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ON THE OCCASION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF MRS. LENA ROBERT MURRELL-WHITE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the American mother in the embodiment of Mrs. Lena Roberta Murrell-White. She has raised nine children and has nurtured a throng of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her labor helped to build ships during World War II, supported the effort during the Korean War, sent a son off to the Vietnam War and provided more sons and daughters that have helped to build the American economy. Through her strong faith in a loving God she has brought light to her community in Camden, New Jersey. Mrs. Murrell-White was born and raised in the great State of North Carolina. She spent her formative years in the town of Greenville in Pitt County, North Carolina. Upon graduation from high school she moved to Camden, New Jersey where she married and raised her family. Now, at the age of 84 this paragon of mothers has neither slackened her pace, eased her resolve nor retreated an inch. She remains faithful to the Lord, committed to her family and solidly supports her community. So today she is to be commended for her efforts and receive the heartfelt gratitude of the Congress of the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF NICK STARITA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nick Starita for his exceptional community service and passion for helping others. Mr. Starita was honored at the Bayonne Community Mental Health Center's cocktail reception on October 27, 2004, in Bayonne, New Jersey.

Mr. Starita has devoted more than 30 years of service to the United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) Association of Hudson County. During his extensive time at UCP, he has helped the organization expand and diversify its services. His contributions include helping UCP establish a second facility, securing greater accessibility to therapy services, and developing new programs to better serve Hudson County residents. The organization also offers an Adult Special Needs Program to help those who are developmentally disabled and require special medical assistance, and a day care program that works with both able-bodied and disabled children. The time and passion Mr. Starita has dedicated to UCP throughout the years has transformed the organization into an extensive network that includes three facilities and serv-

ices ranging from advocacy to accessible transportation. Mr. Starita has demonstrated his strong leadership skills as UCP's executive director for the past 16 years and previously, as a member of the Board of Directors for 13 years.

Always striving to help others, Mr. Starita has volunteered at the A. Harry Moore School and served on the boards of numerous community and civic organizations, including the State Interagency Coordinating Council, the Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities, the Center for Enabling Technology, and the Boy Scouts Council, to name a few.

Mr. Starita has received awards from numerous organizations for his work, including the United Way of Hudson County, the PTA, the New Jersey State Parent Advisory Council for the Handicapped, and the Latin American Kiwanis Club of West New York.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nick Starita for his outstanding service and tireless efforts to help the United Cerebral Palsy Association successfully achieve its mission to serve the people of Hudson County.

HONORING WORK AND LIFE OF DR. MELVIN DYSTER

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor the work and life of Dr. Melvin Dyster of Niagara Falls, New York, a family practitioner, who this past weekend was honored by the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for 50 years of practicing medicine.

Dr. Dyster is 77 years old and still makes early morning rounds seven days a week at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, sees patients at his office, and students at Niagara University in Lewiston, New York.

Dr. Dyster has had many accomplishments over the years. He started a Family Practice Residency Program in 1976 at the hospital to avert a shortage of primary care doctors. He became involved with a fledgling migrant worker clinic 25 years ago. He secured donated drugs for the clinic, and encouraged residents and medical students to become involved with the clinic, the County Health Department, and Memorial Medical Center, which now sends its mobile clinic to the farms in the area.

His accomplishments have led to many honors and awards. In 1995, Dr. Dyster was recognized as Doctor of the Year by the New York State Academy of Family Practice. He has received an honorary doctorate degree from Niagara University and the University of Buffalo Medical School Dean's Award for community involvement. He also received the Niagara University College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for his establishment of the Dr. Melvin B. Dyster Health Science Resource Center in 2003.

Dr. Dyster goes out of his way to provide services for those in need, working at the Hamilton Mizer Primary Care Center in Niagara Falls, which serves predominantly inner city residents.

Dr. Dyster is a consultant for the Niagara Falls City Task Force for Bioterrorism Pre-

paredness, a member of Niagara County's Health Emergency Alert Response Team and an advisor on Memorial's Disaster Planning Committee.

Dr. Dyster's efforts on behalf of the Niagara Falls community extend beyond the medical world; he was instrumental in saving the former Niagara Falls High School from demolition, which has become a well used arts and cultural center.

Dr. Dyster is a retired full colonel in the Army Reserve and was chief of staff at the 865th General Hospital at the Niagara Falls Air Base.

I am honored to have such a caring and compassionate man as Dr. Dyster live and work in my district.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN AMO HOUGHTON AND CONGRESSMAN JACK QUINN

SPEECH OF

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to one of my distinguished colleagues from the State of New York, Congressman JACK QUINN. In his six terms as Representative of the 27th District of New York, Congressman QUINN brought a strong and well respected voice to the United States Congress. His good nature and approachability made him a pleasure to work with, for both sides of the aisle. As Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Railroads, Mr. QUINN fought to preserve Amtrak as part of our Nation's infrastructure and worked tirelessly towards ensuring the safety of our railroads. He has used his seat on the Committee on Veterans to bring about needed reforms for our veterans and to raise awareness and appreciation of our Nation's heroes and their sacrifices. His role as Chairman of the House Republican Working Group on Labor provided an important link to keep the lines of communication open between labor leaders and the Republican party. Beyond his legislative accomplishments, Congressman QUINN made service to his constituents the cornerstone of his office, and it is this service that will be his legacy. On behalf of the residents of New York, I would like to thank Mr. QUINN for his exceptional service to the United States Congress. His presence, both in the House and within the New York delegation will be greatly missed. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. QUINN on 12 remarkable years of service, and in wishing him and his family all the best in the years to come.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2004 EXCEPTIONAL MERIT IN MEDIA AWARDS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the winners of the 18th Annual