

WESTBURY LANGUAGE CENTER:  
SMALL BUSINESS OF THE  
MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2004

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to name Westbury Language Center in Westbury, New York, as February Small Business of the Month in the Fourth Congressional District of New York.

Many in our community know that small businesses are the backbone of Long Island's economic well-being. As the national economy continues to struggle, the energy, flexibility and innovation of our local small businesses have become essential. It is time to spotlight some of these businesses extraordinary achievements and contributions.

Westbury Language Center is a successful small business and an exceptional jewel to the Latino community in Long Island. Described as a cultural center for the community to study and appreciate the Spanish language, the Westbury Language Center has a reputation for providing all kinds of services related to the Spanish language and the Latino culture for children and adults. Latinos are the largest minority group in the United States and I am excited to celebrate and embrace the contributions that they have brought to our community and Long Island.

Maria Isabel Martinez, founder of Westbury Language Center, sold her home and used her retirement funds to realize her dreams of constructing a business that would serve the public and its needs. Three years later, Westbury Language Center not only offers courses in English as a Second Language (ESL) and teaches the Latino culture, including folkloric dances to children and adults, but it also provides instructional computer classes to Latino workers that are interested in learning a science that will ensure them a better job and a better quality of life.

Furthermore, pleasing the demands of the community, Maria plans to hold the Westbury Language Center's first workshop, "Now to Start, Develop and Administer Your Own Business" sometime this year.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Maria Isabel Martinez and everyone at the Westbury Language Center for their hard work at providing our Latino community with services detrimental to their success and for allowing our community as a whole, to learn and appreciate the Spanish language and the Latino culture.

HONORING ROSE MARY AND  
EARNEST BROUSSARD

**HON. CHRIS BELL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Rose Mary Enable Broussard and Earnest J. Broussard on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

In the spring of 1953, Rose Mary Enable of Parks, LA, and her cousins attended the spring festival at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in the Fifth Ward of Houston, TX. Ear-

nest J. Broussard of Delcambre, LA, and his brother attended the same spring festival. It began to rain so Rose and her cousins and Earnest and his brother went to Club Matinee.

Upon setting eyes on him across the room and then meeting and talking to him, Rose Mary remarked that she was going to marry him. They became engaged in October of 1953 and were married January 30, 1954 at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Rose Mary and Earnest Broussard began their life together in the Independence Heights area where Rose was a housewife and Earnest a plumber with Balloon Plumbing Company where he worked until 1991.

The Broussards have two daughters, Gilda and Robin, and one son, Earnest, Jr. They are now blessed with three granddaughters, Stephanie (12), Stacie (11), and Jaydin (2).

While their children were growing up, the Broussards were very active in the community and with their children and participated in PTA, Scouts, band, sports, and church activities. The Broussards are still very active in the church they have attended since they were first married. Earnest is active in the Knights of St. Peter Clavier and became a Fourth Degree Knight of St. Peter Clavier in 1972. Rose Mary and Earnest Broussard have both been honored for their outstanding dedication and commitment to their church.

I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Rose Mary and Earnest Broussard on 50 wonderful years of marriage. I wish them continued happiness and a life filled with strong love, abiding faith and loving family and friends.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN MCCALMON  
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF  
EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brian McCalmon, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 370, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brian has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the 12 years Brian has been involved with Scouting, he has earned 34 merit badges and has held numerous leadership positions, serving as patrol leader, troop guide, den chief, and troop bugler. Brian earned the honor of Brave, Warrior, and Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and served on staff at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation.

For his Eagle Scout project, Brian planted new pine trees at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church and removed four diseased trees.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brian C. McCalmon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING WILLIAM B. GOULD  
AND THE BRAVE MEN AND  
WOMEN WHO ESCAPED THE HOR-  
RORS OF SLAVERY ON SEP-  
TEMBER 21, 1862

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 3, 2004*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to place in our Nation's RECORD the remarks made by William B. Gould IV, Charles A. Beardsley Professor of Law, Emeritus, Stanford Law School, and Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board from 1994 to 1998, at the Wilmington Riverwalk Watermen Sign Dedication.

Thank you for your invitation to speak at this Riverwalk Waterman Sign Dedication here in Wilmington, North Carolina, the City of William Benjamin Gould's birth in 1837 and his escape from slavery 25 years later. Let me also give special thanks to Beverly Tetterton of the New Hanover Public Library for providing research and resource in my writing of *Diary of a Contraband*, and who has been a key organizer of this event. Also, I wish to acknowledge the members of my family present here today: my wife, Hilda Elizabeth Gould, and my sister, Dorothy Gerber and her husband, Hermann. They and my three sons, William Benjamin V, Timothy Samuel, and Edward Blair join in the honor and tribute to the brave men of September 21, 1862, particularly my great-grandfather, William Benjamin Gould.

Throughout the South, there is scarcely a word noted about the great struggle for freedom and liberation undertaken nearly a century and a half ago in the War of the Rebellion. And there is little or no mention or acknowledgment of the black military involvement in this effort, the "holiest of all causes" as William B. Gould called it, to obtain the New World's central political and legal achievement.

As I have traveled through the states of the former "would be Confederacy", as William B. Gould called it, I have been struck by the abiding omnipresence of Confederate statues and commemorative markers. Just this past weekend, we passed through Richmond's Monument Avenue to see again the memorials to Jefferson Davis, "would be King Jeff" as William B. Gould called him, Stonewall Jackson and Jeb Stuart and the laud and honor given to their pursuit of "constitutional principles" and the Confederate Navy against which William B. Gould and his comrades fought and defeated.

Thus it is meet and right that Wilmington, North Carolina, this day takes note of the perilous journey that William B. Gould and 7 other comrades began here at the foot of Orange Street on the night of September 21, 1862, and the wider complement of 14 others who left Wilmington in concert with those 8 who boarded the U.S.S. *Cambridge*. It is meet and right that we note their names, William B. Gould's comrades being Joseph Hall, Andrew Hall, George Price, John Mackey, Charles Giles, John Mitchell and William Chanse. These men were to use their knowledge of North Carolina and its waterways on behalf of our country to interdict supplies destined for Lee's army in Virginia.

But as your sign properly notes, the September 21st escape involves others as well, many of them William B. Gould's associates and correspondents: Virgil Richardson (for whom one of William B. Gould's sons may be named) and Ben Greer who boarded the *Pe-nobscot*, and Thomas Cowan, Charles Mallett