

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BIRDELLA STORMENT

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2004*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the life of Birdella Storment, known as "Birdie" to those of us who knew and respected her.

"Birdie" was born on April 22, 1912 in Weston, Illinois, the daughter of Edgar and Kathryn. She married Eugene Lester Storment on December 25, 1936 in Peoria, Illinois.

Birdie's life consisted of her love of family, friends, her church, and her country. She was an active member of the New Bethel Presbyterian Church and chaired the Presbyterian Women's Club.

She was a lifelong member of the Republican Party, a precinct committeeman in Stevenson Township for more than 50 years, a county chairwoman, and the President of the Salem Women's Republican Club.

Her civic contributions were secondary only to her devotion to her family. She and Eugene were the parents of Nita Rae Wadley and Larry Storment. They have seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

At her passing on September 9 of this year, Birdie was recognized as one of the people who helped to pioneer the involvement of women in today's political arena. More important though, she was recognized as a beloved mother, grandmother and friend to all who had the privilege to know her.

My condolences go to her family and friends. May God bless Birdie and Eugene and may God continue to bless this country that they loved so much.

### TRIBUTE TO DANIEL CRAIG MYERS

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2004*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Daniel Craig Myers, a young man who embodies the American principles of hard work, dedication to one's family, and service to one's country. He exudes positive energy and spirit, even through troubled times, which radiate to friends, family, community, and country.

Daniel Myers has been exceptionally active in his local high school: leading his fellow students as part of the student government; participating in numerous school activities; and receiving numerous awards for brilliant academic success. Daniel graduated from Fowlerville High School on June 6, 2004 with honors as Magna Cum Laude.

Daniel's service to his community as part of the Order of DeMolay has been tremendous.

He has been involved in his state's DeMolay since 1997, and has held numerous offices. This past August, Daniel was elected as the 69th State Master Councilor of Michigan, the highest elected position possible in the state's DeMolay. Elected by his peers, the State Master Councilor is responsible for representing hundreds of members throughout the state, and overseeing all local chapter activities.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Daniel C. Myers today for his dedication and leadership within his community. Daniel is an inspiring role model for the young people of this country, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

### IN HONOR OF THE GLENDALE ASSOCIATION FOR THE RETARDED'S DEDICATION TO THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2004*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Glendale Association for the Retarded for 50 years of outstanding service to the Glendale community.

Since 1954, the Glendale Association for the Retarded has provided exceptional services to persons with developmental disabilities. Over the years, GAR has met the changing needs of men and women from the time they were in grade school to their retirement years. The progress that individuals have made as a result of their time spent with GAR is incredible. Some of those who have participated in GAR's programs as youngsters now live in group homes, have jobs, and participate in community activities.

Today, the Association serves 63 adults with vocational training, job placement, adult living skills instruction, recreational activities, residential placement, and a community integration program. Individuals are integrated into the community by competitive employment placements. Work opportunities are offered in the areas of mailings, assembly, recycling, collating, and packaging or by work crews at business sites. GAR provides a comfortable, secure, and loving atmosphere while helping residents develop living skills that will aid them to become more productive and independent.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating the Glendale Association for the Retarded on 50 years of exemplary public service, and for its immense commitment to the empowerment and success of the City of Glendale and its residents.

### HONORING CECELIA CUNNINGHAM AND JANET E. LIEBERMAN FOR LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Drs. Cecelia Cunningham and Janet E. Lieberman who tonight will receive the prestigious Harold W. McGraw Jr. Prize in Education. Dr. Cunningham founded the Middle College National Consortium at LaGuardia Community College. Dr. Lieberman founded the Middle College High School and co-founded the Early College High School at LaGuardia Community College.

Along with Drs. Cunningham and Lieberman, Robert Moses and Geoffrey Canada are being honored during an awards ceremony at the New York Public Library. The four have been chosen to receive the prestigious 17th annual award for dedicating themselves to closing the achievement gap. These individuals have worked tirelessly and creatively to give children with few advantages the opportunity to achieve, both academically and ultimately professionally.

Dr. Cunningham has spent her entire career educating children and firmly believes all children should be given the opportunity to succeed. This belief is what brought her more than twenty years ago to Middle College High School, an innovative approach to educating at risk students, where Dr. Cunningham served as principal. Out of her work with Middle College High School, Dr. Cunningham founded the Middle College National Consortium to provide professional development for secondary and postsecondary educators who work with underserved students.

Dr. Lieberman believes that you should never underestimate the power of an idea. This belief, combined with the faith that all students can achieve, led her to originate new solutions to old problems, resulting in expanded academic opportunities for minority and underprivileged students. Thirty years ago, Dr. Lieberman designed the first public high school college collaborative model to help underserved students graduate from high school and go to college. Her vision of placing a high school on a college campus with smaller classes, committed teachers, intensive counseling and high expectations would keep students in school and encourage them to go on to college. Dr. Lieberman has proved that students who are placed in a college environment can achieve academically.

I salute Drs. Cunningham and Lieberman and the other honorees for their remarkable and untiring contributions to education. America's youth will reap the rewards of their selfless dedication. They are truly gifted educators who have made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many.

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