

Back in Brooklyn, Pinch joined the New York City Police Department (NYPD) in 1967. He was the first supervisor of the summer youth program for the 75th Precinct in Brooklyn, which took children on recreational and educational field trips. He was also the first supervisor of the cadet program for the 75th Precinct, which was a training program for those who wanted to enter the police force. Pinch was also the first coordinator of the school crossing guard program for the 75th Precinct.

Additionally, he risked his life on the force in several dangerous situations, working on the narcotics unit in Brooklyn and on undercover assignments throughout New York City.

Pinch was also the first African-American selected to the NYPD softball team and one of the first African-Americans selected to the NYPD football team.

After retiring from the NYPD in 1988, he returned to public service, working as a Special Assistant for Congressman Ed Towns, where he still continues to serve.

Mr. Speaker, Harry T. Pinchback has had a long and distinguished career serving the people of Brooklyn, first as a police officer and then in the Office of Congressman Ed Towns. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

RECOGNIZING KARL CULLEN FOR
ACHIEVING THE AWARD OF
GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Karl Cullen, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Royal Rangers of Northern Missouri and in earning the most prestigious award, the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Karl has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the 10 years Karl has been involved with the Rangers, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Guide and Senior Patrol Guide. He also was involved in Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship and Fine Arts Department Youth at the National Level.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Karl Cullen for his accomplishments with the Royal Rangers and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Gold Medal of Achievement.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. RICHARD A.
HATCHER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Rev. Richard A. Hatcher for his exemplary and distinguished service to his congregation, which has earned him the Thomas R. Fortune Pastor of the Year Award.

Rev. Hatcher was born in Slab Fork, West Virginia to the late Letcher and Eva Hatcher. In 1959, he moved to New York City where he met Susie Clarke, who after an extensive courtship would later become his wife. Their union resulted in three children, Kecia, Nicole and Richard Hatcher, Jr.

While devoutly serving in Christian fellowship at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Rev. Hatcher received the calling to God's ministry. After intensive studies at the Manhattan Bible Institute, he became a licensed minister. Shortly thereafter, Rev. Hatcher was ordained. He furthered his education, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of New Rochelle.

Rev. Hatcher pastored at Bethenia Baptist Church for 15 years. Through his leadership and with God's blessings, the church was able to acquire adjoining property which led to the expansion and renovation of the church, including the installation of new pews, purchasing a new piano, construction of new office space, and creating a learning room for the youth and a room solely designed for prayer. The renovation also included a complete face-lift of the main sanctuary. Weekly bible study and the "Hour of Power" prayer service were instituted to further serve as a spiritual base for Bethenia's members.

Although the loss of his beloved wife, Susie, was devastating, it did not weaken his faith or commitment to his calling. On July 9, 2000, Rev. Hatcher preached his initial sermon as Pastor-Elect of Bethesda Memorial Baptist Church. Although it has been only three years, Rev. Hatcher has proved to be a spiritual leader, teacher and motivator. His accomplishments are already numerous. They include getting the day care functioning again, installing a bathroom in the daycare, enlarging the pastor's office, opening a trustee room, and establishing a music room. Marble floors have been installed in the lobby and several of the church's windows have been replaced and upgraded. The Rev. Hatcher also started a Food for Survival and Food Bank Program as well as a soup kitchen, which feeds up to 150 people.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Richard A. Hatcher has been an exemplary pastor to his congregation, serving as a spiritual leader and teacher for the community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL KINCHELO
FOR ACHIEVING THE AWARD OF
GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Kincheloh, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Royal Rangers of Northern Missouri and in earning the most prestigious award, the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the eleven years Michael has been involved with

the Rangers, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Guide and Senior Patrol Guide. He also was involved in Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael Kincheloh for his accomplishments with the Royal Rangers and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Gold Medal of Achievement.

A TRIBUTE TO LENA
SCARBOROUGH-GATES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Lena Scarborough-Gates for her commitment to the education of our children.

Lena Scarborough-Gates was born in Brooklyn, New York. She attended Brooklyn College where she received her Bachelor's of Arts Degree and Master's of Arts Degree, both in Early Childhood Education. She was accepted into the Assistant Principal's Internship program, sponsored by the Department of Education where she was awarded four supervisory licenses, Principal, Assistant Principal, Education Administrator and Early Childhood Supervisor. She began work on her doctorate degree at New York University.

Lena started her teaching career at the Emanuel Day Care Kindergarten at Emanuel Baptist Church. She then moved on to become Group Teacher at the Faith Hope and Charity #1. After a few years at Faith Hope and Charity #1, she began her career at the New York City Department of Education, Community School 21 as a kindergarten teacher. At Community School 21, she also served as a first grade teacher, Community School Coordinator and staff developer.

She furthered her professional career by moving to Public School 5 as an Assistant Principal. Later, she would become Principal of Public School 5.

Lena is a member of the Antioch Baptist Church where she serves as the chairperson of the Board of Trustees and as a member of the Antioch Music Ministry. She is a member of the Antioch Community Service Corporation and founder of Caring Educators in Action. She is also a member of the Stuy Park Lion's Club International.

Lena is a member of the Ebony Ecumenical Ensemble, which has afforded her to travel throughout the country. The Ebony Ecumenical sings as one of its featured songs, a song written by Dr. James A. Forbes, senior minister of the Riverside Church called "Love My Children." Lena, who has a passion for children, says that this song is a tribute to children everywhere.

Lena is married to James Gates and that union has been blessed with twin sons, Jaime Derrell and Jarrarie Darryl.

Mr. Speaker, Lena Scarborough-Gates has dedicated her professional career to educating our children. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.