the exemplary work they are doing for our community, and I am deeply impressed. I am very proud of their accomplishments.

Evelyn Watson retired on January 29 after a fruitful career in public service. Mrs. Watson left us with many lessons learned in community service, leadership in education, and wisdom. A talented leader and educator, Mrs. Watson will continue sharing her knowledge and views with her family, including three children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, and her friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Evelyn Watson for her outstanding achievements in education and her enduring commitment to the community.

HONORING BETTY BROWN

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 2, 1999*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an extraordinary wife, mother, and citizen recently named 1998 Carpinterian of the Year: Betty Brown.

Betty began her years of exemplary service in Carpinteria, California as a member and leader of the Eastern Star, a service organization and social group where she assumed the role of Worthy Matron in 1965. In the 1960's, Betty served as a mother advisor for the Rainbow Girls and continued to be a role model for young women. This devotion was seen in her involvement with the Children's Home Society, which helped unwed mothers and orphans with family counseling and adoption services. Betty was actively involved in the Carpinteria auxiliary called Los Chiquitos.

Betty's commitment to advancing the success and happiness of adolescent girls was again evident through her commitment to Girls Incorporated of Carpinteria. She was a critical force in the Girls, Inc. building project, dedicating countless hours to raising funds for the new facility. Betty has also served as a national member of the Board of Trustees for Girls, Inc.

The Carpinteria Community Church, Carpinteria Rotary Club, the Carpinteria Republican Women, the Carpinteria Women in Agriculture and the American Heart Association have all benefited from Betty's desire to serve her community.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Betty Brown for her extraordinary service to young women and the Carpinteria community, and honor her as the 1998 Carpinterian of the Year.

KEEP BART-TO-SFO ON TRACK

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 2, 1999*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a recent editorial that appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle about the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) extension to the San Francisco International Airport (SFO), also known as the BART SFO Extension. This editorial strongly endorses the existing program and plans for extension of BART to the airport and Millbrae.

The BART SFO Extension will connect the 95-mile, four county intermodal rail transit system of the Bay Area to the rapidly growing San Francisco International Airport. Four new stations will provide service to the airport and cities on the Peninsula offering millions of travelers fast and convenient connections to and from the airport and the greater metropolitan San Francisco Bay Area. The BART SFO Extension will improve mobility, productivity and economic opportunity, while alleviating traffic congestion and air pollution throughout the Bay Area.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to point out that 70 percent, or \$2 billion, of the overall BART Extension program, which includes three extensions in the East Bay and the