

USDOL MEETING

We raised the concern with USDOL that by sending all its relief monies to the State Work Force Investment Boards the relief does not get to the farmworker community or the organizations that serve them. We also made note that USDOL contracting with privately owned personnel agencies that have no previous experience providing job referrals to farmworkers. Furthermore, we made mention that the government and relief agencies bypassed the USDOL WIA 176 NFJP farmworker job training grantees in Alabama and Mississippi that had a combined 40 years experience serving local migrant and seasonal populations. Don Green submitted a proposal to USDOL for \$80,000 to hire 3 Spanish speaking outreach workers to assist the farmworkers victims. USDOL is to get back with him on that request. We also requested USDOL for funding to create a training program for operating an emergency relief warehouse and distribution center. Training would include forklift operations, CDL truck drivers, warehouse management, inventory, receiving and distribution, accounting, computer, and English classes.

HUD MEETING

Meeting took place in the office of the Deputy HUD Secretary Roy A. Bernardi, whom we presented the need for acquiring the \$850,000 needed to purchase and renovate the Clarksdale facility. Our Katrina/Rita Relief Report was also presented and we requested that Secretary Jackson take this report to his briefing at the White House later in the day.

USDA MEETING

Met with Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Conner and his assistant Annabelle J. Romero and also presented the need to provide funding to obtain the Clarksdale Relief Facility. We also presented to the Civil Rights Deputy Assistant and presented the civil rights and blatant abuses of farmworkers in Baldwin County, Alabama.

US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

We met with Secretary Gutierrez and presented him the Katrina/Rita Report. He was most interested and indicated that we would contact HUD and USDA and see how the 3 agencies could be of assistance in obtaining the Clarksdale Facility.

DIRECTION OF OFFICE PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

We met with Director Carol Springer and staff regarding Spanish media outlets to get the word out to farmworkers during emergencies. Also, requested her to talk to FEMA and other governmental agencies about the need for hiring and training Spanish speaking workers to interface with farmworkers and others in the workforce.

ON CAPITOL HILL

We were able to also present our Katrina/Rita Relief Reports to Arizona Congressman Raul Grijalva, Senator John McCain, and Ken Salazar (Col) directly. We also spoke to the staff of Senator Mike Enzi (WY); Senator Lieberman of Connecticut, Senator McCain took special interest in the report because of family roots in Mississippi.

LULAC

Don Green and I were recognized at the LULAC luncheon, and allowed to give our profound thanks for the \$10,400 LULAC contributed for trucking of relief supplies from Tucson to Clarksdale, Mississippi. Don Green received the LULAC Presidential Citation Award by President Hector Flores for the job he and his agency had done to help farmworkers in Mississippi.

That evening Leticia Aragon, President of LULAC Council 1091 of San Luis, Arizona,

presented Don Green a check for \$1,075 which was collected by the farmworkers adult and youth from her hometown to help fellow farmworkers in Mississippi. Eight farmworker youth who were attending the National LULAC Leadership Conference in D.C. joined in the presentation. On Saturday, I officially presented the Katrina/Rita Relief report to the LULAC National Board meeting and thanked them for their generous support both financially and other support including opening doors to the government agencies to hear our case.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING WERNER FORNOS

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, today I would like to honor Werner Fornos, who is retiring after 23 years as president of the Population Institute. Across his long and productive career, Werner has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of Marylanders and people around the world.

Werner has been a dedicated public servant. He and I served together in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1966–1970. As a delegate he fought many important legislative battles—to protect the State's natural resources, to strengthen civil rights and to ensure open government. He served as Maryland's Manpower Administrator and as Assistant Secretary of Human Resources. At the Federal level he served as Special Assistant to the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor for labor-management relations and Deputy Assistant Manpower Administrator.

Over the past three decades, Werner broadened his focus to the international arena, fighting to expand access to voluntary and affordable family planning information, education, and services to couples across the globe. He has spoken to college and university audiences and service and community organizations in all 50 States and has addressed virtually every major international population and development conference. He has written numerous opinion articles for newspapers and magazines worldwide, and is the author of the book, "Gaining People, Losing Ground."

His numerous awards and honors include the Humanist of the Year Award of the American Humanist Association; the University of Maryland University College Alumnus of the Year Award; Germany's Order of Merit, the highest distinction granted by the German Government; Rotary International's 2005 Service Above Self Award; and the 2003 United Nations Population Award.

Werner Fornos' efforts for more than a quarter of a century have aimed to provide a better quality of life for people everywhere. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending his extraordinary record of achievement and public service. •

FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

• Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with the greatest pleasure that I today

honor the Fayetteville Public Library which was recently named the 2005 "Library of the Year" by Thomson Gale and Library Journal. The Library of the Year Award honors the library that is most dedicated to community service through its creativity and leadership. Thompson Gale and Library Journal will present a check for \$10,000 to the Fayetteville Public Library later this month during the American Library Association's annual conference in Chicago, IL.

I would like to recognize Louise Schapter, executive director of the Fayetteville Public Library, and her outstanding staff, for their commitment to providing such a quality community resource to the citizens of Northwest Arkansas. During Ms. Schapter's tenure, library usage has soared. Visits have increased from 192,179 to 576,773, checkouts have risen from 271,187 to 718,159, program attendance has grown from 14,448 to 41,658, and cardholders have leaped from 15,662 to 48,419. What a remarkable accomplishment!

I would also like to mention that the Library has more than 160 regular volunteers, who deliver books to the homebound, shelve and cover books, staff the computer lab and conduct various programs. This involvement by the community is truly commendable and makes all of us in Arkansas proud.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fayetteville Public Library on receiving this well-deserved honor. •

HONORING SAM MOORE

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I proudly rise today to recognize Mr. Sam Moore for his outstanding contribution to Kentucky Agriculture.

Mr. Moore has served as president of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation since December 1998 following 7 years of service as first vice president. He has been a member of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation board of directors since 1975 and is a distinguished member of the American Farm Bureau board of directors. Mr. Moore, a Butler County native and father of six has been an active member of Kentucky's agricultural community all his life. In 1973, Mr. Moore was selected an outstanding young farmer by the Kentucky Jaycees, and the following year he won a similar designation from the Kentucky Farm Bureau. As Kentucky's representative in the 1974 national young farmer competition, he received a special citation as one of the top entrants. In 2003, he was selected as Man of the Year in Kentucky Agriculture by Progressive Farmer Magazine.

Mr. President, Mr. Moore has announced he will retire after 30 years of outstanding service to the Kentucky Farm Bureau. The people of Kentucky are extremely fortunate to have had Mr. Moore's leadership over the years. I have had the honor and privilege of working with Mr. Moore on a variety of