HON. JEFF MILLER
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force, I want to recognize Colonel "Mark" Washabaugh for his 30 years of dedicated service to our country. In his most recent assignment he serves as the Chief, Inquiries Division, Office of Legislative Liaison. He manages, on behalf of the Department of the Air Force, all constituent inquiries from the White House, Office of the Vice President, Members of Congress and State/local governments.

Colonel Washabaugh began his distinguished Air Force career with the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Maryland and was commissioned in 1972. He graduated from St. Anne's Academy in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology/biology from the University of Maryland in 1972 and a Master of Science degree in systems management from the University of Southern California in 1985. He also attended Squadron Officer School and Air Command and Staff College.

His first assignment was as an Administration Officer for the 801st Radar Squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Montana. Following this assignment he was Commander of the Headquarters Squadron at Kingsley Field, Oregon. His next assignment took him to Osan AB, Republic of Korea where he served as the Executive Officer for the Deputy Commander for Resources, 51st Composite Wing (Tactical); followed on as Wing Executive Officer and then as Air Force Advisor to the Royal Air Force at Mildenhall, England. In 1986 he returned to the continental United States as the Program Officer, Directorate of Operations and Readiness, Headquarters United States Air Force. His next assignment took him to MacDill AFB, Florida, where he served as Chief of Protocol for the United States Central Command. In 1983, he returned to Headquarters U.S. Air Force and served as the Chief of International Programs for Southern Europe. In 1986 he entered the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, as a student. Upon graduation he became Chief of Protocol, Headquarters U.S. European Command at Patch Barracks, Germany. In 1989 he returned to the continental United States as Chief of Branch 1 in the Office of Legislative Liaison, Headquarters U.S. Air Force. His next assignment was as the Air Education and Training Command at Randolph AFB, Texas as the Chief of Communications and Strategic Information Planning. He returned to the DC area to serve as Chief of the Business Systems Division for the Air Force Communications and Information Center. He was assigned to this position in 1999.

Colonel Washabaugh's military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

IN HONOR OF BRENDA E. PERRY-FELDER

HON. EDDOLPHUS TOWNS
OF NEW YORK
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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Brenda E. Perry-Felder in recognition of her dedication and commitment to her family, her community and her church. Brenda E. Perry was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1940. Brenda attended Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, and then went on to become one of the first African-Americans to attend Bishop McDonnell's Catholic High School. She has spent her life caring for others. After graduating from high school, Brenda attended Kings County Hospital Nursing School. As a registered nurse, she held several positions at a number of different hospitals, including St. Mary's and Greenpoint Hospital.

Brenda has been married to her husband, Cleon, for almost 25 years. Together they have three children, Derick, Ronda, and Kimberly as well as one adopted daughter, Brenda, and a stepson, Cleon Jr. She is also the grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of two. While raising her children, Brenda dedicated her time to going back to school to become a teacher. She was a member of the first class of Medgar Evers College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She also attended Barber-Scotia College. She went on to receive a Master’s in Education from Brooklyn College followed by a Master’s in Supervision/Administration from City College and a Principal Leadership Certification from Howard University.

Brenda was an outstanding dedicated teacher, principal and advocate for children. She worked as a teacher in the Catholic school system at Our Lady of Victory and New Bed-Stuy Catholic Schools. She went on to work for the New York City Board of Education in District 23 where she remained for over 25 years. One of her greatest career accomplishments occurred early this year. After a great deal of hard work, just as she was retiring as its school principal, Brenda was able to have PS 73 removed from the SURR list.

Brenda has received countless honors for her hard work and dedication. In 1986, 1992, and 1995, she received the Outstanding Leadership Award from District 23; in 1991, she received the “Key Women of America Education Award”; in 1993, 1998, and 1999 she was given the Rachel Jean Mitchell Award for her Outstanding Service to Students in District 23; in 1994, she was honored with the Malcolm X-Betty Shabazz Award for Outstanding Service to Children; in 1997, she also received the Barbara Scotia College Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to Children; and in 1999, the New York City School system acknowledged her career achievements with the Chancellor’s Leadership Award as Principal of the Year.

Brenda E. Perry-Felder has committed herself as a parent, student, and teacher to hard work and outstanding accomplishments. Her