

smooth and timely operation of Senate proceedings."

George's years of service with the GPO span an era of unprecedented growth in technology. From typewriters and hot metal typesetting, to so-called cold press, to computer desktop publishing, fiber optics, CD-Rom's and online publishing, George has witnessed truly revolutionary changes to the world of printing. However, one thing has not changed: our government's commitment to assure public access to government information. George is part of that proud tradition.

While some witnesses to a revolution turn and run in fear of the unknown, George has embraced each development along the way. His eagerness to keep up with changing technology has been an asset to our Committee, but his eagerness is not limited to technology. This is a man who loves his job. With a record that likely competes with any postman, George travels 60 miles each way every day to arrive at work on time, no matter the weather or traffic conditions. His dedication is commendable.

But George will not be remembered simply for his work as our Committee's GPO liaison. He's also an avid ham radio operator, and for 13 years has served as president of the Capitol Hill Amateur Radio Society. The club was formally established in 1969, and, at the urging of Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, it established a station in the Russell Senate office building. That station has been maintained on a voluntary basis, without any government funds, ever since. Over the years, the club has stood ready to provide communications in the event of a disaster, and to help connect military personnel overseas with their friends or family members. In one of its many accomplishments under George's leadership, the club in 1991 hosted a commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Samuel F.B. Morse, by reenacting Morse's historic 1844 message, "What hath God wrought!" from the Nation's Capitol to Baltimore. The telegraph instruments used for the re-enactment were loaned by the Smithsonian Institution, and because the society's members are proficient in Morse code, the re-enactment was historically accurate.

Yet, things have a way of changing. Like hot metal typesetting, ham radio is truly a phenomenon of the 20th century. The advent of the computer and the Internet age have reduced ham radio's appeal. And so now, when George goes, so too goes the Capitol Hill Amateur Radio Club. On George's last day of government service, April 30, the club will disband, the equipment will be donated to a foundation, the antenna removed from the Russell roof. The callsign "W3USS" will remain alive but inactive. This marks the end of a remarkable era.

So, let us look to the future. George and his wife Bea live in a little southern Maryland town called Avenue. His

house is right on the water, but George doesn't own a boat. He says he's never had time for boating. Now, he's looking at buying a nice little 24-foot or 30-foot "party boat" so he can host friends in an occasional leisure-filled afternoon on the lower Potomac. Perhaps, after that little purchase, he won't miss us all quite so much!

In closing, on behalf of myself, and of the current and former staff of the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee, I wish to offer heartfelt thanks for George's many valuable years of service, and our hopes that he and his wife enjoy many happy and healthy years of retirement. We truly cannot give enough thanks to someone who has dedicated himself to making sure we Senators—literally—dot our 'i's' and cross our 't's'.•

JACKIE EBRON

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, this past Sunday the Queens Jewish Community Council honored an important member of the staff of the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council). Her name is Jackie Ebron and she helps serve the more than 100,000 clients who are helped by this remarkable organization. Ms. Ebron, the Met Council's longest serving employee and Director of Crisis Intervention is an African-American whose exceptional service to impoverished Jewish New Yorkers was recently highlighted in New York's Jewish Week newspaper.

In the past seven years the Met Council has developed 1300 units of special needs housing for the elderly, mentally ill and the homeless; every day they provide nearly three thousand poor elderly individuals with home care services; they provide job placement to more than one thousand people a year and have trained more than 20,000 home attendants since 1993. Their food programs impact on the lives of well over 100,000 people and they also provide furniture and clothing to thousands. The Met Council's coordination of a network of two dozen Jewish Community Councils across New York City helps deliver services where they are needed in a timely and efficient manner. The Met Council is also one of the most efficient non-profit organizations today. They spend 98% of their budget on programs and services; only 2% is spent on administration.

I ask that the Jewish Week article on Jackie Ebron be printed in the RECORD. The article follows:

[From the Jewish Week, Mar. 19, 1999]

THEY CALL HER 'MITZVAH MAMA'

(By Heather Robinson)

By the time she was 8 years old, Jackie Ebron, who is soon to become the first African-American to receive the Queens Jewish Community Council's Chesed Award, had begun helping the elderly.

Growing up in the Grant Projects on 125th Street, her family had an elderly neighbor who rarely left her apartment.

"My mother would never send me to the store that I didn't knock on this woman's door and ask, 'Do you need a loaf of bread or milk?'" recalled Ebron on a recent afternoon. "So [the motivation to help] was with was a child."

Ebron has channeled that motivation into more than two decades of work helping the elderly and others in need. Over the years, she has visited more than 5,000 needy homes and helped many thousands more clients over the phone. And through her work, she quickly overcame an initial prejudice: "In my background," she says, "the words Jewish and poor didn't go together. But there is a very big Jewish poor population at the poverty level or below."

Now the director of crisis intervention services for the Metropolitan Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty (Met Council) in Manhattan, Ebron will receive the Chesed Award on Sunday at the Third Annual Installation Breakfast of the Queens Jewish Community Council (QJCC). Shea Stadium's Diamond Club, the site of the event, will go kosher for the first time in honor of the breakfast for the QJCC, an organization representing more than 90 synagogues and Jewish organizations throughout the borough.

At the event, Ebron will share her honor with Jane Blumenstein, family violence crisis specialist for Met Council. The pair has been selected because of the extraordinary dedication they bring to their work, according to Manny Behar, executive director of the QJCC. He added that he and other officers of the QJCC chose this year's recipients, as they always do, based on character.

"We always give the award to someone who exemplifies *chesed*, which is Hebrew for acts of loving kindness, and this time, one of the people we selected happens to be African-American and non-Jewish," he said.

Because the QJCC and Met Council work together frequently, Behar said he has had many opportunities to observe the rare sensitivity and respect for people which Ebron—whose colleagues call her "Mitzvah Mama"—brings to her work.

Behar recently watched Ebron provide assistance to a homeless, mentally ill man, and he admired her manner. "The patience and understanding she showed him were absolutely inspiring," he recalled.

According to Peter Brest, chief operation officer at Met Council, Ebron "combines a great and giving heart with a common sense approach to problem solving."

While Met Council, which receives public funding, assists many needy non-Jews, it also receives private funds and specifically targets Jewish poverty. The result is that about 80 percent of Ebron's clients are Jews, a fact which is no obstacle to her dedication.

"To me it doesn't matter what race or religion you are," she said. "If you are hungry or homeless, I see your need."

A social worker for more than 25 years, Ebron, 48, grew up in Harlem, the eldest of seven children raised by a single mother. She attended Washington Irving High School in Gramercy, which was an all-girls school at the time.

After graduating, she started working at Heights Senior Citizens' Center, where her responsibilities entailed escorting elderly people to the bank and helping them with financial transactions. That was during the '70s, before direct deposit, when older people carrying social security checks were frequently targets for thieves.

That job was followed by a stint as an investigator for the mid-Bronx Senior Citizens' Council, a position that involved a large amount of what she describes as "leg work" to find elderly people in need.

Met Council hired her in 1977 to work on a special project arranged by a donor. In that

capacity, she made home visits to needy families, and reported what she observed to the benefactor, who then provided financial aid to the neediest cases.

After a series of other jobs, five years ago, Met Council appointed Ebron director of crisis intervention services. A supervisor of six employees, she deals directly with clients, working to provide them with assistance from Met Council and a host of additional agencies. That assistance can take many forms, such as securing job training for a young immigrant, providing funds to prevent an elderly woman from being evicted, or arranging temporary nursing help for a woman who has just given birth to multiple children. About 65 percent of her clients are elderly, 25 percent are families and the rest are young single people, Ebron said.

As an African-American woman serving the needs of a mostly Jewish population Ebron has encountered resistance on both sides of the racial and religious divide.

"I've been asked, 'How come a black woman is in charge of Jewish money?'" said Ebron, adding that she responds, "'Does it matter what I look like? What matters is I'm able to serve you to help you overcome your problem.'"

Similarly, she said, African American colleagues have questioned her choice to work for a Jewish agency.

"I'll say to them, 'My clients are Jewish. Well, I didn't know. I was so focused on the fact that they're people who need my help.' Usually when I answer that way there's no problem, no fight. . . . It seems my calling is above all of that."

Ebron, who is single and describes herself as "married to [her] job," said she is gratified to work for an agency which began modestly and has since launched an array of life-and hope-sustaining programs.

"After 21 years I feel I made the right choice," she said.●

RECOGNITION OF THE MISSOURI INVITATIONAL CELEBRITY TURKEY HUNT

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the annual Missouri Invitational Celebrity Turkey Hunt sponsored by the MITCH club. This year marks the 12th anniversary of this charity event. The weekend of April 23-25, celebrities from all over the country will come to Warsaw, Missouri, to participate in the hunt. This year's participants include celebrities from many different fields including Marty Kove, who has appeared in such movies as *The Karate Kid* and *The Rock*; Ed Hearn, former Major League Baseball player; Jack Rudney, former Kansas City Chief; Dave Watson of the Oakridge Boys, and many others. Several corporate sponsors also donate time and money to this event. Following the hunt, there is an auction of items that have been donated by various celebrities, sponsors, as well as local and national wildlife artists.

The money collected from this week-end of activities is donated to various charitable organizations including Children's Mercy Hospital and local victims of natural disasters. Over the last 12 year's, more than \$25,000 have been donated to Children's Mercy Hospital and over \$25,000 to other local charities for a total of more than \$50,000 in charitable contributions from this event.

Mr. President, I commend the MITCH club for their efforts and wish them much success in this year's event, as well as many more years of giving back to the community.●

HONORING MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK IN INDIANA

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I take the floor today to bring to the attention of my colleagues Indiana's celebration of Medical Laboratory Week.

In the world of health care, it is easy to forget that quality medical testing and exceptional patient care is a team effort. Doctors are the visible element in this complex harmony, but there is another, less visible, but equally important element involved.

Medical laboratory professionals are highly-trained health personnel who perform and evaluate those medical laboratory tests necessary to detect, diagnose, and monitor treatment of diseases. They also help to prevent diseases, while at the same time tirelessly working to develop new methods of combating them. These dedicated men and women save countless lives each day through their firm commitment to a healthier community.

Laboratory medicine is an honorable profession, in its constant and consistent dedication to the well-being of the greater community. Let us not forget that it is also an inseparable and invaluable part of health care without the often-unsung efforts of these fine people, medicine as we know it would not exist.

I therefore ask my colleagues, as well as all citizens, to join me and the State of Indiana in recognizing and supporting the vital service provided by medical laboratory professionals.●

TRIBUTE TO CORNERSTONE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the men's basketball team of Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and their coach, Kim Elders. This outstanding team recently reached the pinnacle of success by winning the NAIA Division II National Championship for basketball last month.

The Golden Eagles of Cornerstone have received an honor that is reserved for only one team each year. This achievement is the product of hard work, determination, and dedication which was present throughout the Golden Eagles' season. The common focus of the team members was determined early in the pre-season as they declared themselves to be *On A Mission*. Throughout the regular season and continuing into the playoffs, Cornerstone subdued their opponents amassing an amazing record of 37 wins and only three losses, thereby earning the #1 rank in the national polls. At the national tournament in Nampa, Idaho, they proved that they deserved that rank by defeating all challengers.

Their exciting season peaked at the championship game, in which Cornerstone beat the two-time defending national champion, Bethel, in an exciting overtime final.

The achievements of the basketball team will be seen by many as a way to promote the glory of sport and the excellence of Cornerstone in particular. Interestingly however, these aspects are not the focus at Cornerstone College. Rather, Cornerstone has followed its motto of *Academic Excellence, Christian Commitment*, by using basketball and their team's success as a medium to bring the Christian message to others. This being the case, the men's basketball team has not only brought a sense of pride to Cornerstone College and the greater community, but their success has been a platform for bringing the hope of Christ to all who hear about their championship.

Mr. President, the men's basketball team of Cornerstone College has shown itself to be a group of unique and talented individuals. I commend them for their dedication and hard work and honor them for the success that it has brought them. Furthermore, I commend Cornerstone College for its unique and important message and for their faithfulness in making it heard. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the men's basketball team of Cornerstone College for their success in becoming the 1999 NAIA national champions.●

CORRECTION TO THE RECORD

In the RECORD of April 12, 1999, the texts of S. 293 and H. Con. Res. 68 were inadvertently transposed. The material should have read as follows:

SAN JUAN COLLEGE LAND CONVEYANCE

The text of S. 293, a bill to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College, as passed by the Senate on March 25, 1999, follows:

S. 293

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. OLD JICARILLA ADMINISTRATIVE SITE.

(a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—Not later than one year after the date of completion of the survey referred to in subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to San Juan College, in Farmington, New Mexico, subject to the terms, conditions, and reservations under subsection (c), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property (including any improvements on the land) not to exceed 20 acres known as the "Old Jicarilla Site" located in San Juan County, New Mexico (T29N; R5W; portions of sections 29 and 30).

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, and the President of San Juan