

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING DEZIE WOODS-JONES

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2002*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dezie Woods-Jones for her lifetime of distinguished public service. She has been a tireless community activist, civic and educational leader for more than 40 years.

Dezie's long history of civic involvement began in high school, while working in the Civil Rights Movement. She served as President of the Fresno Youth Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), later becoming an organizer for the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and a national fundraiser for the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Ms. Woods-Jones has continued to demonstrate her commitment to social and economic equity by striving to empower women and working with young people. She joined the Peralta Community College District in 1969, as Director of the Merritt College Outreach Center. During her 34-year career, she served as an administrator of Student Services, Community Relations, and Governmental Affairs. First and foremost, however, Dezie considers herself an instructor and teacher. Indeed, she has taught all of us so much.

Ms. Woods-Jones was the first woman to run for the office of Mayor of Oakland. She was elected to the Oakland City Council in June of 1991 and served as the City's Vice Mayor from 1996–1997. While in office, Ms. Woods-Jones served as Chair of the Rules Committee, the Finance and Legislation Committee, and the Health and Human Services Committee. After her term ended, she returned to the Peralta Community College District and presided as Vice Chancellor for External Affairs.

Over the years, she has continued her community activism, working diligently on behalf of the underprivileged and disenfranchised, particularly on behalf of youth and women. Dezie Woods-Jones was a founding member of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) and has served as the organization's president for over 30 years. She is also founder of Black Women Organized for Educational Development and its outreach arm, the Black Women's Resource Center.

Ms. Woods-Jones' commitment to the Oakland/Bay Area community is indeed unparalleled. She has been part of the Alameda County Interagency Task Force, the Greater Oakland International Trade Center Board of Directors, Chair of the Oakland Community Policing Advisory Board, and President of the Oakland Private Industry Council. Her outstanding service has been recognized by the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the American Heart Association, the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, the State of California, and the Congress of the United States of America.

Finally, as we honor Dezie Woods-Jones today, I want to thank her on behalf of the entire 9th Congressional District of California for being a great friend and leader. Dezie has shared with me her wisdom and has given me support.

I have known Dezie since the early 1970's and continue to be inspired by her optimism, her energy, her boldness, her intellect, her heart, and her soul. Those who meet her cannot forget her incredible sense of style and exquisite hats. She is a true role model who continues to touch the lives of women—young and old—in magnificent ways. Her love for people transcends race and gender.

I take great pride in joining Ms. Woods-Jones' friends, family, and colleagues to salute the extraordinary Dezie Woods-Jones. Her Spirit soars even through difficult times. What a remarkable woman!

### RESTORE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO HAITI

#### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2002*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Yet the U.S. government is blocking aid to Haiti in order to expand the influence of a single Haitian political party. This party, known as the Democratic Convergence, is supported by only a small fraction of the Haitian electorate. Nevertheless, the Democratic Convergence and the Organization of American States raised questions about the May 21, 2000, elections in Haiti.

Meanwhile, Haiti's population is facing a serious humanitarian crisis. Haiti's per capita income is only \$460 per year. Four percent of the population is infected with the AIDS virus, and 163,000 children have been orphaned by AIDS. Every year, there are 30,000 new AIDS cases. The infant mortality rate is over seven percent. For every 1000 infants born in Haiti, five women die in childbirth. Furthermore, there are only 1.2 doctors for every 10,000 people in this desperately poor country.

Not only has the United States suspended development assistance to Haiti, the United States has been blocking loans from international financial institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Inter-American Development Bank. U.S. policy has effectively prevented Haiti from receiving \$146 million in loans from the Inter-American Development Bank that were already approved by that institution's Board of Directors. These loans are desperately needed by the people of Haiti.

The Board of Directors of the Inter-American Development Bank recently agreed to send a special mission to Haiti to review conditions for the renewal of lending to Haiti. This mission, which will take place later this month, is purely technical. Its purpose is twofold. First,

the mission's participants will reassess past loans to Haiti that are in arrears. Second, they will assess current efforts by the Haitian government to resolve the political crisis. Unfortunately, there is no indication that participants in this mission will discuss conditions for the restoration of loans or development assistance to Haiti.

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide has taken several steps to address the concerns raised by the international community regarding the May 21, 2000, elections. Yet the U.S. government continues to refuse to negotiate with the Haitian government.

It is time for the United States to end this political impasse and restore development assistance to this impoverished democracy.

### IN CELEBRATION OF THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF WAVES

#### HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to pay special tribute to WAVES, "Women Accepted For Voluntary Emergency Service", on the 60th anniversary of its incorporation. WAVES brings together all former, retired, and present Navy women, promotes the Navy and Navy women, serves women veterans, and supports the traditions and history of the Women of the United States Navy.

During World War I, while the Army remained committed to its prohibition against enlisted women, the Navy Department took advantage of the skills women offered by signing up 13,000 women into the Navy and the Marine Corps.

World War II marked a turning point in the history of women in the military. On July 30, 1942, Congress enacted legislation establishing a Women's Reserve for duty with the U.S. Navy stateside, and on August 3, 1942, WAVES was established. Women have continued to make invaluable contributions to the United States military ever since.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that there are over 1,448,000 women veterans in this country, representing 5 percent of the total veteran population. Women have served in and with the military services since our country was founded. As medics, mechanics, postal workers, clerks, cooks, or MP's, women have contributed and continue to contribute mightily to our national defense in times of both war and peace. Women veterans have served proudly in nearly every United States military action risking their lives in the service of their country.

I am proud to have the Finger Lakes Unit #49 of WAVES National, with members from Rochester and surrounding towns, as an active organization in my district. Our local unit carries out national programs with special emphasis on service to women veterans in VA

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hospitals, at home, and in nursing homes. In addition, our dedicated group continuously supports the Institute of Logopedics for Special children.

I am happy to offer my congratulations to WAVES on their 60th anniversary and my strong support for the important work they do recognizing and promoting the valuable service of women veterans.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 393

SPEECH OF

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 9, 2002*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 393, the resolution offered by Representative JOSEPH CROWLEY.

We have all heard during the past year and a half about the egregious acts of anti-Semitic behavior that have spread through Europe—vandalism of synagogues; desecration of graveyards; personal attacks of people of Jewish faith; boycott of products made in Israel. These actions are cowardly and have resulted in the worst wave of anti-Semitic behavior since 1945.

Today, I rise to support this resolution that calls upon the governments of Europe to protect their residents—Jewish and non-Jewish alike. We must fight for understanding and cooperation between people of all religions, not just in the turbulent Middle East but wherever prejudice and discrimination occur.

Our nation prides itself on maintaining an atmosphere where people can practice whatever religion they choose. Religious tolerance is the root of our peace and prosperity; we must strive to ensure that it is practiced throughout the world so that others may benefit from this spirit of cooperation.

No one deserves to be discriminated against, harmed or even killed simply because of their personal religious beliefs. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to ensure that this behavior ceases immediately.

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TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY A.  
MINISSALE

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration and respect that I offer congratulations to my constituent, Anthony A. Minissale, D.O. of York, Pennsylvania. On July 20, Dr. Minissale will be inducted as the President of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) at its annual House of Delegates meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Minissale will serve from July 2002 through July 2003.

Dr. Minissale is a board-certified osteopathic surgeon. He will lead 47,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) and the AOA, an association organized to advance the philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine by promoting excellence in education, research and the delivery of quality and cost-effective healthcare in a distinct, unified profession. In addition to protecting the right and privilege to practice

osteopathic medicine, Dr. Minissale will work with the AOA to enhance professional unity, ensure quality education and training and preserve osteopathic principles.

Dr. Minissale, vice president of medical affairs and director of medical education at Memorial Hospital in York, earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a rotating internship at Green Cross General Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and a residency in general surgery at Parkview Hospital in Philadelphia.

A member of the AOA for 45 years, he has served as a member of its Board of Trustees for nine years and as a delegate to its legislative body, the House of Delegates, for over 20 years. Additionally, he has chaired all departments of the AOA and acts as the AOA's internship inspector, a post he has held since 1973.

Dr. Minissale, a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, also serves the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA). A member of POMA since 1961, he has worked in such capacities as vice chairman, secretary/treasurer, and board member. A founding member and chairman of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Surgical Society, Dr. Minissale is also a member of the York Osteopathic Medical Society.

Above and beyond his osteopathic duties, Dr. Minissale has worked with civic organizations, such as Leadership York, the Coalition for a Healthy York, and the Gladwyne Civic Association. Dr. Minissale resides in York with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Anthony and Angela.

Mr. Speaker, osteopathic medicine plays an important role in the health of my fellow Pennsylvanians. We are proud to be the home of two osteopathic medical schools—the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Over 4,600 osteopathic physicians serve residents of the Keystone State.

I am pleased to congratulate Anthony A. Minissale, D.O. on achieving the high honor of being named President of the American Osteopathic Association. I look forward to working with him to advance the health of my fellow Pennsylvanians and all Americans.

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TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT DOMINICAN PARADE AND FESTIVAL OF THE BRONX

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to the thirteenth annual Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx which will take place this Sunday, July 14, 2002. This famed event is eagerly anticipated by the Dominican and Bronx communities each year. It is a wonderful celebration of the spirit and richness of Dominican culture.

As the second largest Latino community in New York City, Dominicans have made invaluable contributions to the city, as well as to the entire nation. Although the highest concentration of Dominican people live in Washington Heights, a significant number have enriched

the Bronx with their unique culture and spirit. The Dominican culture is one characterized by, among other things, diverse multiculturalism, strong family values, distinctive art, amazing music and unique cuisine. We are grateful that so many have chosen to make the Bronx home.

Mr. Speaker, the roots of Dominican New Yorkers lie in a country with a fascinating history and arresting beauty. The Dominican Republic is the home of numerous peoples from various heritages. As a result, the culture is charged with strong Taino, African, and European influences. One visit to the Dominican Republic will put to rest any questions one might have as to why Dominicans in America retain such a strong sense of pride in their homeland and never stop missing it.

The achievements and contributions made by Dominican-Americans and Dominican residents have spanned the realms of politics, science, the Armed Forces, literature, public service, and the arts, and undoubtedly make them an integral part of American society. The Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx is a great opportunity to celebrate the Dominican people's culture, history, and bright future.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring the Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx.

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HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO  
EILEEN COUNIHAN

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish a very happy belated birthday to Eileen Counihan, born June 21, 1952, in New York City. Eileen celebrated her 50th birthday with family and friends in Yorkville and Margaretville in Upstate New York.

Eileen is known for her loyalty to friends and her commitment to her family, a quick smile and a warm sense of humor. She is a dedicated, active member of her community, volunteering to distribute food to the homeless on Friday evenings and even Thanksgiving Day. On Earth Day this year she led a project that planted 100 trees.

For these reasons and more I would like to extend the warmest best wishes to her and her family. Happy Belated Birthday, Eileen!

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ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL AIDS  
PANDEMIC

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in urge of dramatic funding increases to stop the spread of an epidemic that is taking the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

Today there are more than 40 million people in the world living with HIV/AIDS. Last year 5 million people contracted the virus, and 3 million people died of AIDS related causes. This current health crisis was once again brought

to my attention yesterday, when the Chicago Tribune reported that African-Americans account for 67 percent of all newly reported cases of HIV in Chicago. They went on to state that the rate of undiagnosed AIDS cases among women in Chicago has nearly tripled in the last decade, with 80 percent of those women being African-American.

But Chicago is not the only place where people are affected by AIDS. In the words of U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell, "AIDS respects no man, woman, or child. It knows no race, religion, class, or creed. No community, country, or continent is immune from its ravages."

Ninety-five percent of those infected with HIV/AIDS live in the developing world. Across the Atlantic, millions of Africans are battling with an epidemic that has ravaged the human capital infrastructure, leaving homes and communities barren. The dreams and hopes of millions of people have been deferred as men, women, and children engage in a losing battle with the silent but powerful enemy that is sweeping and dismantling Africa at an alarming rate. Last year in sub-Saharan Africa alone 2.3 million people have died from AIDS related causes.

HIV/AIDS has made a devastating impact on the fruit of Africa's future, the children. Thirteen million African children have been orphaned due to AIDS, by the end of the decade this number is expected to exceed 40 million.

Global infection rates will continue to rise at alarming rates unless education and treatment options are made available. Recent surveys in 17 countries found that more than half of the adolescents questioned could not name a single method for protecting themselves against HIV/AIDS. In developing nations only 6 to 10 percent of HIV-infected people are receiving treatment for HIV-related opportunistic infection.

If we are serious about finding solutions to this epidemic, then I charge us to commit ourselves to fighting for the humanity of our African brothers and sisters, at whatever the cost. The World Health Organization Commission on Macroeconomics and Health estimates that the cost of mounting an effective global response to HIV/AIDS could reach \$14 billion by 2007. This figure includes programs for prevention, care, and treatment.

We must provide life-saving drugs at reasonable cost. We must support funding for innovative research in finding a cure. We must support the regulation of affordable drugs for all Africans infected by this deadly disease. We must support the development of comprehensive HIV/AIDS policy for Africa.

As a civil society, we ourselves must unite to confront this dilemma head on, to defeat this plague which has us anxious and on the run. It is time for us to stop running and start to act.

SEC CHAIRMAN PITT SHOULD NOT RESIGN

**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the recent calls by some of

our colleagues for Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt to resign in the wake of the public disclosure of inaccurate corporate accounting measures and other problems on Wall Street.

Mr. Pitt should resign, they say, because in his term of office he has done nothing to crack down on corporate abuse of the law and because he is too "cozy with the business community" These calls for Mr. Pitt's resignation are the epitome of hypocrisy. These schemes were hatched in the mid to late 1990s and the Bush administration inherited our current situation. Where was the SEC then? And why haven't these individuals who have been recently critical of the SEC only spoken up in the last week if they believed no one was "minding the store?"

The President correctly said recently that some corporate executives lack an "ethical compass." But the current cycle of free-wheeling financial dealings did not begin with the Bush Administration but during the heady, consequence-free years of the Clinton Administration. The calls for Mr. Pitt to step down are political posturing of the worst kind. President Bush said he believes that Mr. Pitt should get a chance to do the job for which the Senate confirmed him.

The President has decided to give Mr. Pitt that chance, and so should my colleagues in Congress.

WE WILL LEAD ON, JUSTIN DART

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, our Nation has never seen the likes of Justin Dart. His vision, his dedication, and his passion for improving our country and the lives of our people were unwavering. What he accomplished during his lifetime was nothing short of miraculous. Justin Dart's contributions for equality for persons with disabilities and for justice for all people will be felt for generations to come. He would have expected nothing less of himself and from those who joined him in the struggle.

Justin Dart was a trailblazer for justice. For 30 years, with his lifetime partner, companion, friend and wife Yoshiko, and with many of us following closely behind, he led the way for the radical empowerment of persons with disabilities and for universal healthcare.

Justin Dart's life was changed forever when he contracted polio and the doctors proclaimed that he was only 3 days away from death. Those 3 days turned into 40 years. Polio left him in a wheelchair, but Justin often said, "I count the good days in my life from the time I got polio." He used each and every day to the fullest. He traveled, organized, spoke, and enjoyed every minute of it.

He began his advocacy campaign in earnest following his visit to a rehabilitation center for children with Polio in Vietnam in 1966. He would later write of the scene of young starving children left to suffer. "That scene is burned forever in my soul. For the first time in my life I understood the reality of evil, and that I was a part of that reality." Since that day forward, he dedicated himself and his resources to what he believed to be the most basic of

human and civil rights—the right to live free and in dignity. Through sheer will, he fought to end the centuries old discrimination against people with disabilities.

Because of his years of hardwork, along with those who joined him in the fight, people with disabilities in this country finally received what is rightfully theirs, but what took so many years and so many struggles to achieve. In 1990, with Justin Dart on the podium, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law. Understanding that without a grassroots movement, there is no catalyst for change, Justin Dart did not miss the opportunity to protest that the fact that he and only two other disability advocates were on stage when President George Bush signed the ADA. He said, "hundreds of others should have been there as well."

Justin Dart, the father of the ADA, did not stop, did not rest, but instead pushed ahead with another cause after the victory of 1990. Universal healthcare became his passion and he once again traveled the nation calling himself "a full-time citizen soldier in the trenches of justice." When he spoke in Chicago in the early 1990s on universal healthcare, people drove hundreds of miles to hear him. He later fought tirelessly against attempts to weaken or even repeal the ADA and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. He turned back the attacks. Once again, Justin Dart was victorious.

In his lifetime, Justin Dart was unwavering in his convictions. And in his final words to us, he wrote, "Thanks to you, I die in the beautiful belief that the revolution of empowerment will go on. I love you so much. I'm with you always. Lead on! Lead on!" Justin, we will.

EXPRESSING REGRET AND SYMPATHY FOR FAMILIES OF THE UKRAINIAN COAL MINERS KILLED ON JULY 7, 2002

**HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my humblest condolences to the families of the thirty-five coal miners who lost their lives in a July 7th fire in Donetsk, Ukraine.

The terrible loss of life in Donetsk hits home on a number of levels. A tragedy of this magnitude is suffered not only by the families who lost their loved ones but the larger community. As the representative of a sizeable Ukrainian-American community and the co-chairperson of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, I would like to express our condolences to the families of the lost Ukrainian miners. The Ukrainian community in Monroe county, which was established over a century ago, maintains close times with their counterparts in Ukraine. In fact, in recent years, the Rochester-area Ukrainian community opened its arms to a new wave of immigrants.

As a Kentucky native, I have seen, firsthand, the enormous toll that underground mining can exact. Underground mining is dangerous. Tunnels can collapse. Coal in the mines can catch on fire. Sometimes there are poisonous gases near coal. In the U.S., the modernization of mining methods has made it

less dangerous but there is always risk. I appreciate that Ukraine's efforts at enhancing its economy and modernizing its industrial structures has not been without setbacks. However, I am troubled by the fact that this terrible incident is not an isolated one.

Mr. Speaker, Ukraine's mines have one of the highest accident rates in the world due to poor maintenance and neglect of safety regulations. This accident comes a year after a gas explosion killed at least 50 miners in Donetsk and two years after 80 miners died in another underground mining explosion. More than 3,700 miners have died since Ukraine's independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. At this time of reflection, it is my sincere hope that this terrible incident marks a turning point for Ukraine and the Ukrainian government takes substantial steps to close the roughly 200 mines that the World Bank rates as highly prone to methane blasts.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my condolences to the victims' families in Ukraine, and offer my sorrow and sympathy to the people of Ukraine for this shocking tragedy that resulted in thirty-five deaths and my sincerest hope for real reforms in the Ukrainian mining industry.

RECOGNIZING THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS ANGELES PROMOTORAS COMUNITARIAS TRAINING PROGRAM

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor the 10th anniversary of the Planned Parenthood Los Angeles Promotoras Comunitarias Training Program.

This innovative community outreach program started in 1991 to help promote family planning education programs in Latino communities by training women within the community to do the outreach. This is important because it helps spread the message of family planning in a culturally sensitive manner.

Not only did the program help spread much-needed information about family planning methods, it also instilled in the women who became Promotoras a sense of pride and helped them develop critical life skills. By giving their families, friends and neighbors vital health care information and then facilitating access to gynecological health care, Promotoras are empowering women to advocate for their own health care. In return, these dedicated women were able to develop job skills, communication methods and leadership traits.

In short, the Promotoras program has helped thousands of women in my area learn about gynecological care and domestic violence prevention. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable organization.

CARLTON REESE, MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

**HON. EARL F. HILLIARD**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commemorate the life of Carlton Reese today. Professor Reese led the Freedom Choir in Birmingham during the days of struggle in the 1960's and continued to lead it to his death this month. He provided the soul to the movement—without him the struggle might have failed or fallen into violence and disorder.

He was the original writer of the great anthem of the movement, "We Shall Overcome," now one of the most well known songs in the world and sung everywhere that people are struggling for freedom. It has been sung in the freedom rallies in Chile, in democratic rallies in Turkey and in the bomb shelters of Hanoi. In this song, Professor Reese left a permanent legacy of freedom, equality, peace and hope for all to come.

At the tender age of 17, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth asked him to be the music director of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, which organized and directed the demonstrations in Birmingham. It was his music that defined the movement and its spirit. Some of that music can be found on the Smithsonian Institute's CD, "Voices of the Civil Rights Movement."

When he graduated from Miles College in the '60s with a teaching degree, he was blacklisted by the Birmingham School system, and had to go to Tupelo, Mississippi to begin his career as a teacher. The Birmingham school system said that they did not want teachers who had been in jail—even if imprisoned for their commitment to freedom.

Upon returning to Alabama to teach in the Shelby County schools, South of Birmingham, he became Minister of Music at the New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Dolomite, where he served for over 40 years, turning down positions with many of the great gospel churches throughout the nation. This humble giant of freedom and music also served as a Deacon in the church, Religious Education Consultant, Youth Staff Worker, Advisor to the Senior Citizens Program and Financial Planner for the building fund.

Upon returning to Birmingham, he reorganized the Freedom Choir, which later took the name of the Sacred and Heritage Singers. Using this as a base, he became the Music Director for the City-Wide Unity Breakfast Program, and annual major event in Birmingham which brings members of the white and Black communities together to celebrate our progress and unity.

We have lost this great freedom fighter, but he will march on wherever people struggle for freedom, peace and the human family. His music will be sung wherever people are celebrating their victories. His music will be sung in every valley and on every hill of this planet. Carlton Reese will be with us forever. He has overcome!

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF 35 MINERS IN UKRAINE ON 7 JULY 2002

**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my condolences to the families and comrades of 35 Ukrainian miners who died Sunday, 7 July 2002, in a mining accident in eastern Ukraine. I also offer my condolences to the people of Ukraine who have suffered too many such tragedies in the years since independence, as a result of an aging mining sector that is in dire need of reform and modernization.

Ukraine's miners have endured turmoil for too long. Miners have been forced to work under intolerable and life-threatening conditions, in some cases without being paid for years. It is estimated Ukraine's mining industry employs about half a million people in 193 mines, mostly in the eastern region of the country. However, the mortality rate in Ukraine's coalmining industry is staggering, with five to six miners lives sacrificed for every ton of coal produced, constituting nearly 4,000 deaths in the last 11 years.

Mr. Speaker, despite the obvious threat to its citizens, Ukraine's government has resisted shutting down unsafe mines. Rather, it appears avoiding profit loss, instability from mass unemployment and lack of heating coal far outweigh the considerations for human life.

In August this year, I intend to lead a Congressional Delegation to countries surrounding the Black Sea, including Ukraine. One focus of this trip will be on the mining industry to gain a better understanding of the crisis facing Ukraine and to help alleviate the suffering of miners and their families.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BOB GOODLATTE**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 293 and 294, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both.

RECOGNIZING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF STAPLETON

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Forest City Stapleton, Inc., for their role in the redevelopment of the former Stapleton International Airport in Denver, Colorado.

Stapleton International Airport served as Denver's municipal airport from 1929 to 1995. After that function ended with opening of the new Denver International Airport, there was much discussion about what to do with the 7.5 square mile Stapleton property—land that

once was at the edge of town but that is now surrounded by residential development.

What evolved from those discussions is the vision that Forest City Stapleton, Inc. is implementing today—a vision that I am proud to recognize as an example of the kinds of responsible community redevelopment.

As Colorado continues to increase rapidly in population, policies that promote smart, responsibly managed growth become ever more important. The new Stapleton community that Forest City Stapleton, Inc. has planned displays the finest aspects of both smart growth and “New Urbanism.”

New urbanism refers to community development that concentrates a diversity of uses (residential, commercial, governmental) and thus avoids some of the impacts that come with suburban sprawl (such as long commutes, lost open space). Forest City Stapleton, Inc. has consistently remained mindful of the critical importance of developing land so as to maximize the use of natural resources while minimizing the impact on the natural environment.

Over the next 20 years, Stapleton’s 4,700 acres will become a new community of 12,000 homes and 13 million square feet of offices and shops as well as over 1,100 acres of parks and open space. The Stapleton redevelopment alone will increase the acreage of Denver parks by 30 percent. With new homes, schools, retail and office space, Stapleton will be a self-sustainable community where people can live, learn, work and play. By varying land-use and density of development, Forest City Stapleton, Inc. is able to create the social and economic diversity characteristic of any great urban community.

Essentially, through the foresight of the Stapleton redevelopment committee, the surrounding communities and the City and County of Denver, Coloradans are converting a once productive property into a new community that will serve its residents well. The redevelopment of Stapleton represented an opportunity to employ innovative and workable approaches that will result in healthy, livable communities. I hope that this model can be used as an example of alternatives to traditional development in communities throughout Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our appreciation for the conscientious development Forest City Stapleton, Inc. has undertaken. I wish them continued success.

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HONORING USCG CAPTAIN RICK YATTO COMMANDING OFFICER OF AIR STATION CAPE COD

**HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of this Congress the accomplishments of Captain Rick Yatto of the United States Coast Guard. We extend our appreciation for his three years of outstanding service as Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod.

Today, Captain Yatto will step down as the Commanding Officer of the largest Air Station on the East Coast. It is an assignment that is one of the most difficult in the entire Coast Guard, with a unique set of challenges both at sea and on land.

On the water, the Air Station provides law enforcement and search-and-rescue coverage throughout much of the Northwest Atlantic, with a large boating and fishing community that operates in some of the most difficult conditions. In the past three years, the Air Station performed over 750 search-and-rescue cases and saved over 200 lives. On land, the Air Station is a large industrial complex spread out over 1,400 acres, with over 600 housing units, a medical clinic, and dozens of buildings that support hundreds of Coast Guard and military families. The Air Station is also located on top of a fragile underground drinking water supply, located next to one of the largest Superfund sites in the country. The job is so large, that those who work and live at the base often see Captain Yatto as the local mayor.

However, unlike politics, in the Coast Guard there is no margin for error. During Captain Yatto’s tenure, the Air Station has not only had its fair share of daring rescues, it has successfully tackled a host of environmental challenges critical to the future of the installation. The Air Station’s success in pollution prevention, innovative environmental management, and energy efficiency has won national recognition from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the White House.

In my district, the Coast Guard is widely respected as the oldest maritime service in the country, with a tradition forever linked to the heritage of Cape Cod and the Islands. Many of the first Coast Guard stations were built on the Massachusetts coast, manned by brave men from local families with deep roots in our community. Their gallant deeds and heroics are not only a part of the Coast Guard’s proud tradition, they are permanently etched into the communities and family histories of the people I represent.

This explains why the Coast Guard is so much a part of our community, why there is so much local pride in its rich tradition and in the work they do today saving lives, protecting our fisheries, the marine environment and defending our homeland. That pride in our Coast Guard will continue as long as it is led by people like Captain Rick Yatto and served by the fine men and women of Air Station Cape Cod.

On behalf of a very grateful constituency, Captain Yatto: “Mission accomplished, and job well done.”

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INTRODUCTION OF THE TEACHER TAX RELIEF ACT

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, the economic stimulus package signed into law by President Bush on March 9, 2002 offers school teachers a \$250 deduction for qualified “out of pocket”

educational expenses such as books and other supplies. These important provisions will provide almost half a billion dollars worth of tax relief to teachers all across America. However these provisions are only effective in tax years 2002 and 2003.

It is now estimated that the average teacher spends \$521 out of their own pocket each year on classroom materials—materials such as pens, pencils and books. First year teachers spend even more. Moreover, in addition to spending substantial money on classroom supplies, many teachers spend even more money out of their own pocket on professional development.

The bottom line is that these out-of-pocket costs place lasting financial burdens on our teachers and this is one reason our teachers are leaving the profession. Congressmen JOHN TANNER, MARK FOLEY and I have introduced the Teacher Tax Relief Act of 2002. This important legislation will build on current law in three ways: increase the above-the-line deduction for educators from \$250 allowed under current law to \$500, allow educators to include professional development costs within that \$500 deduction and make these provisions permanent.

This legislation has bi-partisan cosponsors and support from the education community. I urge the House to support this measure.

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CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IOLA OLD CAR SHOW

**HON. MARK GREEN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 12, 2002*

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, this weekend marks the 30th anniversary of the Iola Old Car Show.

Iola is a village in my northeastern Wisconsin district filled with great people. For a few days each summer it is filled with even more terrific folks, who bring their truly extraordinary historic cars for this event.

This year, the Iola Car Show will focus on “Ford’s Fabulous Model A,” and will have more than 200 Ford Model A’s on display. But that’s just a fraction of the more than 2,500 cars built between 1900 and 1975 that will be there.

There are few things more distinctly American than our adoration for the automobile, and the Iola Old Car Show celebrates that love. It also showcases who we are and who we’ve been—retelling nearly a century of American history through the automobile. This year’s Ford Model A exhibition is a perfect example of that expression of our history.

The car show has come a long way from its humble beginnings in 1972, when Chet Krause invited some of his buddies who happened to own old cars to the Iola Lions Chicken Roast. Today, it’s grown into one of the largest car shows in the nation. It’s an event that I’m very proud to host in my district, and I wish them all the best this year for a great show and a happy 30th anniversary.

H.R. 2486 "INLAND FLOOD FORECASTING AND WARNING SYSTEM ACT OF 2002"

SPEECH OF

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 11, 2002*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2486) to authorize the National Weather Service to conduct research and development, training, and outreach activities relating to tropical cyclone inland forecasting improvement, and for other purposes:

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Chairman, as I stand before you today, homeowners of my district in Eastern North Carolina are making preparations for another hurricane season along the coast. Unfortunately, many

of my constituents have yet to fully recover from effects of seasons past.

The United States has a significant hurricane problem. More than 60 percent of our population live in coastal states, and every year these citizens must rely on the most accurate information at their disposal as they take the measures necessary to remain safe.

Mr. Chairman, when most people think of the dangers of hurricanes, high winds and storm surges come to mind. However, more people have died from inland flooding over the past 30 years than any other cause. While high winds are a major source of damage, their impacts are often localized to immediate coastal areas. On the contrary, inland flooding threatens communities hundreds of miles from the coast, as powerful rains fall from these huge tropical air masses.

My constituents know all too well the perils of inland flooding. In 1999, Hurricane Floyd brought torrential rains and record flooding to Eastern North Carolina. As riverbanks and

dams gave way, townspeople were lucky to find safety before their homes and businesses were washed away. Of the 56 people who lost their lives in this storm, 50 of them drowned due to inland flooding.

Mr. Chairman, even more heartbreaking is the fact that these deaths could have been prevented. That is why I stand before you today to voice my full support for H.R. 2486, the Inland Flood Forecasting and Warning System Act, introduced by my colleague from North Carolina, BOB ETHERIDGE.

This bill will give the National Weather Service, emergency officials, and meteorologists the tools necessary to moderate the dangers of tropical cyclones and inland flooding. More importantly it saves lives.

Mr. Chairman, each year citizens along coastal areas do their part to protect families and communities from the effects of hurricanes, now it's time for Congress to do ours.