

J.L. Hudson Company and the Dayton Hudson Corporation in 1982 after serving as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for ten years.

In 1956 Mr. Hudson was elected to the board of trustees of the Hudson-Webber Foundation and served as President and then Chairman from 1961 until his retirement in 1996. The Hudson-Webber Foundation is committed to improving the vitality and quality of life of the metropolitan Detroit community with special emphasis on the Detroit Medical Center, the arts, crime reduction, economic development and the communities' urban revitalization needs.

Mr. Hudson's civic and community involvement includes service on the City of Detroit Arts Commission (Detroit Institute of Arts) where he served as President from 1979–1990; Active Honorary Trustee and founding Chairman of New Detroit, Inc., America's first urban coalition. Mr. Hudson has also received Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degrees from the University of Detroit, Wayne State University, and Michigan State University.

In June of 2003, Mr. Hudson will complete 19 years as founding Chairman of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. Under his remarkable leadership, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$145 million in over 18,000 grants to improve the seven counties of Southeastern Michigan. The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan is one of the youngest and fastest growing of over 600 community foundations worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all my colleagues rise and join me in honoring Mr. Hudson's humanitarian achievements and tireless dedication to his community and church.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL J.  
HANDY: THE VETERANS' VETERAN

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Michael J. Handy, Director of the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs in the City of New York. Mr. Handy died on May 31 from a heart attack. He was 55 years old.

Mr. Handy was first appointed to head the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs by Mayor David Dinkins in the late 1980's, and was reappointed to that position by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

For Mr. Handy, service to veterans was not a partisan issue. Indeed, he was New York's Veterans' Veteran, having dedicated 30 years of his professional life to assisting the men and women who had served in our Nation's Armed Forces.

He had served in Vietnam as an enlisted man in the Air Force. But as his loving wife Edna has pointed out, Mr. Handy's service after the war, and to the very end, was a response to a call that struck him so deeply that it became central to his life. For him, working for and with veterans was not so much a job, or a political office, it was a passion.

I first began working with Mr. Handy in the late 1980's when he became involved with the

Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust, which I chaired. Mr. Handy became a fixture at those annual meetings which convened each September during the Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference.

Mr. Handy was one of the very first advocates for federally assisted housing for disabled and veterans, which culminated eventually in a program to provide such housing, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Veterans' Administration.

In his later years, Mr. Handy was a persistent advocate for raising the benefits received by Reservists and National Guardsmen to equal those of active duty soldiers. His voice in that area has been heard in Washington, where Democrats in Congress are pushing such legislation.

Mr. Handy, a native New Yorker, was a lively, kind and gentle man whose service to New York City's veterans, including those residing in my Congressional District, I will never forget. He followed his vocation with the greatest enthusiasm, attending every parade, every meeting, every dedication, in the hope that somehow his presence would make a difference for his constituents which numbered more than half a million veterans in the city and nearly 400 veterans organizations.

Mr. Handy, in his Director's statement at the Office of Veterans' Affairs, described New York as a city of "patriotic Americans—men and women—who have put themselves in harm's way to preserve our way of life. We owe those who wear, and those who wore, the uniform of the United States of America a debt of gratitude for their service and their sacrifice."

Mr. Speaker, we all owe Michael Handy a comparable debt. We thank and commend him. And we pray that you will ease the pain of his loss being endured by his dear wife Edna, his loving daughters, extended family and his many friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, during an absence yesterday, I regrettably missed rollcall votes 227–229. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall No. 227: "yea"; rollcall No. 228: "yea"; rollcall No. 229: "yea."

TRIBUTE TO MAE W. SEAMAN

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it has been said that teachers can only retire from their jobs, but not from their calling. That is certainly true for Mae W. Seaman who, after 32 years of dedicated service, has decided to retire from the Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School.

Mae Seaman was born and raised in Miami, Florida and is a proud graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School. She attended the University of Miami to earn her undergraduate degree and went on to receive her Master of Science degree from Nova University.

She began her teaching career began in 1970 at West Little River Elementary in Miami. At West Little River Elementary the staff bestowed upon her one of the highest honors that they could bestow on any colleague "Teacher of the Year." Ms. Seaman remained at West Little River Elementary for 10 years before moving on to other endeavors.

Ms. Seaman's day, for the past eighteen years, started with a five o'clock wake-up, in order to get her mother to the family's business on the west side of town, before greeting her students each day. Her mother still lives with her and although she has retired, her routine remains the same—up by five o'clock, to take care of family and business.

All that will be missing each day are the students, but Ms. Seaman can take pride in the success of the thousands of young people she helped successfully nurture and develop over the years.

Congratulations, Ms. Seaman. Thank you for your service, and enjoy your retirement.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH  
FOLEY

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elizabeth Foley, from Saline, Michigan, which is located in my district, on becoming a State Honoree in the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program for outstanding volunteer service.

Conducted in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created eight years ago by Prudential Financial, Inc. to encourage youth volunteerism and to identify and reward young role models. State Honorees are chosen from more than 24,000 applicants as particularly impressive examples of what young Americans today are capable of doing to make their communities better places to live.

Ms. Foley, 14, organized the "Visual Ambassadors," a school group dedicated to educating others about the visually impaired. After being inspired by a blind friend who taught her Braille, Elizabeth wanted to help educate other students about what visually impaired individuals go through each day. After writing a project proposal and obtaining the approval of school officials, Elizabeth developed plans for a six-week after school class. She bought Braille books, organized a field trip and put together an information packet for her students. She hopes to have over 100 graduates of her program by the time she goes to college.

This young woman's selfless acts to enlighten others about the disabled should be commended. Mr. Speaker, I would like you to join me and all of my colleagues in congratulating Ms. Foley for her accomplishments.