

The museum's honored location in Washington, DC, near our national shrines, reflects the awesome lessons of the Holocaust. It is a grim though necessary reminder that democracy entails eternal vigilance and those revisionists who attempt to rewrite history, claiming that the painful past is a malicious Jewish invention, will have to face life's hard facts.

The fitting memorial, at a substantial cost of \$170 million, is an investment in all that we hold dear. It ought to ever arouse humanity's collective conscience, as I agonizingly contemplate the overdue need to put an end to the horrors in the former Yugoslavia.

I emerged from the trying four-hour visit with a sense of catharsis, cleansed to meet the world with a sharper awareness, to turn my tears into a well of hope for the future of all.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL ALLEN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael Allen, a dedicated public servant and valued friend. Michael is an Education Specialist for the National Park Service's Fort Sumter Group in Charleston, South Carolina, and was recently named a recipient of the William C. Everhart Award for 2003.

The William C. Everhart Award is given for sustained achievements in interpretations that have illuminated, created insights to, and fostered appreciation of cultural and natural heritage. The award will be presented to Michael on October 2, 2003 at Clemson University.

The Fort Sumter Group consists of Fort Sumter National Monument, Fort Moultrie and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site and Michael has served as their Education Specialist for three years. He was nominated for the award, in large measure, because of work in developing the educational curriculum and programs for the sites, and his leading role in the National Park Service's Gullah-Geechee Special Resource Study. The Gullah-Geechee project is one in which I take particular pride and am very proud of the role I played in securing its authorization. The final report on this unique cultural treasure is expected to be presented to the Congress in December of this year.

Michael is also a great resource and advocate in interpreting the whole and complete story of the American Civil War in the Southeast Region of the National Park Service.

Michael grew up in Kingstree, South Carolina, and is a 1982 graduate of South Carolina State University with a degree in History Education. He began his public career with the National Park Service in 1980, and has been married for 15 years to the former LaTanya Prather of James Island, South Carolina. Michael and LaTanya currently live in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina and are the parents of three children; Brandon, Shaelyn, and Isaiah.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Michael for the recognition given him for his tireless and exemplary public service, and ask that you and my colleagues join me in this tribute to his tireless and selfless service.

CONGRATULATING THE LA MIRANDA JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, on August 16, 2003, the La Mirada Junior League baseball team won in its first appearance in the Junior League World Series by defeating Santiago, Panama 8–7 for the title of 2003 Junior League World Champions.

La Mirada, located 18 miles southeast of Los Angeles, is the fourth Junior League baseball team from California to win the World Championship.

The La Mirada team, also the California state champions, started the four-team Western Regional Tournament with a 5–3 loss to Scottsdale, Arizona, but came back with four straight victories to win the title.

La Mirada eliminated Aiea, Hawaii, which won the Junior League World Series in 2000 and 2001, then beat hosting Union City, California and won two straight games over Arizona to arrive at the Junior League World Series with a 17–2 overall record.

Founded in 1981, the Junior League World Series is the older brother of the Little League World Series. The Junior League World Series is a spectacular weeklong international tournament for the best teams of 13- and 14-year-old baseball players from around the world and is played every year in beautiful Heritage Park in Taylor, Michigan.

It has blossomed to include teams from around the globe: from Europe, Latin America, the Asia-Pacific region, Canada, and the United States. To date, participating teams have come from 27 different states in the U.S., four Canadian provinces, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Belgium, Saudi Arabia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Guam, Poland, Venezuela, Saipan and, for the first time in 2003, Russia.

La Mirada's all-star roster included: Chris Amezquita, Jordyn Baldwin, Jason Dovel, Frankie Fichera, George Gonzalez, Jacob Johnson, Stephen Kaupang, Michael Le Blanc, Brandon Pesante, Kevin Platzter, A.J. Rodriguez and Taylor Seimens with coaches Larry Kaupang and Gary Bouchard, and Manager Jim Gordon.

La Mirada braved rain delays and lack of electricity caused by the Nation's largest power outage during the week-long tournament to win against regional champions Mansfield, Massachusetts (East); Urbandale, Iowa (Central); Bridgewater, Virginia (South); and Sugar Land, Texas (Southwest) to become the United States champion.

The final game of the international tournament between La Mirada and Panama may have been the most dramatic with the lead changing hands five times.

La Mirada won the championship game with exceptional pitching, an explosive offense and an excellent defense. La Mirada took the lead in the 6th inning with a three-run homer and fended off a final inning, two-run rally.

According to everyone involved, the trip to the Junior League World Series will be remembered by the players, coaches and their family members not only for the games played, but also for their shared memories of their time together.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 2003, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 357, the Ackerman-LaTourette amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill which would require that the USDA expend no funds to approve meat from downed animals—animals that are too sick to walk or stand—for food. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

TRIBUTE TO MRS. NORA G. CLEMONS McCOWAN

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to a close and dear friend of mine, Mrs. Nora G. Clemons McCowan.

Mrs. McCowan was actually born in Terrell, Tennessee on September 17, 1913. She moved to Cleveland in 1946 upon wedding Wilmer R. McCowan, affectionately known as Winnie. Their marriage endured for 52 years. For several years, the couple won the Cleveland Press Beautiful Block Contest for their infamously marvelous yard. Wilmer McCowan passed away in January of 1999. Mrs. McCowan had one daughter, Dexter Louise Mosley. I sailed with her grandson on many occasions.

I know Mrs. McCowan to be a devout member of East Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She has held this membership for over 70 years. She sings in the Sanctuary Choir, leads Group 22 and is president of the Group Leaders Council. She is also involved in the Missionary Society and the Sunday school.

In the community, Mrs. McCowan sports active membership with the Passadena Street Club and serves as Precinct Captain during election season.

I have known Mrs. McCowan my entire life. She is a clear role model for all people in Ohio's 11th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO OLEY AND GRACE KOHLMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to two remarkable citizens from my district. Oley and Grace Kohlman of North Park, Colorado have spent numerous years in service to this nation and to their community. I would like to take this time to recognize their many achievements and accomplishments.

Both Grace and Oley have dedicated much of their time to local, regional and national cattleman's associations, and various other