

HONORING CONGRESSWOMAN EVA CLAYTON

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, if we had the opportunity to vote on the decision, our colleague from North Carolina, EVA CLAYTON, would be denied the right to retire at this time. In the coming Democratically controlled House of Representatives, her leadership abilities will be missed more than ever. EVA CLAYTON is the model of the quiet but effective power broker. In the very beginning she was elected president of her Freshman class; at the conclusion of her career in Washington, she served as the Chair of the Board of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Before the more serious retirement tributes begin, I would like to offer this serious but lighthearted sketch of EVA CLAYTON through the RAP poem below:

CITY GIRL CLAYTON

City girl
 With a kind country soul,
 Chameleon Lady Eva
 For any royal role.
 Lips leak logic always cool
 Anger at injustice
 From a deep volcanic pool;
 North Carolina Style
 Magnetism reaching a mile
 Kidnaps with a Southern smile;
 Lady spider for ambitious flies
 She can paralyze just with her eyes.
 City Girl dresses
 Always in sophisticated fashion
 Practices methods
 To check eager passion;
 Stingy with her caresses
 Continuously she assesses
 Steps over any messes;
 She can strut through a downpour
 And never get wet,
 Top prizes race into her net—
 Power is her pet.
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TRIBUTE TO GEORGE ROGERS CLARK

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

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Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, the history of our great nation is built upon the shoulders of strong and passionate individuals whose lives teach us about the spirit of America.

George Rogers Clark was such a man—his brave leadership during the Revolutionary War was crucial to the American colonies' success against the British, especially in the battle for America's western frontier.

George Rogers Clark was born 250 years ago on November 19, near Charlottesville, Virginia and was an industrious young man who embraced the frontier lifestyle of Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Clark worked on his father's farm until he studied to become a surveyor at the age of 19. He was on the road to success as a sur-

veyor until his work was interrupted by Lord Dunmore's War, a dispute between several Indian warriors and settlers along the frontier.

Clark joined an expedition to apprehend the warriors who started the attack, and he proved to be an effective leader as the troops traveled across the countryside.

During this skirmish, he became familiar with the different Indian tribes and learned their customs, and displayed his ability to think strategically.

After Lord Dunmore's War, George Rogers Clark also made significant gains for America by increasing the territory of the colonies through western exploration and founding towns in the frontier region of Kentucky.

Through diplomatic efforts and advocacy with the colonial government of Virginia, Clark helped to protect the colonists who moved to the frontier. He utilized his knowledge of Indian customs to negotiate trade with Indian tribes.

George Rogers Clark's excellent leadership skills also helped to ensure America's victory against the British during the Revolutionary War.

Clark led a small band of soldiers along the Mississippi and Wabash rivers, capturing British outposts along the way.

And during the harsh winter of 1778–1779, George Rogers Clark led a daring attack in order to recapture the British Fort Sackville in Vincennes, Indiana.

Clark only had 200 men with which to accomplish this seemingly impossible task.

The British were well-armed and fortified with many troops, but Clark tricked the British into thinking that the colonial militia was large and formidable.

On February 25, 1779, the British surrendered Fort Sackville to George Rogers Clark and his soldiers. Afterwards, the British were forced to pull vital resources from their war in the eastern colonies, and the Americans were able to gain a foothold against the British in the western frontier.

But Clark's leadership did not stop with the recapture of the fort at Vincennes—he continued to ensure America's victory by helping to control unrest in the western regions of the colonies.

Even after the Revolutionary War, this patriot continued to serve his country by offering leadership to his community.

George Rogers Clark was one of the unique individuals who helped shape our nation and give America its spirit.

I offer H. Con. Res. 499 not only to honor George Rogers Clark, but also to honor the Hoosier community who has not forgotten Clark's heroism and has kept his courageous spirit alive in Vincennes.

As Clark said of the Revolutionary War, "Our cause is just . . . our country will be grateful." And we in Indiana are truly grateful for what George Rogers Clark and other patriots did for our state and for our country.

LABOR SECRETARY ELAINE L. CHAO REMARKS TO ANCOR CONFERENCE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

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Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I submit this statement for the RECORD.

SECRETARY OF LABOR ELAINE L. CHAO
 REMARKS TO ANCOR CONFERENCE

Thank you for that kind introduction.

I want to thank President Than Johnson, President-elect Fred Romkema, and CEO Renee Pietrangelo for their service.

I also want to you to know that you have a great advocate in Haley Barbour.

Later today, you'll be presenting ANCOR congressional awards to Senator Bunning and Congressman Lewis. They are both great Americans.

I am also glad to see Ron Geary and Kelley Abell here. Ron is CEO of ResCare in Louisville, Kentucky, the largest service provider in the country. They're tremendously dedicated to this community.

I want to begin by saying ANCOR members are providing wonderful community living and employment support and services to Americans with mental retardation and other disabilities. This association of organizations and companies represent the heart of the American spirit—a spirit that believes every human has worth and value and dignity.

The supports and services you provide touch the lives of over 260,000 Americans with mental retardation and other disabilities, as well as their families. Because of the work you do, people with disabilities are living more self-directed, independent lives in their communities.

On behalf of President George W. Bush and his entire Administration, I want to say "thank you."

ANCOR representatives have met with Department of Labor more times than I can count. We may just have to give you a permanent DOL badge!

Your meetings with the Assistant Secretary of Policy, ODEP, ETA, and Wage and Hour, have been so important in helping the government understand your concerns. You are educating us about the growing crisis in recruiting, training, and retraining direct support professionals.

Again, we are listening and we are responding.

For example, the Department of Labor has terminated the companionship rulemaking that was slipped in at the last minute by the previous Administration.

We believe that companions provide essential support to those men and women and children who remain at home.

Raising costs and reducing access, restricting working hours and increasing paperwork is not the answer. With your help, the Department terminated the rule and restored more flexibility for individuals with mental retardation and other disabilities and their families!

The Department has also listed Direct Support Specialist in the Directory of Occupational Titles. Now, some outside of this audience might not understand its significance, but we know that this small change allows for big openings in training and recognition.

ANCOR has also worked with the Department on shaping the policies for the President's New Freedom Initiative.

This initiative, and the President's Executive Order to bring swift and full implementation of the Olmstead Decision, are key priorities at the Department of Labor.

ANCOR members and the direct support workers you represent are critical to the success of the New Freedom Initiative and the Executive Order.

I want to thank you for submitting extensive recommendations last August as part of the President's Executive Order, especially your recommendations to the Department of Labor.

I also appreciate your testimony on WIA reauthorization in the inter-agency forum