

Dr. Al Best has set an outstanding precedent for gay and lesbians in San Diego and has paved the way for future generations to come. He is truly one of the best in San Diego. I offer my congratulations to him on being honored at the "Sixth Annual Community Tribute Banquet."

TRIBUTE TO STEVE MOORE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to Steve Moore, a police officer from Grand Junction, Colorado whose optimism and courage have rightfully garnered him the Optimist Officer of the Year Award. Steve has spent most of his adult life serving his community, working with determination to protect his fellow citizens in Grand Junction.

Steve has been involved in law enforcement for 17 years, and has spent the last five with the Grand Junction Police Force. Steve loves working as a member of the Motor Department because he enjoys being around people and spending his time outdoors. Fellow officer Sergeant David Krouse, who describes Steve as an excellent officer, coach, co-worker, friend, and father, nominated him for the Optimist Officer of the Year.

When not protecting the streets of Grand Junction, Steve volunteers his time to make a difference in the community. He is currently developing a safe-driving program for local high schools in hopes of educating teens as they take the wheel. In an effort to improve community safety, Steve instructs traffic violators in a program called Traffic School. When not teaching Traffic School, Steve spends much of his time with teenagers, and relishes the positive impact he makes on their lives. With a role model like Steve, teens become confident in their ability to make the right choice the first time.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Steve Moore. His hard work and determination in the Grand Junction community have helped create safer streets and smarter students. Steve certainly deserves the respect and admiration of this body and it is clear he is deserving of the Optimist Officer of the Year Award. Thank you Steve, for your outstanding service to the community.

IN HONOR OF MR. LLOYD  
MONSERRATT

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 2003*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, we, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. SOLIS, and myself, rise today with emotions mixed with fond memories and profound sadness to pay tribute to a dear friend and people's champion, Mr. Lloyd Monserratt. Six months ago, on January 9, 2003, Lloyd unexpectedly passed away. His loss was a sudden and tragic one for all of

us—we lost an inspirational leader. This upcoming Sunday, June 22, 2003, we will have an opportunity to remember Lloyd and honor his life when the community gathers to break ground for The Lloyd Monserratt Pleasant House, a transitional living program designed to prevent foster youth from becoming homeless by providing them with a stable and secure environment; a fitting tribute to a great man.

After 36 short but accomplished years of life, Lloyd Monserratt is survived by his mother, Olga Monserratt; his brother, Ernie Monserratt; his grandmother Consuelo Recalde; and his fiancée, Michele Ramos. Lloyd was predeceased by his father, Carlos Monserratt.

Those of us who are fortunate to have called Lloyd friend remember him as a man who had passion for life, as a gentle man, and as someone who was always there for you with an enormous smile and a warm embrace. He devoted his life to helping others in the greater Los Angeles area and across the country. By using politics as a vehicle for change, Lloyd labored tirelessly to empower poor and underrepresented individuals to work together and make a difference in their own communities. Lloyd treated everyone with respect and made it his personal mission to provide opportunities, training and jobs for youth. Through his work and boundless love, Lloyd gave life to countless people. The lessons Lloyd shared and example he set will continue to live on—through the many family members, friends, young people, community activists and elected officials whose lives Lloyd touched—long after he has left us.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all who loved and respected him, we respectfully submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following tribute to Lloyd Monserratt, shared by his family at his funeral on January 18, 2003 at All Souls Church in Alhambra, CA.

Los Angeles has lost an angel—Lloyd Monserratt, altar boy, eagle scout, soccer coach, umpire, community organizer, chief of staff, and young political leader.

Lloyd Monserratt, the child of Carlos and Olga Monserratt, was born on December 3, 1966 at California Hospital in Los Angeles, California. A love and respect for the community was instilled in Lloyd early in life. As a 9-year old, Lloyd attended his first protest alongside his father in his hometown of Alhambra.

Lloyd was born to lead; he ran his first political campaign while in the seventh grade where he was successful in getting himself elected to be All Souls Elementary School Student Body President. As a boy scout, he reached the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop #203, and while in college Lloyd became one of the few Latino USAC Presidents at UCLA. An active member of the University of California Student Association, he organized students across the state.

Lloyd was a role model. He was an altar boy at All Souls Church. He was a member of several of All Souls' sports teams. He played T-ball, little league, and West Valley AYSO soccer. Lloyd was the assistant coach of his brother Ernie's soccer team. He later became a little league umpire for several years for West Alhambra Little League. As an All Souls Panther, Lloyd earned MVP honors for "B" basketball and took his team to the city championship.

Lloyd attended Saint Francis High School where he was an honor student. As a senior in high school, Lloyd applied to only one college—UCLA. Lloyd was proud to be a Bruin.

He was a leader in the student movement, as a student commissioner and later student President, and as a MEChA leader and co-founder of MEChA class.

Lloyd was the community. He created the Parents Institute while working for Los Angeles School Board Member Vicki Castro, and designed the National Association for Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) national program for newly elected and appointed officials. Widely respected and admired by all who met him, Lloyd gave people the tools to change their lives. He made a difference in the lives of youth, seniors, and residents across the state. A community organizer and political veteran, he managed and directed political campaigns from San Diego to San Francisco and beyond. As a Latino Campaign Director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, he led all six of his congressional candidates to victory simultaneously. As a chief of staff to Los Angeles City Councilman Nick Pacheco, he impacted countless people across the eastside and northeast Los Angeles. Lloyd can be remembered as a motivator, a peace keeper, a visionary, and a gentle man. Lloyd was the heart of the district, and the heart of Councilman Pacheco's office. He was the visionary, the mover, the motivator and the implementer.

Lloyd made a lasting impact on everyone he met. Lloyd accomplished more in 36 years than many others accomplish in three lifetimes. Lloyd was a leader of his generation. We will miss him greatly.

Mr. Speaker, the voice of family always speaks with conviction and from the heart. The sentiments expressed by Lloyd's family are also ours. We, too, know them to be true. We wish to thank Father Richard Estrada of Jovenes, Inc., for our newly named The Lloyd Monserratt Pleasant House. June 22 offers us another chance to commemorate the life of our friend Lloyd Monserratt.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that all of our colleagues join with us today to salute Mr. Lloyd Monserratt and honor his life. He will forever remain in our thoughts.

TRIBUTE TO CAMILLE FIELDS

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 19, 2003*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 14, 2003, at the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner in Cleveland, OH, Camille Fields, the daughter of Helen and Darryl Fields and the granddaughter of Mary and George Forbes, President of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP, delivered the following address:

"Imagine 250 years ago: you must get up at 5:00 a.m. to go to the fields and farm. After farming, you go home at about 7 or 8:00 p.m. Can't imagine it? Well this was the normal life of an African-American slave during the antebellum period. Day in and day out, African-Americans worked harder than anyone of us will probably ever know. Enslaved in the slave trade, black slaves brought to the Americas spent their days working, picking cotton, farming and cooking for their white masters. Despite their everlasting work and the building of America, African-Americans were never paid the dues that they were owed. Payments or reparations should be given to African-American slave descendants for that painful period in history that some people want to forget, but should always remember.