

Mr. Speaker, Virginia has touched the lives of generations of Swink's children and I know that she will continue to influence lives in the future. She has inspired Colorado with the spirit of dedication and hard work that have contributed so much to this great nation and I thank her for her efforts. Good luck to you, Virginia.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LYNN GARNER, MOBILE AREA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor and congratulate Mrs. Lynn Garner for having recently received the Mobile Area Education Foundation's 2003 Outstanding Educator Award. She deserves our sincere and respectful congratulations. Her dedication and service have rightly earned her this prestigious award.

Dodge Elementary School has been delighted with the 18 years of service Lynn Garner has given as a faculty member. She works with all 1,050 students and 66 faculty members as the technology coordinator. Her bright smile, energetic attitude, and unwavering dedication bring a level of cheerfulness and enrichment to the entire school.

Mrs. Lynn Garner has always been known to go above and beyond in everything she does. She comes to school early and stays late everyday to provide extra classes and help for students and faculty alike, and has often been known to work on the weekends as well. She gives all of her time while still managing to take classes at the University of South Alabama in pursuit of a certification in Media Education. One of her more recent projects includes redesigning the school's entire computer lab system to allow her students to benefit by using technology to enhance their education. She has been vital to the success of the Dodge Elementary School technology program.

Lynn Garner has shown the type of dedication and service that is rare. Her career has not earned her fortune or fame, but she has been able to touch and bless the lives of a countless number of children. Teachers are the real heroes of our time, heroes that have touched us all.

Once again, I congratulate Lynn Garner for her hard work, dedication, and service to her students, to her community, and to our great country.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK ESTRADA,
MD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Frank Estrada in recognition of his dedication to serving his community.

Dr. Estrada was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico and immigrated to New York in 1951.

After graduating cum laude from Boys High School in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Estrada joined the U.S. Navy where he was honorably discharged with commendation for heroic action and participation in the Cuban blockade. Following his service in the Navy, Dr. Estrada enrolled in New York University, earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He was on the Dean's List for three years. Dr. Estrada earned his M.D. degree from New York University. He has been married for 38 years and has three children and two grandchildren.

Dr. Estrada practices Family Medicine. Since 1995, he has worked with Mt. Sinai Services at Elmhurst Hospital Center as an attending physician to the Women's Primary Care Health Service. In this capacity, he offers direct patient care, supervises direct patient care, and assures that the medical teams provide effective care to patients. In addition to his hospital duties, Dr. Estrada has a private family medical practice.

Dr. Estrada has a deep interest in the evolution of managed care. He is especially concerned with the development of protocols for primary care management in a cost effective system that engenders patient satisfaction as well as staff satisfaction and efficiency.

At this time, Dr. Estrada is actively involved with many organizations including the Urban Health Plan, Inc., where he serves on the Board of Directors; the New York University School of Medicine Alumni Association, where he is the Vice-President; the Spanish American Medical Society, where he served as Past President, and the Queens GYN Society, where he was the first non-ob/gyn doctor to be elected. Additionally, he has been certified by the American Board of Family Practice for 25 years.

Dr. Estrada has also worked with the Chippewa Indians in Red Lake, Minnesota, and spent a year at Brookdale hospital where he served in a variety of capacities. He has also been an interviewer with NYU School of Medicine Admissions Committee and has appeared on radio and television stations for Spanish and English speaking audiences. Dr. Estrada conducts several speaking engagements at local schools and libraries as well.

His most recent awards include the meritorious Service Award by the Queen Health Network, the Citation of Honor for Professional Achievement by the Queens Borough President, the Recognition Award by the U.S. Customs Service, and the Science Award of the Puerto Rican Institute.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Frank Estrada is committed to providing his community with quality and effective health care services. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESTERLY APARTMENTS AND THE BARTON SENIOR CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the administrators, staff and residents of the Westerly Apartments

and Barton Senior Center, as they celebrate 40 years of uplifting the lives of senior citizens in Lakewood, OH. I also rise in honor of the founding members, DeArv G. Barton, Frank Celeste, Gertrude Nelson and Wallace Teare.

The concept of the Barton Senior Center of the Westerly Apartments-combining affordable senior apartments with a social center that offers a variety of social, educational, recreational and health related activities and programs for seniors-was the first of its kind in the country, and has served as the inspiration and model for similar projects in Lakewood and across the Nation ever since.

The Barton Center came to fruition in 1963 when the first residents of the newly-built Westerly Apartments realized their need for a common social area. With help from government loans, foundation gifts and individual donations, a full service senior center was built, complete with a spacious lounge and dining room, a fully equipped kitchen, arts and crafts room, library, pool and game room, workshop and hobby room, and office space. A full-time director and activities coordinator was also hired. Today, the Center also offers daily meal service, banking services, classrooms, computer lab, auditorium and a greenhouse. The Westerly Apartments and the Barton Center both publish regular newsletters that highlight current programs and services such as the Driver Evaluation Program, Home Town Band Concerts, the Holiday Fair and community transportation services.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Westerly Apartments and Barton Senior Center. The founding members, past and present administrators, staff, and residents have transformed a structure of brick and steel into a welcoming and lively social center, and a place that truly is "home."

TRIBUTE TO BARTON PORTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I honor the life of a well-respected rancher from my district. Barton Porter of New Castle, Colorado recently passed away, and as his loved ones mourn his passing, I would like to pay tribute to this outstanding individual before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Barton was born in Glenwood Springs, Colorado and spent almost his entire life on the state's Western Slope. He was a part of what many call the "Greatest Generation" learning the meaning of hard work and sacrifice on the battlefield. Like so many young men of his day, Barton served his country by joining the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, he came home to his family ranch and also worked in real estate.

Barton understood what really matters in this world, and he made his family the top priority in his life. Barton was also active in the community through his involvement with the local school board, the 4-H Club, and Stewards on the Range, which promotes sensible management of natural resources.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the life and memory of Barton Porter. Barton