

to enter into these negotiations in November 2002. Since this will be the United States' first FTA in sub-Saharan Africa, other AGOA countries will be watching the process closely to determine how they might take advantage of such an opportunity in the future.

USTR appears to understand that a more "developmental" approach needs to be taken with the SACU FTA. Specifically, USTR has told Congressional staff that they: (1) recognize the need for asymmetrical treatment, i.e., treating Botswana, Swaziland, Namibia and, particularly, Lesotho (an LLDC country) differently than South Africa; and (2) will strive to provide sufficient technical assistance to help these countries eventually become full FTA trading partners. An initial \$2 million in U.S. funds has already been set aside for new trade capacity building initiatives related to the FTA. USTR believes they can attain these goals even while addressing U.S. industries' interests.

SACU is the largest U.S. export market in sub-Saharan Africa. U.S. exports to SACU totaled more than \$3.1 billion in 2001—most to South Africa (\$3 billion). Leading U.S. sales to the region include machinery, vehicles, aircraft, medical instruments, plastics, chemicals, cereals, pharmaceuticals and wood and paper products. U.S. foreign direct investment in the SACU countries totaled \$2.8 billion in 2000, largely in manufacturing, wholesaling and services.

The five SACU countries are leading beneficiaries of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). The SACU countries were the top U.S. supplier of non-fuel goods under AGOA in 2001, accounting for more than a quarter of U.S. non-fuel imports from eligible sub-Saharan African countries. (Since oil exports boost the export numbers for many African countries, one needs to look at non-fuel exports to assess the benefit of AGOA.) Between 2000 and 2001, total U.S. non-fuel AGOA goods from South Africa grew by more than 30 percent, from Lesotho by 53 percent, and from Swaziland by 50 percent. Increases were seen in the textile and apparel, transportation equipment and agriculture sectors. As a result of AGOA, Namibia received a multi-million investment in an integrated textile and clothing production complex, and negotiations are under way for two additional factories.

ELIGIBLE AGOA COUNTRIES

(1) Benin, (2) Botswana*, (3) Cameroon*, (4) Cape Verde*, (5) Central African Republic, (6) Chad, (7) Congo, (8) Côte d'Ivoire, (9) Democratic Republic of Congo, (10) Djibouti, (11) Eritrea, (12) Ethiopia*, (13) Gabonese Republic, (14) The Gambia, (15) Ghana*, (16) Guinea, (17) Guinea-Bissau, (18) Kenya*, (19) Lesotho*, (20) Madagascar*, (21) Malawi*, (22) Mali, (23) Mauritania, (24) Mauritius*, (25) Mozambique*, (26) Namibia*, (27) Niger, (28) Nigeria, (29) Rwanda*, (30) Sao Tome and Principe, (31) Senegal*, (32) Seychelles, (33) Sierra Leone, (34) South Africa*, (35) Swaziland*, (36) Tanzania*, (37) Uganda*, (38) Zambia*. (*Countries eligible for apparel provision.)

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF GLENN L. BROWN

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. PASCHELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Chief Glenn L. Brown, who was officially sworn in as Chief of Detectives for the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office on Wednesday, July 2, 2003.

Chief Brown has dedicated the past 27 years to tirelessly serving the people of Passaic County. It is only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Glenn Brown began what would become a distinguished career in public safety in 1980 when he was appointed to the Paterson Fire Department. His dedication and valor was widely noted and, during his tenure with the Fire Department, he received numerous citations from the NJ State FMBA, the American Legion, FMBA #2, Firehouse Magazine, former Mayor of Paterson Frank X. Graves, and the Paterson City Council.

In 1989, Chief Brown was appointed to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office where he was initially assigned to the Narcotics Task Force. In 1992, he was promoted to Senior Investigator and reassigned to the Arson Section of the Major Crimes Unit where he undertook the training of all County Arson Investigators. It was while working in this capacity that Chief Brown helped to establish the Red CAP Program which significantly reduced the number of fires in vacant buildings in the city of Paterson. Largely due to the success of this program, the Passaic County Arson Unit was officially named Arson Unit of the Year in 1998.

As a Senior Investigator within the Major Crimes Unit, Chief Brown was frequently placed in charge of handling Special Investigations and assisting the Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1997, at which point he formally took charge of the Unit. Three years later, Chief Brown was promoted to Lieutenant, becoming second in command of the Major Crimes Unit.

In September 2002, then Lieutenant Brown was promoted to Deputy Chief of Detectives and placed in command of the Passaic County Prosecutor's investigative staff. A mere eight months later he became Acting Chief of Detectives where his first task was to reorganize the Prosecutor's Office investigative staff.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing individuals who have devoted themselves to serving the special needs of the people in their community. Chief Brown's long history of leadership and service to the people of Paterson and Passaic County is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office and me in recognizing the invaluable service of Chief Glenn L. Brown.0.1.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT J. GRAVES ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert J. Graves, who will be celebrating his 90th birthday on July 17th of this year. As a leader in the agriculture industry for over half a century and a veteran of World War II, Mr. Graves has served both his country and community with inspiring dedication.

Robert Jackson Graves was born in 1913 in Manhattan, Kansas, the first of five children. In 1935, Mr. Graves graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park with a BA in Agriculture Economics. After graduation, Mr. Graves took a job at the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a Regional Director for Marketing Administration.

After a few short years with the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Graves went to serve our country in World War II. When a tropical disease forced his return to the states, Mr. Graves continued to serve our country by working in procurement and supply for the U.S. Navy while stationed in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

After the war, Mr. Graves' work endeavors brought him to California's San Joaquin Valley, where, as a contractor, he supervised the building of a number of migrant farmworker camps. It was in the San Joaquin Valley that he found success as an entrepreneur, starting the Real Fresh Milk Company, which utilized a patented process developed by his father. The company produced a line of innovative dairy products, and it was his efforts to market globally that made his fresh milk a highly coveted commodity on military bases throughout Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Mr. Graves continued to contribute to the growth and development of the United States food industry through his extensive involvement with the National Food Processors Association, where he served on the Board of Directors for six years, chaired the Public Affairs Council, and served as Director of the National Food Laboratory Inc.

Mr. Graves has remained involved with California agriculture over the past thirty years through his association with the walnut industry. He has held many prestigious posts in this capacity, serving as a member of the Sun-Diamond Growers board of directors for 24 years before he retired in 2000. During this time he also served as a member of the Federal Walnut Marketing Board, and he currently serves as the alternate director of the California Walnut Marketing Association.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graves has served his country and his community with pride and determination. I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Robert J. Graves as he celebrates his 90th birthday.