

into the Record a Caribnews editorial celebrating how the country has overcome obstacles to persevere during its young existence.

Grenadians are resilient people who are dealing with trying times. As the editorial reads, "Like many of its neighbors in and out of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, OECS, Grenada is facing some serious economic and social challenges. Crime has reared its ugly head and the galloping economic expectations of its young people are adding to the list of worries which need urgent attention." The editorial continues, "As if those weren't enough, it has a pile of debt on its books to manage and reduce it."

Despite these social issues and a violent political uprising in 1983 that subsequently led to a U.S. military presence and later the disastrous results of Hurricane Ivan, the people of Grenada have never faltered in showing the will to advance their country. Today, Grenadians continue to embrace their current stable parliamentary, democratic government and highly respect the civil liberties afforded to them. As the editorial explains, "Grenada, a nation, which has had more than its fair share of difficulties, has shown an amazing ability to see the glass as being half full when others looking on consider it half empty."

It is this glowing optimism and resolve that makes the island of "spice" such a treasured nation in our global community. Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating Grenadians in the United States, abroad and in their native homeland on their thirty-second anniversary of their glorious independence.

MUCH TO CELEBRATE ON ANNIVERSARY OF
INDEPENDENCE

One of the most heart-warming scenes is that of a small country, rising from the ashes left behind by natural and national disasters, picking up the pieces, if you will, and showing neighbors, even the wider world the stuff of which resilience and legends are made.

Grenadians are one such people. After Hurricane Ivan struck in 2004 and devastated the land of "spice," killing 39 persons, leaving thousands homeless and wiping out almost all of its infrastructure while coming close to tearing out the soul of its inhabitants, a collective will emerge once again, determined to rebuild and make the country of 90,000 people even better than before.

Although Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique, the tri-island state, is far from reaching its goal of a complete recovery, it is well on the way, so much so that Standard & Poor's, Wall Street's premiere credit rating firm, recently hailed the efforts to return the country's finances to a manageable and sound foundation.

That's quite an achievement in less than two years.

Aided by Caribbean help, international assistance and led by Dr. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister, the government reached out to civil society, the trade unions, the church and other limbs of society. In the process, the administration marshaled the energy of the young and the middle-aged and the wisdom of the senior folk to chart a new course and write a new chapter in the nation's colorful history.

So, when it observed the 32nd anniversary of independence on February 7 with church services, military parades, special games and other activities, it was clear that Grenada had much to thank God for and to celebrate.

Grenada, the most southerly of the chain of Windward Islands, has traveled this road of disaster and rehabilitation before. Almost a quarter of a century ago, October 1983 to be

precise, the People's Revolutionary Government turned on itself, killing its leader, Maurice Bishop and several of his ministers and senior government officials. The resulting turmoil, including a dust-to-dawn curfew imposed by the military triggered an invasion or a U.S. "rescue mission," depending on your point of view. The country then set out to rebuild itself and by any measure, it had succeeded. Its housing stock improved by leaps and bounds; the infrastructure expanded and upgraded; the health and education profiles brightened; and the economy was on a growth path.

Then along came Ivan.

Like many of its neighbors in and out of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, OECS, Grenada is facing some serious economic and social challenges. Crime has reared its ugly head and the galloping economic expectations of its young people are adding to the list of worries, which need urgent attention. As if those weren't enough, it has a pile of debt on its books to manage and reduce.

But it has many things going for it as well. The nation has a stable political environment that's based on the rule of law and parliamentary democracy. Its respect for people's civil liberties hasn't been tarnished by any abusive practices and the main opposition forces led by the National Democratic Congress are keeping Dr. Mitchell and his government on their toes.

As in the case of its OECS neighbors Grenada must make good on its pledge to join the Caribbean Single Market later this year. It should have come home to Grenadians by now that they can't afford to remain outside of the CSM and survive in a globalized world. It must also move to recognize the Caribbean Court of Justice, CCJ, as the judicial body of last resort, a move that would end its long-standing relationship with the Privy Council in London. Just as important, it must continue to place education high on its agenda. The investment in education, which got a major boost during the days of the People's Revolutionary Government, is paying off in the form of a strong human resource base.

Grenada, a nation, which has had more than its fair share of difficulties, has shown an amazing ability to see the glass as being half full when others looking on consider it half empty. That positive approach to life has worked well for its people in the past and we are confident that with more international and regional help it would do so again.

Grenadians abroad, whether in New York, Miami, London, Toronto, Birmingham or Port of Spain have been a well of support from which the country has drawn some of its succor. They too deserve praise at this time of celebrations.

Happy Independence anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF
THE LINCOLNVILLE CENTRAL
SCHOOL AND THE RUFUS
KNIGHT BELL

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, early in November I had the pleasure of attending the opening of the Lincolnville Central School in Lincolnville, ME. In Lincolnville, as in so many small towns across this country, the local elementary school is an important part of the community.

As Lincolnville opens a modern new school building, it honors its past by displaying an old bell, formerly housed in the old school building. The old bell will be a reminder of the many teachers, staff, and students who were a part of the old school. It will challenge the Lincolnville community to continue its long tradition of quality education.

The school bell is named for Rufus Knight, a former teacher at the old Lincolnville school. The bell was honored in a poem by his great-grandson, John A. Knight, which was read at the school opening:

This is the bell that called to us to drink at springs of learning.

This is the voice of the silver tongue that satisfied our yearning.

The tocsin sound of wisdom this ancient bell awakened and horizons of us rural folks no longer were forsaken.

The light of education Our knowledge is expanding. This ancient bell awoke in us deep thoughts of understanding.

And, for many generations we did study and excel with the beauteous sounding of this old bell.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WORK OF
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE JOHN
P. SALZBERG, PH.D.

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Salzberg, Ph.D., as he retires from his lifelong work of promoting human rights around the world.

Thousands of torture survivors and human rights advocates around the world are forever indebted to the tireless work of Mr. Salzberg throughout his 30-year career in the field of human rights. John Salzberg completed his doctoral dissertation in human rights in 1973 from New York University. Following his education, John spent several years working for former Congressman Don Fraser, D-MN, as staff on the House Subcommittee on International Organizations. In this capacity, John Salzberg aided in the groundbreaking work on human rights undertaken by Congressman Fraser, which led to the creation of a Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs in the State Department in 1976. John traveled with Congressman Fraser on what was the first official human rights investigation mission to South Korea and Indonesia in the late 1970s. In addition, while working for Congressman Fraser, John assisted in the drafting of the legislation which mandated the annual human rights report now issued by the State Department each year.

After working for Congressman Fraser, John went on to work at that same Bureau of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs for 4 years, to ensure it fulfilled the mission intended by Congressman Fraser's legislation.

Most recently, John used his knowledge of the legislative and policy process, and his dedication to justice and equality, as an advocate for the Center for Victims of Torture. John began working for the Center for Victims of Torture in 1992, first as a volunteer and then as its representative on Capitol Hill. As an advocate for victims of torture, John was a major force behind the drafting, promotion and eventual passage of the Torture Victims Relief Act

in 1998, and its reauthorization in 2005. This legislation provides needed resources to centers and organizations around the world that work to assist victims of torture in their rehabilitation and in rebuilding their lives.

John is a soft-spoken, humble, and extremely effective man dedicated to seeing an end to human rights abuses in the world. In his retirement, the human rights community is losing a true champion. Thank you, John Salzberg, for your 30 years of service on behalf of the millions of victims of cruel and inhumane human rights abuses around the world.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHANCELLOR
JAMES H. SHORE, M.D.

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Shore for his devoted service as the first chancellor of the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC). Dr. Shore has provided unwavering leadership to the UCDHSC campus through a period of significant transition.

Since 1985, Dr. Shore has committed his considerable skills, time and energy to the University of Colorado in a variety of leadership posts, including interim executive vice chancellor for the Health Sciences Center, interim director of the University of Colorado Hospital, superintendent of the Colorado Psychiatric Hospital, and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Shore has also served as chair of the University of Colorado Hospital Board, and is a member of the board of directors for the Children's Hospital and the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority.

I would like to recognize Dr. Shore for his tireless efforts to positively affect campus culture and environment, as well as for his significant influence on its current and future leaders by modeling management skill, civil discourse, active listening, time management and a keen sense of timing. As chancellor, he actively supported diversity by reorganizing the Health Sciences Center's Diversity Program, securing additional scholarship funds and encouraging all schools to increase the recruitment of a more diversified student body, faculty and staff. He also received the United States Public Health Service Commendation Medal for his work with American Indians.

Dr. Shore's contributions to the development and building of the formidable Fitzsimons campus cannot be overstated. He was instrumental in securing legislative authorization for \$202 million in certificates of participation, led the development of the initial Fitzsimons master plan, and has played a key role in accelerating the move process. Dr. Shore championed the raising of \$2.3 billion in capital resources from multiple sources, including State, Federal, gifts, campus cash, and partner allocations. He also worked tirelessly to secure the move of the Children's Hospital to Fitzsimons.

With Dr. Shore at the helm the growth of total institutional revenue of the Health Sciences Center increased from \$330 million

in fiscal year 1997 to more than \$602 million in fiscal year 2004. Most recently, his leadership in chairing the consolidation feasibility process has led to the establishment of the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, creating the leading research university in the Rocky Mountain region with over \$350 million in extramural funding.

Dr. Shore and his wife Chris truly believe in the role of the new Fitzsimons campus and generously contributed to the Fitzsimons Development, helping to build the Shore Family Forum, a state-of-the-art auditorium located in the Nighthorse Campbell Native Health Building.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. James H. Shore for his extraordinary leadership and distinguished service to the University of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING LORI WALKER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lori Walker for her commitment to the people and city of Flower Mound, TX. Mrs. Walker is a very active and respected member of her community who was recently selected as "Citizen of the Year."

The honor and dedication of Mrs. Walker to her community serves as an example to us all. Her service extends from volunteering on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to overseeing children's religious education as a Sunday school teacher for the Triesch United Methodist Church.

Additionally, Mrs. Walker's efforts extend to assisting government officials. She served as executive assistant for Congressman TOM DELAY in Washington, DC, and continued her political career by working in San Francisco as a field representative for U.S. Senator John Seymour and for our local Texas State Senator Jane Nelson as her district director and campaign manager.

It is the servant leadership of Mrs. Walker, and those like her, which truly makes our Nation great. Once again, Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Flower Mound's "Citizen of the Year," Lori Walker.

HONORING MR. PAUL COLLINS

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the last day of Black History Month to commend the works of a great African-American artist, Mr. Paul Collins of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Collins has had a long and distinguished career painting portraits of individuals from all over the world. It has been said that Mr. Collins' work seeks to recognize and express the essential human dignity and worth of others.

Mr. Collins' talent has been awarded and recognized internationally on numerous occa-

sions, and he has been commissioned by several foreign governments as well as the U.S. to commemorate important people and events.

One of Paul Collins' most celebrated works is the 18-foot by 8-foot mural of Grand Rapids native, President Gerald R. Ford, displayed in the Gerald R. Ford International Airport. Mr. Collins was awarded the mural commission in 1975. His finished product captures the various facets of President Ford's life as a husband, father and athlete. Upon its unveiling, the mural attracted national attention and critical acclaim and was applauded by Newsweek Magazine for its strong and dignified presentation of Gerald R. Ford. Mr. Collins is believed to be the first African-American artist to paint the portrait of a sitting president.

In 1981, Mr. Collins created the Ford Museum Commemorative Poster which was copied from the mural to help raise funds for the Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan. More than 1,000 posters were sold to help raise funds for the museum.

Also of note among Mr. Collins' lifetime achievements is the groundbreaking success and importance of his work, *The Voices of Israel*, conceived in the 1970s as a way to help renew the relationship between America's Black and Jewish communities during the civil rights movement. The work depicts the history of the people of Israel. This 25 piece collection has toured in Israel and all over the U.S.

Mr. Collins has also made good use of his excellent artistic skill to create symbols and designs, whose meanings and importance extend beyond his actual works. In this regard, Mr. Collins designed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Prize Medal, which is awarded yearly to an individual who has contributed to the cause of world peace. This important symbol has been awarded to such notable people as former President Jimmy Carter, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the late Rosa Parks. Similarly, Collins also created the American Woman Commemorative Plaque, honoring astronaut Sally Ride, the first woman in space.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Mr. Paul Collins has deservedly received many awards and honors. A few of his many distinctions include the Tadlow Fine Art Award, the People's Choice Award in Paris, and his election as one of the top 20 painters in America as voted by the Watson and Guptill Publication.

It is right, then, that we continue to honor the artist and the individual, Paul Collins. Mr. Collins' works, in a nod to his skill and ability to capture the essence of human characteristics and spirit, have been commissioned to represent and symbolize some of the most important figures and events in this country. Mr. Collins' work as an artist is matched only by his contributions as a humanitarian, as evidenced through his continued service as a teacher and lecturer in Michigan area schools on the value of art and his life experiences, the establishment of his own scholarship programs, and the creation of the Paul Collins Humanitarian Award in 2000. Through his own merit, dedication and long and distinguished career of success, Paul Collins has assuredly gained a position of honor and distinction in our country.