

has grown to become one of the school's largest extracurricular activities with over 200 students involved.

One hundred twenty-five students performed in this year's production. In addition, I would like to recognize Molly Stevens, who was awarded the State Award for Best Performance. I had the opportunity to see Miss Stevens perform just a few short years ago in one of Macon's community theaters, and there was no doubt then she was a rising star.

Mr. Speaker, to be an actor or performer, one must connect with their audience, a talent that does not come easily to everyone. It takes dedication, concentration, focus, and a great deal of spirit and imagination. Obviously, these tasks were well-delivered by the young men and women from Tattall Square Academy. I am sure each of them is blessed with a number of other talents as well. I look forward to many more winning performances in the future.

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NATIONAL DONOR DAY

HON. CHARLES T. CANADY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support important legislation to encourage organ donation introduced by my friend and colleague from Florida, KAREN THURMAN. I've been pleased to work with Representative THURMAN not only on this bill but also on legislation to provide Medicare transplant recipients with coverage for the immunosuppressive drugs they need.

Each day more than 70,000 people await an organ transplant, and one more individual is added to their ranks every 16 minutes. Tragically, as a consequence of the shortage of donor organs, more than 10 people die every day. Despite recent advances in medicine, transplantation is still a crucial part of prolonging human life. Transplantation is not an experimental science; it is the standard method of treatment for many diseases, with success rates as high as 95 percent. Just one donor can help more than 50 people in need.

For the past two years, a coalition of health organizations have joined together to designate a National Donor Day to highlight the need for organ donation. I am encouraged by the success of these first two National Donor Days. A total of almost 17,000 units of blood was raised; the names of 2,400 potential donors were added to the National Marrow Donor Program Registry; and tens of thousands of organ and tissue pledge cards were distributed. It is my hope that the third National Donor Day on February 12 will bring help to even more people in need. Representative KAREN THURMAN has drafted legislation to lend the support of Congress to National Donor Day's goals. It is a straight-forward, non-controversial bill that can truly help educate the American people about this crucial issue.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and encourage all Americans to learn about the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation.

A TRIBUTE TO CARL R. CAMPBELL

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Carl R. Campbell, who made significant contributions to his community in the field of education. As Superintendent of the Kings Canyon Unified School District in Reedley, California, he made great strides in improving reading instruction for students in order to meet the state's goal of every child becoming a successful reader by the third grade.

Mr. Campbell was born in Abilene, Texas on January 15, 1942. He received his undergraduate degree at California State University, Fresno majoring in Political Science. Upon graduation, he began teaching business and government classes at Clovis High School. He quickly took a leadership role at Clovis High, serving as advisor for the Student Council and coaching the junior varsity basketball team for several years. Realizing that he enjoyed being in a position of leadership, he earned a Masters of Education in Educational Administration and went on to become the principal of two elementary schools in Clovis.

After several years as principal, Mr. Campbell was ready for a new challenge. In 1987 he became the assistant superintendent of Kings Canyon Unified School District in Reedley, California. In 1995, he became the Superintendent of the district. As superintendent, Mr. Campbell had a vision to improve reading instruction for students in the district. His vision included Reading Recovery Training for teachers, private-public school partnerships, and a new teacher training facility.

On Friday, December 17, 1999, the Carl R. Campbell Education Center was dedicated in honor of his service to the district. The training facility will serve to provide literacy training for teachers, as well as in-classroom coaching experiences. A major role of the facility is to accelerate student learning.

Carl Campbell was diagnosed with cancer in August of 1999 and passed away this week, on February 7, 2000 at the age of 58. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 34 years, Jayne; daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Mike Murphy of Washington, DC; son and daughter-in-law, Bret and Tianna Campbell of Fresno; parents, Fred and Daphna Campbell of Fresno; and brother and sister-in-law, Hollis and Margie Campbell of Fresno.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Carl R. Campbell for his tremendous contributions to education in Fresno County. Carl's friendship and leadership qualities will be dearly missed by his family and his colleagues in education.

WADE THOMAS SR., TUSKEGEE
AIRMAN

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Western North Carolina and America lost a

true hero last week when Wade Thomas Sr., a Former Tuskegee Airman, passed away.

WADE THOMAS SR.

ASHEVILLE—Wade Hamilton Thomas Sr., 77, of 2 Marcell Circle, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000, at Mountain Area Hospice.

A native of Jackson, Miss., he was a son of the late Harrison Spurgeon and Lolor Bandy Thomas. He was a graduate of Pearl Senior High School in Nashville, Tenn., and Tennessee State University, where he graduated with honors. He completed post-graduate study at Indiana Central University and the University of Tennessee.

Wade enlisted in the Army and was a member of the famed "Tuskegee Airmen," an all Black fighter squadron. His professional career included employment with the State of Tennessee, U.S. Post Office and U.S. General Services Administration. He retired from USGSA as a buildings manager, Region IV, Atlanta. In Asheville, he worked as a management consultant, accountant and real estate broker for over 30 years.

He was active in many professional and civic organizations including the National Association of Public Accountants, N.C. Housing Commission, Asheville Board of Adjustments, Asheville Civil Service Board (vice chair), Daniel Boone Boy Scout Council, Asheville Board of Realtors (vice president), Asheville-Buncombe Human Relations Council, YMI cultural Center (treasurer) and Asheville Optimist Club. Wade was a member of the Basilica of St. Lawrence.

Wade was a proud member of several fraternal and masonic organizations including Venus Lodge No. 62 F&AM, Gizeh Shrine Temple No. 162, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Asheville Consistory No. 253, Daughters of Esther No. 128 OES PHA and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He received numerous awards and certificates of service for his professional, civic and masonic service.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Katherine Scruggs Thomas, who worked very closely with him both as a realtor and an accountant; seven sons, Wade Jr. (Ora), Karl, Harrison, George, Kenneth, Rex and Axel, all of Nashville; three daughters, Korda (Don) Henry, Renae and Michelle Thomas, all of Nashville; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Stephanie S. Thomas; two cousins, Claudyne Jefferson and Carlotta (Joe) Morton; other relatives and many friends.

I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor those of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve our community. The Fairfax Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 22nd Annual Valor Awards today, Friday, February 11, 2000. The Chamber will recognize law enforcement and emergency response personnel for their acts of bravery. A Valor Award is the highest honor Fairfax County bestows upon its public safety employees.

The Valor Award recipients are selected by a committee that designates honorees for a