

Dr. Sobey is the founder of the National Toy Hall of Fame and the Kids Invent Toys program. Kids Invent Toys is a one-week summer camp for elementary and middle school children that stimulates creative thinking, inventing, and entrepreneurial enterprise. Dr. Sobey has also written more than ten books on science and inventions.

Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Dr. Ed Sobey for his dedication to education and invention. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Sobey many more years of continued success.

2001 EASTSIDE YOUTH WALL OF
FAME

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we must do more to foster and promote programs that encourage and honor our nation's exceptional young adults. On June 9, I had the privilege to participate in a ceremony on the grounds of the Kirkland Youth Center, in Kirkland, Washington, commending the 2001 Eastside Youth Wall of Fame honorees.

Each year, the Greater Eastside Hall of Fame, a chapter of the International Youth Hall of Fame, recognizes "everyday heroes" from the cities of Kirkland, Bellevue, Redmond and Issaquah, Washington. Community members anonymously nominate youth in the areas of service, courage, creativity, and social enterprise. These activities range from volunteering at local hospitals or community service groups, organizing recycling programs at their schools, assisting children with physical and mental impairments, working to curtail drug use at their schools, excelling creatively in arts and crafts, or serving as leaders and positive role models for their peers.

Once selected, the Eastside Youth Wall of Fame honorees have the opportunity to design a ceramic tile, with a personal quote and a picture, which becomes part of a permanent Wall of Fame. I would like to share with my colleagues some of the quotes included on this year's Wall of Fame. One young lady emphasized, "Give a little more each day than you think you possibly can." Another individual decorated her part of the wall with, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Equally inspiring was an honoree's drawing of a diverse group of people, with the quote, "Everyone should be loved." I commend these teens for their perceptive knowledge and selfless actions. Their courage and dedication can be found both in the wall that honors them and in their daily deeds.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these outstanding "everyday heroes" for their civic pride and unselfish commitment to their community. Their contribution to America makes our country a place where these young adults and others like them can continue to realize their dreams. Those individuals are:

City of Bellevue: Kirsten Bennett, Erin Ferguson, Rashawnda Fitch, Jasmine Jarvis, Alex Johnson, Michael Lackey, Jennifer Maurer, Kyle Okubo, Brandon Romero, Ilana Rosenberg, Robert Sardy, Kyle Sigirst, Elizabeth Taylor, Sarah Warren.

City of Issaquah: Jessica Balkman, Tracie Barrick, Alex Estey, Jacob Grahn, Chris

Kenyon, Andrew Koleada, John Lesh, Justin Levitt, Jennifer Littlefield, Nicholas Ravagni, Amanda Shockley, Sara Shreve, Michael Zacharias.

City of Kirkland: Stacey Field, Chad Freeman, Katie Gibelyou, Nicole Glasgow, Emily Haines, Charles Harlan, Jamie Hoffstetter, Christina Hunt, Ressa Levin, Cindy Luo, Sonia Luthra, Daniel Miller, Candace Newsome, Arash Nima, Lizzy Pachaud, Jessie Parker, Rachel Rivera-Coe, Taylor Scott, Caitlin Shields, Elliott Smith, Taylor Stafford, Leah Stettler, Maria Stewart, Lauren Wadlington, Reed Walton, Lily Waluconis, Amy Watanabe, Garin Wedeking.

City of Redmond: Abhi Banerjee, Nick Benavides, Amber Betterley, Lauren Chambers, Heather Cope, Justin Fleming, Hunter Hargraves, Ashley Howard, Alexander Jackson, Melissa Jensen, Will Nelson, Priti Patil, Payvand Seyedal, David Wolbrecht.

Assistants: Kevin Adams, Danny Beard, Joanna Beard, Katie Bell, Brooks Brown, Margaret Bruya, Adam Clarke, Heather Fallon, Andrea Fay, Lisa Marie Gallinger, Gretchen Gibson, Jillian Gibson, Jake Goss, Ryan Griffin, Michelle Hannah, Erin Hatheway, Libbie Hayward, Laurie Hughes, Kim Koczarski, Katie Kramer, Ruth Lee, Nathan Luce, Mallory Nelson, Molly Nelson, Will Nelson, David Orbits, Katie Riese, Adrienne Serroels, Cory Scheef, Lindsey Sorensen, Rachel Sternoff, Amanda Trau, Lauren Underhill, Chris Van Arnam, Jamie Weaver, Kiersten Williams, Lindsay Winner, Katrina Winsnes, Samantha York.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE JAMES
LOPEZ WATSON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in praise of the late Judge James "Skiz" Watson, the nation's most senior African American federal judge, serving on the United States Court of International Trade, a lifetime appointment by former President Lyndon Johnson in 1966. A former New York State Senator, Civil Court Judge, and decorated veteran of World War II, Judge Watson passed away at his home in Harlem on September 1, 2001.

In memory of this distinguished jurist, I introduced legislation today designating the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson Court of International Trade Building." Attaching his name to the courthouse where he served for 36 years is a fitting tribute. Judge Watson was my friend and constituent for many years; he was the judge for whom I clerked after completing law school; and the man who contributed with all of his heart to his family, his community and our nation.

TRIBUTE TO RODNEY J.
MEDEIROS, MICHAEL E.
WIELICZKO AND KEVIN E. GOODE

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, we all have heroes in our lives. Whether it's a figure from

history such as Winston Churchill or a sports star such as Michael Jordan, as a society we admire these people for their accomplishments. But in our own communities, there also are heroes, whose efforts should not go unnoticed.

Corry Patrolman Rodney J. Medeiros, Corporal Michael E. Wieliczko and Patrolman Kevin E. Goode are indeed heroes. In this Erie County hamlet and beyond, they are the people who risk their safety to ensure ours.

Responding to what was suspected to be a hostile situation, the three men, who have more than 29 years of service between them, arrived to find an apartment building engulfed in flames. Hearing the desperate cries of frightened children trapped inside, they kicked in a door to help two teen-agers.

Learning that two more children—just 1 and 3 years old—remained trapped inside, they again re-entered the flames and smoke to locate and rescue the toddlers. Fearing that more people may be trapped inside the blaze, the men entered the building for a third time until the intensity of the fire forced them out, just as the stairwell was about to collapse, which would've trapped our heroes.

These men acted out of not only instinct but out of compassion for others. Webster's Dictionary defines a hero as "one that shows great courage or an object of extreme admiration and devotion; an idol." It also says they are "legendary figures endowed with a great ability and strength." Gentlemen, you are legends.

Mr. Speaker, our community recognizes their courage and the sacrifices these men were willing to make in protecting the lives of others. I was honored to attend a ceremony where Mr. Medeiros was presented with the Medal of Honor while Mr. Wieliczko and Mr. Goode were presented with Medals of Valor.

These men care enough about their community to dedicate their lives to helping others. I applaud their heroism and dedication. And I join the City of Corry in saying thank you.

IN HONOR OF EVELYN M. MOORE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a New Jersey Public Servant, Evelyn M. Moore, who is retiring after almost two decades of service at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, one of the Nation's premier health sciences universities.

Ms. Moore began her service to UMDNJ in the field of government and public affairs in 1983. During the course of her 18-year tenure, she has been continually promoted, in recognition of her outstanding service and performance, ultimately achieving the title of Manager of Federal Government Relations in December of 1998.

Evelyn M. Moore will officially retire from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey on September 28, 2001. It is with mixed emotions that the University community will celebrate Evelyn's retirement.

Her years of diligent service as the foundation of UMDNJ's Department of Government and Public Affairs, have been invaluable to both the University and to Members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation.