

farmer. He and Nancy had the same phone number their entire lives, and their address always ended with "Sycamore, Illinois". Then, in 1992, he decided to enter public service and run for State Representative of the 70th district.

Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Dave today not only for his selfless public service to the people of Illinois, but to Dave as a friend. Before Dave ever ran for public office, he was simply a husband, father and grandfather. He raised his children with a sense of humor, a stern discipline, high moral standards, a deep and abiding faith in God and taught them leadership skills and simple common sense. Mostly, he raised his children and provided his wife, Nancy, with love. Few knew at this point how much he would impact the lives of so many people or that so many would seek his counsel. His children never dreamed that the man they simply called "Dad" would become the man many would call "great."

Dave Wirsing was a friend to many. His small and large acts of kindness are unfathomable to some. However, to Dave, it was just the way he was meant to live his life. He was a humble man, never quite understanding why people outside of his family would honor him for achievements that to him were just what he was supposed to do. He was a man who dedicated his life—indeed, his heart and soul, to serving others—his family, his neighbors, his friends, his constituents.

Dave led by example—he lived by the Golden Rule, and yet he never expected anything in return for his kindness and compassion. He loved being around people—be it the company of his wife and family or in the presence of colleagues, acquaintances and even strangers. He was able to laugh at himself—a trait seldom seen these days. He dedicated his life to serving others. He helped his children grow, learn and prosper; he helped his neighbors in times of need; he helped his friends to resolve problems; he helped his colleagues see both sides of an issue and then beyond that to a resolution; he helped his constituents obtain the assistance and guidance they had a right to; he helped many young people grow in life through his wisdom, his gentle and jovial encouragement, his love and respect for each person as an individual, and his high regard for bettering oneself.

Mr. Speaker, Dave Wirsing's accomplishments were many, but most importantly, not a day went by that he did not share himself with someone. Solutions and advice came to him from principle and philosophy. He was not out to make a name for himself, he just wanted to make things right in his part of the world. If he did not have the skill necessary to help someone, he sought it out. He lived by the philosophy that if you always tell the truth, you won't have to remember what you said. Dave Wirsing did not live his life to achieve great moments, but instead had a lifelong commitment to a set of values and ideals. As I reflect today on the whole of his life, that is his greatest accomplishment. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, kindness, compassion and love for his family, friends and constituents. He will be deeply missed.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 30th anniversary of The Korean American Medical Association of District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, Incorporated.

The Korean American Medical Association of District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, Incorporated (KMA) is one of the most respected Korean-American nonprofit organizations in America. The association was founded in 1974 by a small group of respected Korean physicians. The KMA was the first Korean Medical Association in the United States. Its hard work and dedication has led the association to grow from a handful of members to a membership of about 400 physicians from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

Since its inception, the association's involvement in the Great Washington, D.C. Metropolitan community has been commendable. The KMA provides health care services, seminars and educational opportunities to the community. The dedication that the members of the KMA have to its community is exceptional.

The KMA provides a forum for its members to exchange ideas and continue education helping its members continue to provide excellent service to the community. The care and services these physicians provide to their neighbors and friends is a testament of their hard work. The KMA certainly has distinguished itself as an outstanding group.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, with all the contributions to the community made by The Korean American Medical Association of District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, Incorporation, we have a great reason to celebrate today. I want to commend the association 30 years of excellence and extend my warmest wishes for the years to come. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the KMA on its 30th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF LOULA LOI-ALAFYOIANNIS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Loula Loi-Alafoyiannis, the Executive Global President and C.E.O. of the Euro-American Women's Council (EAWC). Loula has spent her professional life facilitating the needs of Greek and American entrepreneurial communities and advancing the cause of women's rights in the areas of business and education.

Loula has demonstrated that intelligence, integrity, energy, clear objectives and the love of a task well executed create credibility. Her love for Greece and her desire to promote greater understanding between Greece and

America has made her a strong advocate and a wonderful ally.

Loula, like so many talented women of her generation, has had several careers. For two decades, Loula served as an elementary school teacher, helping to ensure that young people have a strong educational foundation. Her work with young people inspired her to create a Youth Leadership Award given annually by EAWC.

She then turned to the challenges offered by business, public relations and event-planning. Loula's entrepreneurial skills are widely recognized and, as a result, she has served as a delegate to White House Conferences on small businesses since 1990, and has advised numerous public officials and government leaders. Loula has also sponsored numerous White House luncheons for prominent and influential business women from across the United States and Greece.

In 1991, she founded and organized the "Best Buddies Foundation" in Greece, along with Anthony Kennedy Shriver, who serves as its Global President and C.E.O. As the Founder and the executive Global President of Euro-American Women's Council, Loula has established a spirit of cooperation among business women globally. The women of EAWC bridge nations and cultures, set trends, exercise influence, innovate positive change and make a difference around the world. Since 2001, Loula has been the Coalition Partner for Europe of the Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) organization. She is currently a board member to the Human Rights Advisory Council of New York.

Loula has received a number of prestigious awards for her outstanding contributions, including the Crown Award, which recognizes her as one of the most creative minds of the top leading entrepreneurial women of the world. She has also earned the distinguished award of "Honorary Citizen of Baku" as a result of her pioneering efforts to improve entrepreneurial training in the former Soviet Union.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to the attention of my colleagues the outstanding work of Loula Loi-Alafoyiannis. Her unwavering dedication to improving relations between the Greek and American entrepreneurial communities and promoting opportunities for women is truly worthy of our recognition.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. JOHN L. GILES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Reverend Dr. John L. Giles in recognition of his pastoral anniversary.

While Reverend Giles was born in the tiny town of Sanger, TX, located 38 miles southwest of Fort Worth, he considers himself a native of San Francisco. It was during high school that he joined St. Kevin's Catholic Church and learned the Catholic discipline. He was also a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Upon graduating from Balboa High School, he had saved enough money to attend college and support himself. Through his hardships, he learned independence, responsibility, the importance of healthy living, and helping others and his family.

Drafted in the Vietnam War, he spent 18 months in Friedberg, Germany where he earned the rank of sergeant in 15 months and he attended both Catholic and Protestant churches. He read the bible more and more and his favorite scriptures are Psalm 23, 27, and 121. In May 1997, Pastor Giles earned his doctorate in Holistic Ministry at the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH.

Upon returning to San Francisco, he joined the Solid Rock M.B. Church and was baptized. In August 1970, he was accepted at the American Baptist Seminary of the West in Berkeley, CA. He also attended Morehouse School of Religion and served briefly at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta as a youth minister under the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. Additionally, he has served at First Baptist in La-Grange; First African Baptist, Bainbridge and the Beulah in Quitman. He served as Chaplain at the VA Medical Center in Bay Pines, FL and as pastor of New Hope M.B. Church until 1994. Presently, he is the Pastor of True Faith Inspirational Baptist Church in Tampa, FL.

He is married to JoVanore Sims Giles, who serves as chairperson of the Deaconess Ministry and participates in the choir and other activities. They have two daughters, JoVanore Giles-Galbreath and Jenee Codallo-Nelson, and one son, Johnathan who is attending college at the School of the Holy Cross.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Dr. John L. Giles has honorably served our Nation in the armed services and has provided spiritual guidance and leadership to several parishes across the country. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

CONGRATULATING PAUL SIMON

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join in congratulating former Senator Paul Simon, who will be celebrating his 75th birthday on November 29. As one of Illinois' favorite sons, and a man who fought hard for the people of the United States in this building for twenty-two years, it is only appropriate that this body honor one of the most outstanding and respected leaders our country has ever known.

Born in Eugene, Oregon on November 29, 1928, Paul Simon moved to Troy, Illinois upon his graduation from college and worked as a newspaper editor and publisher, eventually building a chain of fourteen weekly papers. After serving in the United States Army from 1951–1953, Senator Simon first ran for elective office in 1955, winning a seat in the Illinois General Assembly. He served as a State Representative from 1955–1963 and as a State Senator from 1963–1968. From 1969–1973 he served our state as Lieutenant Governor. He was elected to the Ninety-fourth Congress, and served in the House from 1975 to 1985. In 1984 he won election to the Senate and served until 1997 when he chose not to run for reelection. Additionally, Senator Simon was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 1988, winning the Illinois Primary.

As a Member of Congress, Senator Simon championed many progressive issues, many of them long before they became fashionable, including campaign finance reform and the creation of new programs to make college more affordable and accessible for our children.

Since retiring from elected office, Senator Simon has continued to advance a lifetime passion of his: education. The founder and Director of the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University, Senator Simon still teaches classes in journalism, political science and history. The author of over a dozen books, his 1998 autobiography P.S. remains a must-read for those interested in Illinois politics in the post-war period. Additionally, Senator Simon was one of the founders of the magazine Illinois Issues, which remains the definitive journal of Illinois' political landscape.

But despite winning elections in five different decades, serving his state and country in many different capacities, and being a leading educator, Senator Simon's character, integrity and intelligence are what have made him the most enduringly popular political figure in our state. The advice and support of Senator Simon remains cherished by those of us who have attempted to advance his ideals.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to congratulate a true hero of mine and the entire State of Illinois, Senator Paul Simon, on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 19, I did not vote on the following measures, because of family commitments, and would like to include in the RECORD how I would have voted, had I been present: On H.R. 1006, I would have voted "yea"; on H. Con. Res. 320, I would have voted "yea"; on H.R. 3491, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 637, to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, I would have voted "yea"; on H.R. 2420 I would have voted "yea"; on H. Res. 427, I would have voted "yea"; on H. Con. Res. 83, I would have voted "yea"; on H. Con. Res. 288, I would have voted "yea"; on H. Res. 393, I would have voted "yea"; on H. Res. 423, I would have voted "yea"; and on H.R. 3140, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. EVERLEE SMAW MILLS

HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mrs. Everlee Smaw Mills, one of my most senior constituents on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mrs. Mills has lived through and experienced every noteworthy event in our nation's history that has punctuated the 20th Century. At the tender age of 16, instead of engaging in some of the lighthearted, fun activities enjoyed by youth today, Mrs. Mills was

experiencing an America devastated by the stock market crash of 1929 and the onslaught of the Great Depression. At a time when she should have been enjoying life and planning for what little prosperity a segregated nation could offer an under-education Black woman, Mrs. Mills as a youth was facing bread lines and food rations.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Mills is a remarkable woman, not just because of her long tenure but also because of her resolve to do well in all circumstances. For instance, she lived through the death of both parents at an early age, World War I, death of her spouse, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, death of three of her children, and has seen our troops sent to Iraq to battle terrorists.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Mills gave birth to 11 children and fed and nurtured many others, including grandchildren and neighborhood youth who wandered home with her children. It is my understanding, Mr. Speaker, that she never turned anyone away who needed a helping hand. Mr. Speaker, this remarkable lady, worked in a domestic capacity until she retired at the age of 75, and over the years she and her husband, (decendent) William Mills never once accepted welfare. As a widow, since the late 1940s, Mrs. Mills taught and stressed the importance of self-sufficiency to her children. They were taught to "pay their own way" in society.

To Mrs. Mill's credit, Mr. Speaker, her children have grown under the shade of her guidance to enter a cadre of notable professions. For instance, her children are employed in the following capacities: US Air Force serviceman, an engineer who has been assigned to work on NASA projects, a representative with the Wall Street Currency Exchange Department, the first Black elected to the Board of Commissioners in Beaufort County, an accomplished welder for the most prestigious truck body builders in the country, Hackney & Sons, and one daughter and son who have become ministers.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Mills is a lifelong member of Beebe Memorial CME Church of Washington and was named the Woman of the Year in the 1980s and Woman of Distinction in 2001. She is revered in her church for the solid advice that she imparts to the youth and her peers, and has become a well-respected pioneer in building church programs.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Mills is a true marvel. She still lives independently and enjoys "Soap Operas". She reads the Bible religiously. Her family history is traced in Beaufort County as far back as slavery. Her love for the area runs deeper than we understand. It pleases Mrs. Mills greatly to be simply a loving mother, devoted church member and lifelong resident of Beaufort County, North Carolina. I ask my Colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mrs. Everlee Smaw Mills, an exemplary citizen.

HONORING BERT S. TURNER

HON. DAVID VITTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bert S. Turner, a distinguished alumnus of Louisiana State University. He has been selected by the LSU Alumni Association Hall of