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Whereas, Such persons serve as role models and an Inspiration to people at home and abroad; and

Whereas, Dame Billie, a national of the independent nation of Barbados in the Caribbean, is unquestionably such a major contributor; and

Whereas, Dame Billie Miller is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-national Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for service to Barbados, the Caribbean and the international community, serving as a member of her nation's parliament for more than 25 years; Deputy Prime Minister for almost a decade; Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade since 1994; was the first woman to sit in the cabinet of Barbados, for several years was the only woman serving as an attorney at the private Bar of Barbados, and holds the distinction of being the first woman to be elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association since its establishment in 1911; and

Whereas, Dame Billie, one of the Caribbean's longest Serving cabinet ministers, was President of the 32nd Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States in 2002; was Chairman of the Inter-American Development Bank's Advisory Council on Women and Development in the Western Hemisphere; and in 1998 was President of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States Council of Ministers and is the current chairman of the Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development in the Western Hemisphere; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we salute and commend Dame Billie Miller for her distinguished and unblemished record of service to humanity.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 9, 2005*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on November 7, 2005, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 570–572. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on H. Con. Res. 260, a resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's promulgation of *Nostra Aetate*; “aye” on H.R. 1973, the Water for the Poor Act of 2005; and “aye” on H. Res. 444, the Gynecological Resolution for Advancement of Ovarian Cancer Education.

#### HONORING DR. KENNY ANTHONY

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, this coming weekend, between November 10 and 13, I and more than 20 of our colleagues in the House will be meeting and participating in the 10th annual Caribbean Multi-national Business Conference sponsored by the New York Carib News in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands where we will be enjoying the hospitality of Carib News publishers Karl and Faye Rodney

and Delegate DONNA CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN. Over the last decade the conference has brought together elected officials, civic leaders, entrepreneurs, and executives of major corporations to explore opportunities for growth and expansion in the emerging markets and developing economies of the Caribbean. The conference has significantly contributed to the building of closer working relationships and personal ties between Caribbean leadership and the Members of Congress who have participated. As we approach this year's conference, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding Caribbean leader, Dr. Kenny Anthony, the Prime Minister of St. Lucia by placing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the text of a proclamation to be awarded at the conference:

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. KENNY ANTHONY, PRIME MINISTER, ST. LUCIA

Whereas, It is an established and honorable tradition for elected officials to recognize the outstanding contributions of those persons whose leadership, scholarship and total life's work have helped to transform people's lives for the better, especially in their own countries and region; and

Whereas, Such committed leaders are reliable foundations on which sustained economic growth and human development are built, paving the way for a better standard of living for all, particularly the poor, and are therefore an inspiration to people at home and abroad; and

Whereas, Dr. Kenny, a national and Prime Minister of the independent nation of St. Lucia is obviously one such leader and a dedicated public servant; and

Whereas, Dr. Kenny Anthony, an attorney and recognized legal expert with graduate degrees in law, including a PhD from the University of Birmingham in England, is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for his service to his country of birth, the wider Caribbean community and developing nations generally, serving as head of Government in St. Lucia at a time when the country has gained international recognition for its pace of human development; is the Caribbean Community, Caricom, lead Prime Minister on governance and jurisprudence; and

Whereas, The Prime Minister has led St. Lucia with distinction for almost a decade while directing much of the work on the historic creation of the Caribbean Court of Justice and showing the world that St. Lucia which has given the world 2 Nobel Prize winners, one in economics and the other in literature is contributing even more to the improvement of the human condition and that a small nation can be a showcase of talent and intellect while being an example when it comes to adhering to the rule of law and parliamentary democracy; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we salute and commend Dr. Kenny Anthony for his distinguished and unblemished record of service to humanity and for his leadership on the national and international stages, within Caricom and the countries which belong to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.

#### REMEMBERING MS. ROSA PARKS

### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 9, 2005*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I join the entire Nation today in mourning the death of Ms.

Rosa Parks. This humble woman showed how a single act, the refusal to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, could change the course of history. Her actions helped spark the civil rights movement, inspiring leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., and led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Ms. Parks' courage in an era marked by racial tension and hatred is still an example to us today. Indeed, we are all indebted to Ms. Parks for helping move this country toward one in which all men and women—black, Latino, Asian, Native American, white—can take their rightful place in society.

Ms. Parks' commitment to justice did not end with the civil rights movement. She went on to co-found the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development to help young adults attain a higher education, register to vote, and work toward racial harmony.

In recognition of a lifetime of achievement, Ms. Parks was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999. She is also the first woman in history to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda, which is a testament to her enormous impact on our Nation's history.

Mr. Speaker, I join all Americans in mourning the passing of Ms. Rosa Parks. Though we are saddened by this loss, we are mindful of the fact that through her life she made our country a better place, and through her memory we will never forget the importance of justice and equality for all Americans.

#### HONORING DIANE ABBOTT

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A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MS. DIANE ABBOTT, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, UNITED KINGDOM

Whereas, It is an established and honorable tradition for elected officials to recognize the outstanding contributions of those persons whose leadership and life's work have made a substantial difference to the lives of people everywhere, especially in their own countries; and

Whereas, Such committed leaders are often pioneers, who blaze a trail, becoming a role model for others to emulate, especially the young and the less fortunate in society.

Whereas, Diane Abbott, the first Black woman ever elected to the British House of Commons has earned her place on the scroll of outstanding women of achievement and is certainly one such pioneer.

Whereas, Diane Abbott, the daughter of Jamaican Immigrant parents and an honors graduate of Britain's prestigious Cambridge University, has represented a working class, multi-ethnic District In London since she was first elected to the House of Commons in 1987.

Whereas, Diane Abbott is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for service to her country, the Caribbean community and the developing world generally.

Whereas, Diane Abbott, a member of the Treasury Committee of the International Monetary Fund helped to raise the consciousness of the International community about the damage which the debt crisis was having on governments and people of the Caribbean, Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we salute and commend Ms. Diane Abbott for her distinguished an unblemished record of service to humanity and for her leadership on the national and international stages in the United Kingdom, the Caribbean as elsewhere.

RECOGNIZING THE 87TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 9, 2005*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, on November 11, I will proudly join thousands of Polish Americans living in Chicago in celebrating the 87th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Poland.

Until Poland was recognized again as a sovereign nation, it struggled against tyranny, just as the United States did against colonial rule before our own independence was achieved. From the end of the 18th century until World War I, Poles were forced to live under the despotic rule of the Russian czars and Prussian and Austrian emperors. During the war, the Polish territory suffered under the heavy hand of Russian, German, and Austrian occupation. However, during World War I, Poles were gradually able to self-govern at local levels and established institutions, laying the groundwork for eventual independence.

Meanwhile, President Woodrow Wilson made the restoration of Polish independence one of his 14 conditions for peace. President Wilson was a friend of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, a famous Polish artist, composer, statesman and great patriot. As World War I drew to a close, Polish culture began to flourish again

and self-governance was finally achieved when the first Polish government was established.

After 123 years of partitions and uprisings, Poland's dream of independence was realized when it became a sovereign state again on November 11, 1918, the same day as the Armistice ending World War I. With its long and rich history and traditions, Poland regained its rightful place among free and independent nations. Eighty-seven years later, we continue to celebrate Poland's independence.

I am proud to represent more than 111,000 people of Polish descent who live in the Fifth Congressional District on Chicago's northwest side. We must continue to build upon a strong record of cultural and economic ties between our two nations. We are grateful to Poland for its friendship and commitment to democratic ideals of liberty, human rights, and most recently, its commitment of resources and troops who stood shoulder to shoulder with the U.S. Armed Forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Poland continues to be our staunch ally and steadfast friend in Europe in our fight against terrorism.

On this day, I am proud to join the people of my district, as well as those of Polish descent around the globe, in celebrating the 87th Anniversary of Poland's independence.

HONORING THE HON. GORDON "BUTCH" STEWART

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HON. GORDON "BUTCH" STEWART

Whereas, It is an established and honorable tradition for elected officials to recognize the outstanding contributions of those persons whose groundbreaking leadership and life's work have helped to transform the private sector as a key engine of economic growth while upgrading people's standard of living, especially in their own countries;

Whereas, Such successful business leaders have earned their places in history the old-fashion way, working hard, taking risks, blazing profitable commercial trails, thus setting examples for others to follow;

Whereas, The Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart, a national of Jamaica who is Chairman of Sandals Resorts International, sits at the pinnacle one of the largest corporate conglomerates in the Caribbean;

Whereas, The Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart, until recently Chairman of Air Jamaica, has been widely recognized and honored throughout the Caribbean, North America and Europe for his business innovation, entrepreneurship and success.

Whereas, Two of most cherished awards are his country's highest national honors, the Order of Jamaica and Commander of the Order of Distinction.

Whereas, The Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for service to his country, the Caribbean community and the global business community; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we salute and commend the Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart for his outstanding, distinguished an unblemished record of service to business and humanity and for his leadership on the national and international stages in Jamaica, the Caribbean, North America and Europe.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. TAYLOR

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 9, 2005*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to commend John E. Taylor for his dedicated service to the National Archives. Mr. Taylor has worked for the National Archives since 1946. Throughout those years, Mr. Taylor has been acclaimed by researchers worldwide for his extraordinary grasp of history and ability to locate pertinent documents.

Mr. Taylor specializes in World War II documents and records of the Office of Strategic Services. Mr. Taylor's colleagues praise him as one of the most knowledgeable and generous archivists, known for his sound advice and resourceful assistance to authors, scholars and historians.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Taylor has been honored by groups all over the world. In 1997 Mr. Taylor was honored by the Japanese Embassy for helping Japanese historians and journalists for the previous 40 years. In 2003 the American Jewish Historical Society awarded Mr. Taylor its first "Distinguished Archivist Award" for his lifetime of work as an archivist. He has also received numerous honors from the National Archives itself. The National Archives has a special John E. Taylor Collection of books on espionage and intelligence which largely consists of works with which Mr. Taylor provided critical assistance.

Mr. Taylor is truly an invaluable resource. His service at the National Archives is legendary. I applaud his outstanding achievements and dedication to his work, and this landmark achievement of 60 years of service.