

believed a man could achieve anything he wanted through hard work and perseverance, setting a great example for younger generations. To his family, friends, and the many people in the community whose lives he touched, Barton Porter will be deeply missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHY MOSS TAYLOR, 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 Mrs. Cathy Moss Taylor for having recently received the Mobile Area Education Foundation's 2003 Outstanding Educator Award. She deserves our utmost respect and sincere congratulations. Her dedication and service have rightly earned her this prestigious award.

Cathy Moss Taylor has always been committed to service. She is a math teacher at Satsuma High School and is deeply committed to helping her students learn and succeed in life. She recently worked to establish a tutorial program to help seniors successfully retake the math section of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. This program has proven to be a great success with over a 90 percent passing rate. Her commitment to her students and to the community has been unsurpassed and has impacted all of her students.

Mrs. Cathy Moss Taylor works hard both in and out of the classroom. Despite the time she has spent raising her two children and her niece, she also gives her afternoons by helping to sponsor the Miss Satsuma High School Pageant and the Satsuma High School screening committee for the Azalea Trail Maid selection. She has touched so many young lives with her caring and support and has gone well beyond the duties required by her job.

Hard work and dedication are just a few words that can only begin to describe Cathy Moss Taylor. She is a joy to her students and her peers and her ability to reach out and touch the lives of others is a rarity and a special treasure. Once again, I congratulate Cathy Moss Taylor for her hard work, dedication, and service to her students, to her community and to our great country.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICHoice OF NEW YORK: A UNITEDHEALTH GROUP COMPANY FOR BEING A 2003 AAHP/WYETH HERA AWARD WINNER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize AmeriChoice of New York, which is a UnitedHealth Group Company, for winning this year's Bronze AAHP/Wyeth HERA award in the health plan category.

Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, together with the American Association of Health Plans (AAHP), offers this prestigious award to honor those who have made a significant difference in the area of women and children's health outcomes. AmeriChoice received this recognition for significant progress in working to ensure that New York City's youngest, most vulnerable children receive appropriate well care in the first 15 months of life.

AmeriChoice of New York serves more than 90,000 members in New York City, the majority residing in Brooklyn. In 2000, the health plan launched a targeted Well Child Outreach Initiative, designed to increase the number of children receiving five or more comprehensive well child visits with a primary care physician in the first 15 months of life. The goal of this initiative was to meet or exceed New York State's goal for Medicaid plans in this area.

The plan's multi-tiered approach entails four essential elements. The first part is member education and support, which includes telephone calls from multilingual Member Services staff, postcard reminders and transportation assistance to support this initiative. Next, is provider education and incentives, which includes regular patient profile mailings, listing members due for care and quality award payments for physicians whose patients met the well child visit requirements. The approach also provides for significant community outreach that includes partnerships with community-based organizations and other opinion makers to educate members as to the importance of well child visits. Finally, AmeriChoice employs database development systems that monitor physicians and members regarding well child visits and provides real-time information on member compliance.

In two years, the plan has more than doubled the number of children completing the series of well child visits and exceeded New York State's goal of 55 percent in 2000 and 65 percent in 2001. In fact, the plan scored highest of all Medicaid plans in New York City in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, the leaders of AmeriChoice of New York have taken extraordinary steps to improve the delivery of health care services for children. As such, the company and its leaders are worthy of receiving our recognition today.

TRIBUTE TO QUIGG NEWTON

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 stand before this body of Congress today to mourn the passing of Quigg Newton, who served the state of Colorado with distinction as Mayor of Denver and as President of the University of Colorado. For ninety-one years, the energy and spirit Quigg Newton brought to life made many of us believe that he would never pass away. I honor his many accomplishments here today.

Returning from his service in the Navy after the Second World War, Quigg Newton moved to Denver where he ran for mayor and served

two terms, retiring in 1955. He was the grandson of a Colorado territory pioneer and his tenure as mayor is fittingly known for the hard work and pioneering spirit he brought to the office. For his dedication and commitment, the city has named a senior center and an auditorium after him.

Mr. Speaker, Quigg Newton will be remembered fondly. His service to this country serves as an example to us all. Quigg Newton lived his life with integrity, honor, and bravery. It is an honor to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a fine man. My prayers go out to all of Quigg's friends and family in their time of mourning.

HONORING NOBLE FIELDS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great community leader, educator, and real estate practitioner, Ms. Noble Fields, for her years of service and commitment to the community. Noble Fields is the founder and director of the Noble Fields Realty & Investment Company and School of Real Estate. She is also a woman of many talents.

Noble Fields was born in Fresno and enlisted in the Army after high school. She was originally trained as a teletype operator, but after a career counseling course, she became an Army recruiter and then an instructor for recruiters.

While still in the service, Noble Fields entered and won an Army talent contest which resulted in her performing as a singer and dancer in many NCO clubs around the world and with the All Army Entertainment show. She became an accomplished actress, and has since appeared on the San Francisco stage and has had small parts in major movie productions. She also holds an FCC broadcasting license that she earned while in the Army and was a radio broadcaster and cable television show host in the Bay Area and Indianapolis.

After 20 years, this Army veteran retired as a Staff Sergeant with a full brass band ceremony. She has a service-connected disability and is the Commander of Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 144, the first woman ever to serve in that position.

After leaving the military, Noble worked for the National Alliance of Businessmen, a partnership of private businesses, labor, and government. As the Jobs for Veterans Manager, she was instrumental in securing jobs and job training for Vietnam veterans.

In 1985, Ms. Fields started the Noble Fields School of Real Estate and Appraisal. The school offers approved home study license qualification classes and continuing education courses for real estate and appraiser licenses. As we honor Ms. Fields today, I want to thank her for her work in promoting the participation of minorities in the real estate industry. I take great pride in joining Ms. Fields' family, friends and colleagues to recognize and salute the accomplishments and contributions of Noble Fields.