

IN TRIBUTE TO TAVIS SMILEY

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, three years ago, many of the communities in my Eastern North Carolina District were devastated and nearly destroyed by a succession of hurricanes and floods that swept through. Lives were shaken or lost, and the hopes of many nearly dashed. Particularly hard hit was historic Princeville, North Carolina—settled and incorporated by former slaves. When you live in a rural area it is sometimes easy to feel alone. One of the early sources of inspiration and hope to my constituents was the voice of Tavis Smiley—whom Newsweek profiled as one of the “20 people changing how Americans get their news.”

In the immediate aftermath of the storms, Tavis Smiley surely demonstrated that he is one of the nation’s “captains of the airwaves,” calling attention to the plight of the people in Princeville through his national radio audience and in appearances on national television, ranging from The Tavis Smiley Show from NPR, The Tom Joyner Morning Show, BET Tonight, and CNN among others.

Tavis Smiley is one of the few powerful voices in America’s mass media today who makes the term “advocacy journalist” something to be proud of. One of the most successful African-Americans in the media today, Mr. Smiley is also the founder of the Tavis Smiley Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to encourage, empower and enlighten Black youth.

His role in rallying Americans to understand the magnitude of the incredible natural disasters that befell Princeville and other communities in Eastern North Carolina had an enormous impact on our ability to cope and have hope, and his efforts created a groundswell of support from around the country to rebuild and revive. In the hearts and minds of Eastern North Carolinians, he’s not just a “captain of the airwaves,” he is a Prince of Public Service.

CONGRATULATING EBBY
HALLIDAY ACERS**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Texas’s most respected and most successful businesswomen—Ebby Halliday of Dallas—on the occasion of her 91st birthday. Her countless community activities, successful business venture and endless enthusiasm make her truly a remarkable woman.

Ebby Halliday Realtors, the company that she founded 57 years ago, has grown from its infancy into a nationally known entity. This company that began with one office has now expanded to become one of the world’s largest independently-owned residential realty firms. And at the age of 91, Ebby still works 9-hour work days. Ebby Halliday Realtors assisted some 17,500 home buyers last year, and

Ebby’s remarkable business acumen is evident in the many awards that she has received from her industry and peers.

In 1996 Ebby was introduced into the Texas Business Hall of Fame. She was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Realtors and the International Real Estate Federation. Ernst and Young named her the regional Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997, and she was inducted into the Dallas Business Hall of Fame in 1999. In 2000, Ebby received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Real Estate from Texas A&M’s Real Estate Center and was named Most Influential Woman in the Business and Professional Category by the Ft. Worth Business Press. Ebby was the first recipient of the Executive Women International’s Executive Excellence Award—an award that will carry her name in the future—and she was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Humanities by Dallas Baptist University.

Aside from running a successful business, Ebby has selflessly devoted time and resources to local civic organizations. She has served as chairperson of the Thanksgiving Square Foundation, served on the boards of St. Paul Medical Foundation, the Communities Foundation of Texas, the Dallas Community College District Foundation, and the Better Business Bureau. She has also supported the Alexis de Tocqueville Society for the United Way, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Guild, the Plano Symphony and the State Fair of Texas. She has been president of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce and of the Greater Dallas Planning Council and served as a member of the Dallas Park and Recreation Board. In addition, the St. Paul Medical Center Foundation was dedicated to Ebby and her husband, Maurice Acers, in honor of their service.

Ebby’s remarkable energy and philanthropy are a testament to her devotion to her career and to her community, and the State of Texas is grateful for her many significant contributions. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize an outstanding citizen for her remarkable lifetime of achievement and philanthropy—my dear friend, Ebby Halliday Acers.

A TRIBUTE TO THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS, ST. CABRINI COUNCIL
#3472 ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Knights of Columbus, St. Cabrini Council #3472 on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. On Saturday, June 29, the Knights of Columbus will celebrate this auspicious occasion with an anniversary dinner.

In 1882 Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus on the four principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism and I am happy to say, that the St. Cabrini Council #3472 has embodied these virtues for 50 years. Formed on November 14, 1951, by 45 charter members, the St. Cabrini Council #3472 has grown steadily and now boasts a membership of over 160 Catholic men. This fraternity has dedicated itself to selfless serv-

ice not only to the Catholic Church, but to service groups throughout the community in which they live.

As many of the groups’ members worship at Catholic parishes throughout Burbank and Sun Valley, many of the Knights of Columbus’s efforts are focused on making these parishes more friendly and inviting places in which Catholics from throughout Burbank and the San Fernando Valley can come to worship. By involving themselves in parish events such as festivals, dinners, spiritual groups and carnivals, the organization continues to commit itself to creating a stronger and more vibrant Catholic community.

The Knights of Columbus have also adopted a number of community groups which they have supported throughout the years. Each year, the group is responsible for raising between \$6,000 to \$8,000 for charitable groups throughout Los Angeles County. Most notably, the Knights have been recognized for their funding of organizations that assist the mentally handicapped and for their efforts on behalf of Rancho San Antonio Boys Town of the West, a residential facility run by the Holy Cross Brothers and open to boys up to 18 years old who find themselves in conflict with the law.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus have been active in offering scholarship opportunities to students in Catholic grade schools and high schools to assist these students in their pursuit of education. Their efforts have also extended to local Boy Scouts of America Troops in the way of sponsorship and financial contributions.

I ask all Members of the United States House of Representatives to rise today and honor the Knights of Columbus, St. Cabrini Council #3472 on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary and for all that they do for our community.

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Shirley Caesar’s mesmerizing musical talents have enthralled and uplifted millions of Americans over a career spanning more than thirty years. She is the winner of ten Grammys and numerous other awards for her heartfelt renditions of gospel, soul, and rhythm and blues music. Her music is part and parcel of her role as Pastor of Shirley Caesar Outreach Ministries, and a substantial portion of her concert and recording proceeds support her ministerial activities. Hers is an incredible example of triumph over adversity, exceeding