

As Texas lawmakers prepare to continue their concentration on such issues as Education, health Care, Insurance, Criminal Justice, Business & Industry, and Elections, the Texas Legislative Black Caucus will assert its energies to ensure that the masses of Texas are properly represented. No other organization is better suited or possesses a better track record of being accountable and holding other lawmakers accountable for the betterment of the lives of Texas citizens. I am certain that the conference will once again be a tremendous success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States Congress join me in paying honor and tribute to the 16 members of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus as they continue their critical fight for all Texas families.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI DEDICATES  
ROBERTO C. GOIZUETA PAVILION  
TO HOUSE CUBAN HERITAGE  
COLLECTION

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 29, 2003, the 150th anniversary of the birth of Cuban patriot José Martí, the University of Miami dedicates the Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion to house the University of Miami Libraries' Cuban Heritage Collection. Under the accomplished direction and dynamic leadership of Professor Esperanza B. de Varona, the Cuban Heritage Collection is widely recognized as the premier collection of materials documenting the Cuban exile and Cuban American experience as well as the largest repository of historical and cultural Cuban materials outside of Cuba.

The history of the Cuban Heritage Collection is inextricably tied to that of the University of Miami. As early as 1926, faculty from the University of Havana came to teach at the University, and the collection of library materials related to Cuba grew to support course work and scholarship in Latin American and Caribbean studies. The arrival of thousands of Cuban exiles in the early 1960s accelerated the collection's expansion. In 1998, the Otto G. Richter Library's vast and growing holdings of Cuban, Cuban exile and Cuban-American monographs, and special materials were brought together under the Cuban Heritage Collection with Esperanza B. de Varona as its head. Mrs. de Varona is capably assisted by the Collection's bibliographer, Lesbia Orta Varona.

The Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion, the new home of the Cuban Heritage Collection, is an elegant and spacious addition to the University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library. It is named in honor of Roberto C. Goizueta, a Cuban refugee who lived, relished, and, indeed, embodied the American dream. Mr. Goizueta served as chairman of the Board of Directors and chief executive officer of The Coca-Cola Company from March 1, 1981 until his death on October 18, 1997. Born in Cuba in 1931, Mr. Goizueta began his career with The Coca-Cola Company in Havana in 1953. In 1960, after the Communist regime of Fidel Castro assumed power in Cuba and nationalized all private businesses, Mr. Goizueta, his wife

Olga and their children left Cuba for Miami. Within 30 years of leaving Cuba, Mr. Goizueta was leading an American company that symbolizes freedom around the world—The Coca-Cola Company.

Roberto C. Goizueta was more than a business leader. He was the ideal citizen who believed that every person who enjoys freedom and opportunity has a duty to cherish, protect, and nurture it. He strived to make America stronger, not only through his inspirational and exceptional business leadership but also through his generous philanthropic contributions. Mr. Goizueta established The Goizueta Foundation in 1992 to provide financial assistance to educational and charitable institutions. In 1999, under the leadership of Olga C. de Goizueta, wife of the late entrepreneur, The Goizueta Foundation made a challenge grant of \$2.5 million to the University of Miami in 1999 toward the building of a new home for the Cuban Heritage Collection. With additional support from the late Elena Díaz-Verson Amos and the Fanjul family, the Cuban Heritage Collection's Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion was completed in the fall of 2002.

From its new location, the Cuban Heritage Collection is able to continue to carry out its mission of collecting, preserving, and making accessible materials related to Cuban, Cuban exile, and Cuban American history and culture. It is a privilege for the collection to be doing so in the name of a man whose life, mission, and presence so influenced this community, this nation, and our world: Roberto C. Goizueta.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 10, making further continuing appropriations for FY '03, I was regrettably unable to cast my vote during the appropriate time.

Had I been present, I would have voted, "no."

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING  
CITIZENSHIP AND WORK OF MR.  
GREGG MODESITT

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. Gregg Modesitt on his selection as The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year for 2002. Mr. Modesitt will be honored at the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on January 23, 2003.

Mr. Modesitt is a certified public accountant in Northern Virginia, but more importantly he provides considerable community leadership. Mr. Modesitt is involved with many local organizations and has been honored by many for his professional talents and philanthropic efforts. In the past, he has served as treasurer, vice president and president of the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, in addition to

serving as the Director and Vice President and Loans of the Virginia Asset Financing Corporation. He also has served on the faculty at Northern Virginia Community College, teaching adult education courses, been an active member and President of the Annandale Rotary, and served as a life member of Virginia Jaycees. These activities are simply a few of the many activities Mr. Modesitt has undertaken.

More important than his professional accomplishments are the immense personal and social impacts Mr. Modesitt has had on the Northern Virginia community. He is a strong supporter of mentoring programs in the community and is described by colleagues as one who willingly gives his time and knowledge to others who need guidance and encouragement. One notable way Mr. Modesitt has consistently given to the community is his service as Santa Claus each year for organizations that assist underprivileged children.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that I extend a wholehearted thank you and congratulations to Mr. Modesitt. His contributions to Virginia and his community have been great. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding him for all that he has done.

UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS NEED  
REAL BENEFITS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 27, 2003*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, the House of Representatives passed an extension of unemployment insurance benefits for almost 3 million unemployed American workers. Although I was supportive of a much stronger unemployment compensation extension, one that would have provided benefits to an additional 1 million American workers whose benefits have expired, this legislation is albeit a small step in the right direction. I am pleased that we are finally able to provide some comfort for those touched by this recession.

Relief for America's working families is long-overdue. With 95,000 workers exhausting their unemployment benefits each week, this is the kind of immediate assistance that we should have passed long ago.

On December 28, 800,000 Americans lost their extended unemployment benefits. The Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program ended on December 28 because the President and House Republicans rejected Democratic pleas to extend the TEUC program with a compromise bill that the Senate had passed unanimously.

Initially, I was in full support of the House Democrats' comprehensive unemployment benefits bill introduced by Rep. CHARLIE RANGEL. This Democratic bill would have reestablished and expanded the Federal extended unemployment benefits program. Most importantly, it would have guaranteed all jobless workers at least 26 weeks of extended benefits.

Unfortunately, the House GOP leadership refused to allow a vote on this Democratic bill. Instead, they only allowed members to vote on their bill, which provides an extension of only