

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Brotherhood of Temple Shalom, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable efforts of these brave men.

TRIBUTE TO WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, 100 YEARS OF BUSINESS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a leader in the business and banking community—Wilmington Trust Company, one of the nation's principal providers of wealth advisory, banking, and corporate client services. Wilmington Trust is celebrating 100 years of business, a milestone few companies manage to achieve. This company has proved outstanding over the years and on behalf of myself and the citizens of the First State, I would like to congratulate Wilmington Trust on all of their accomplishments in the past 100 years and offer it continued success in the many years to come.

Today, I recognize Wilmington Trust for their accomplishments in the State of Delaware as well as the rest of the nation. Serving clients in 60 countries demonstrates their strong loyalty and support from all their customers.

Family, friends, and fellow Delawareans can now take a moment to truly appreciate everything Wilmington Trust has offered to the community. One hundred years ago, T. Coleman duPont recognized the need for secure financial resources in Delaware's growing business sector. The company has never had an unprofitable year and is currently only one of 159 public companies to have increased its dividend for over 20 consecutive years.

July 8, 1903, marks the first day for the banking, trust, and safe deposit company, originally run out of the dining room of a private residence. Mr. duPont served with remarkable vision as President and Chairman of the company from 1903–1912. After being with Wilmington Trust for over 30 years, Robert V.A. Harra, Jr. was elected President in 1996 and is currently continuing at this position. The current Chairman, Ted T. Cecala, was elected in 1996 and has worked for Wilmington Trust for over 20 years.

This centennial celebration signifies 100 years of service, growth, and commitment to the company's founding principles of integrity, stability, continuity, independence, and excellence. These core beliefs will help form the foundation for Wilmington Trust's promising future.

Wilmington Trust's accomplishments and contributions cannot be commended enough. As the company celebrates their diamond anniversary, we can be sure their contributions will continue for many years. Their commitment to serving the community has earned Wilmington Trust a permanent place in Delaware's history.

TRIBUTE TO LLOYD GAYLES REESE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the life of an outstanding individual, Mr. Lloyd Gayles Reese of Paterson, NJ, who sadly passed away earlier this week. It is only fitting that his legacy be immortalized in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Lloyd began his life's journey on January 22, 1938. Born the second son of Theodore and Cornelia Gayles Reese, Lloyd spent his formative years in Westfield, AL. Already known for its production of steel and the baseball legend, Willie Mays, Westfield would also become known for producing a musical legend as well. Whether through vocal talent or mastering an instrument, the entire Reese family was musically blessed.

During his grade school and high school years Lloyd was devoted to playing the piano. Upon graduating high school, he was offered several college scholarships for his musical talent. Choosing to attend Miles College in Birmingham to be close to his family proved to be a wise choice for Lloyd. While at Miles, his self-composed songs and lyrics gained national attention upon being published in a national anthology of college poems.

Lloyd's musical talent was discovered by the late Dorothy Love Coates who witnessed his abilities at the Municipal Auditorium in Birmingham. She quickly hired Lloyd to travel with the "Original Gospel Harmonettes." His career with the group was abrupt, however, as Lloyd was drafted to serve in the Army.

Service to his country did not deter Lloyd's passion and dedication to music. He formed "The Originals," a singing group at the Dugway Proving Ground Army Post, in Utah, where Lloyd was stationed. The group was so popular that they participated in All-Army concerts.

Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, Lloyd came to my hometown of Paterson, NJ. Upon his arrival, he became the choir director for the Solid Rock Baptist Church. Lloyd's dedication and talent with the choir led to their recording on the Verve-MGM label. This was only the beginning of many records for Lloyd. Throughout his professional career, he enjoyed such hits as "Until we Meet Again" and "Spread a Little Sunshine." Due to the success of his musical endeavors, Lloyd was able to perform on the great stages in America, including Radio City Music Hall, in New York City.

Lloyd returned to focusing on choir performances after the passing of his oldest brother Theodore Reese, Jr. He began working with the United Presbyterian Church and the Community Baptist Church of Love, both in Paterson. In addition he joined the William Paterson College community as the Choir Director.

"Professor Reese" spent his life devoted to his talent and his family. The legacy he leaves us with, should remind us all to be true to our talents and our loved ones. Lloyd has left an indelible mark on everyone who has heard and experienced his music.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Lloyd's family and friends, the Com-

munity Baptist Church of Love, City of Paterson and all who have been touched by Lloyd Gayles Reese in recognizing the life of a great man.

A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR JAMES EWALD

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay special tribute to Major James Ewald for his faithful service to his country and his bold display of courage during the events unfolding on April 8, 2003.

Major James Ewald joined the Air Force on January 15, 1989 and served on active duty until July 1, 1998 when he joined the Michigan Air National Guard's 110th Fighter Wing. Since his transfer to the 110th, Major Ewald has deployed with the unit to numerous state-side training exercises and recently returned from a 4-month tour of duty in Kuwait. While serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he flew over 30 combat sorties. One such flight occurred on April 8, 2003, when Major Ewald's aircraft was struck by an Iraqi surface-to-air missile, rendering his craft only marginally flyable. Major Ewald flew the wounded-bird for 12 minutes before ejecting. He then evaded capture by masking his presence in thick foliage while awaiting his rescue.

I commend Major Ewald for his extreme devotion to his country. He responded to his country's call of duty, giving of himself for the causes of liberty, justice, and peace. His dedication and sacrifice for his country serves as a shining example to all Americans.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I am truly honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge Major Ewald and welcome him home. The United States is deeply indebted to him for all of his efforts and commitment.

As family and friends gather with Major Ewald today, please allow me to join in thanking him for his patriotism, selflessness, and heroic efforts in protecting America's freedom.

TRIBUTE TO MS. GEORGETTE HAUSER

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a woman I am proud to represent in the United States Congress, Ms. Georgette Hauser. Georgette was honored on Sunday, April 27, 2003, for her 35 years of dedicated service at the Memorial Day Nursery School in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey.

It is only fitting that she be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for she has a long history of caring, leadership, and commitment to the children of the Silk City.

Her intense involvement in the Memorial Day Nursery began when Georgette served as a board member. After witnessing the needs