

chamber when these votes were cast, I would have voted "yes" on each of the votes.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF WALTER W. SHERVINGTON TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND HEALTH CARE

**HON. DONNA MC CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 2000*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Walter W. Shervington, a noted psychiatrist and a hero of health care, for dedicating his life to the needs of both the communities in which he lived and worked and the Nation.

Dr. Shervington received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine. His distinctive medical career involved active participation in numerous professional associations, which included the Black Psychiatrists of America, the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, the American Psychiatric Association and the American College of Psychiatrists. In February of this year, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of a new U.S. Olympic Committee, with oversight of drug screening for U.S. athletes participating in the Olympics.

In August of 1999 he was sworn into office as the 99th President of the National Medical Association (NMA). The NMA is a professional, scientific and educational organization that represents the interests of more than Twenty Five Thousand (25,000) African American physicians and the patients that they serve. It is an organization that is dedicated to establishing parity in medicine and the elimination of health disparities.

Dr. Shervington's three decade tenure with the NMA is a legacy of service, dedicated commitment, accomplishment and reflects the multiple and diverse positions that he held. He served as Chairman of the Section on Psychiatry and Behavioral Science; Delegate, Secretary, Vice Speaker and Speaker of the House of Delegates; Chairman of the Board, Vice President and President-Elect, before being sworn into office as President during the Association's 104th Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly.

His term as President brought national attention to the negative impact of Managed Care on African Americans, issues of parity and the access of African American patients to HIV/AIDS treatment. His expertise in the field of psychiatry enabled him to write and lecture extensively on mental health and the impact of HIV/AIDS on the African American community. He served as principal investigator and co-principal investigator on several HIV/AIDS projects and participated in the New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council, while being a member of the National AIDS Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Until his death he served as Chief Executive Officer of the New Orleans Adolescent Hospital, a psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents serving the Greater New Orleans area. He formerly served as Medical Regional Director for the Office of Mental Health in the

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. In 1992 he was appointed Assistant Secretary, Office of Mental Health, by Governor Edwin Edwards of Louisiana and was also an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Louisiana State University School of Medicine. His death on April 15, 2000, ended the illustrious performance of an individual's contributions to various communities and the field of medicine.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I salute Dr. Walter W. Shervington for his dedicated service to his country, his profession and especially the African American community. I thank his wife Denise and daughters Shanga and Iman for sharing him with us.

HONORING LAURIE SPRACKLIN-NOEL

**HON. KENNY C. HULSHOF**

OF MISSOURI  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 2000*

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, the word courage is used to describe many things. President John F. Kennedy wrote the best selling book "Profiles In Courage," and we in the House of Representatives are often asked to vote the courage of our convictions. Courage is often associated with our national war heroes. To a lesser degree, the word "courage" is used to describe athletes who persevere despite injury.

Winston Churchill defined courage as the first human quality because it is the quality which guarantees all others. While Sir Winston did not know Laurie Spracklin-Noel, his words surely describe her.

Laurie, a constituent, was recently diagnosed with stage-three cancer. As a wife, a mother of four, an OB/GYN nurse, an award winning actress and speaker, Laurie has shown her ability to succeed in many areas. At the same time, her most important accomplishment is yet to come. When this event happens Laurie will add the distinction of cancer survivor to her list! Laurie is determined to overcome her cancer through the combination of chemotherapy, the strong support of her family and friends in Moberly, Missouri, and her positive attitude and yes, her undaunted courage. In fact, Laurie has said, "even if this cancer were in stage four, I'm going to beat it."

While Laurie knows she is in the fight of her life, her attitude, disposition, and faith make this fight winnable.

Napoleon said, "Courage is like love; it must have hope to nourish it." Laurie is an inspiration to her family and community. They have hope that through her courageous efforts Laurie will win her battle.

Mr. Speaker, the thoughts and prayers of my colleagues and I go out to Laurie and her family and we wish them well for the future.

RUSSELL GEORGE, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COLORADO

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this moment to recognize the career of one of

Colorado's leading statesmen, and my very dear friend, Colorado Speaker of the House, Russell George. In doing so, I would like to honor this individual who, for so many years, has exemplified the notion of public service and civic duty. It is clear that Speaker George's dynamic leadership will be greatly missed and difficult to replace.

Elected to the State House of Representatives in 1992, he served on the Agriculture, Judiciary, Joint Legislative Sunrise/Sunset, UMTRA Oversight, Children's Code Oversight, Capital Development, and G.A. Board of Ethics Committees. In 1996, he sponsored numerous legislation, including, revision of Child Welfare Laws, water augmentation, right to farm, Colorado Children's Trust Funds.

Speaker George received many honors. He has received honors from the Colorado Association of School Boards, Colorado Bankers Association, Colorado Association of Naturopathic Physicians, Colorado Restaurant Association, Colorado Rehabilitation Coalition, Colorado Crime Stoppers, CCI Domestic Violence Coalition, Colorado Academy of Audiologists. In 1994 and 1996, he was the recipient of the AP Legislator of the Year award.

This year marked the end of Speaker George's tenure in elected office. His career embodied the citizen-legislator ideal and was a model that every official in elected office should seek to emulate. The citizens of Colorado owe Speaker George a debt of gratitude and I wish him well.

HONORING BOBBY W. BEASLEY

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 23, 2000*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to one of my constituents, Bobby W. Beasley, the superintendent of Harnett County Schools. Mr. Beasley is retiring on June 30, 2000, after 36 years of dedicated service to the children of North Carolina. He has served the people well, and his leadership will be sorely missed in my home county.

Bobby Beasley, like many of those educators who have moved North Carolina to the forefront of education reform over the past 20 years, was born in one of our rural counties, Union County near Charlotte, and grew to manhood in Laurinburg, a small town in the Sandhills of the state. After graduation from Laurinburg High School, he enrolled at East Carolina University in Greenville intent on becoming a teacher. Four years later, he began his career as a math teacher and coach at Stokes-Pactolus School in Pitt County.

After only 3 years as a teacher, Mr. Beasley was appointed principal of Bethel Elementary and Bethel Middle School, also in Pitt County, and he remained a school administrator for the rest of his career. Along the way, he also continued his formal education, obtaining the master's degree from East Carolina University and, later the six-year certification in school administration.

Mr. Beasley came to Harnett County in 1974, recruited by Superintendent R.L. Gray to be principal of Angier High School. Those were momentous times in Harnett County, a largely rural tobacco county about to be caught up in a tremendous school consolidation effort designed to make its schools the