

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF
CHARLES AURELIO HUDSON
EYNON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I am happy to congratulate Elizabeth and Teddy Eynon of Washington, DC, on the birth of their new baby boy. Charles Aurelio Hudson Eynon was born on March 17, 2006, at 9:09 p.m., weighing 8 pounds and 7 ounces. Hudson has been born into a loving home, where he will be raised by parents who are devoted to his well-being and bright future. His birth is a blessing.

HONORING FRANK G. JACKSON,
MAYOR OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, SHERROD BROWN, MARCY KAPTUR, TED STRICKLAND, TIM RYAN, and I rise today in tribute and recognition of Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson, as he was honored by the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party on March 26, 2006.

Mayor Jackson was elected last November to lead the City of Cleveland—a continuation of his lifelong activism and devotion on behalf of our Cleveland community. He is a United States veteran, having served our country in Vietnam. After being honorably discharged, he returned to his East 38th Street neighborhood—where his commitment to making a difference would only grow stronger.

Following his military service, Mayor Jackson armed himself with a focus on educational achievement. He attended classes at Cuyahoga Community College and in 1975, he graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University. In 1977, Mr. Jackson earned a Master's degree in Urban Studies from CSU. In 1983, after working his way through law school as a night clerk at Cleveland Municipal Clerk's Office, Mr. Jackson earned a law degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He worked as an assistant county prosecutor until his 1990 election to Cleveland City Council, representing Ward 5. For 15 years, Mayor Jackson focused his efforts on revitalizing the housing and commercial aspects of the Ward 5 community. He did so by forming vital bonds with neighborhood leaders and development organizations, and by setting a tone of integrity, diligence, commitment and cooperation among City Council members and City administrators—a vital relationship that remains strong today.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join us in honoring Frank G. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, in recognition of his outstanding service and leadership focused on the people of the City of Cleveland. Mayor Jackson's integrity, energy, vision, unwavering service and complete devotion to his constituents continues to illuminate hope and strength throughout the streets of Ward 5 and throughout every Cleveland neighborhood—offering a

vision for a brighter tomorrow for every one of us along Ohio's north shores.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF
GORDON PARKS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, as St. Paul and our Nation say goodbye to a legend this month, I rise to lend my support to House Resolution 720, a resolution to honor the life of Gordon Roger Alexander Buchanan Parks. I hope that the House will soon consider this important resolution. Gordon Parks passed away on March 7, 2006 at the age of 93 after a courageous battle with cancer. With strong Minnesota ties, Mr. Parks became a world-famous photographer, filmmaker, and music composer. His work and life are an inspiration to artists and art lovers, and the people of St. Paul will be forever grateful for his contributions.

Mr. Gordon Parks will be remembered as an African American pioneer who used his experiences as a black man to create some of the 20th century's most powerful images for social justice. Mr. Parks was born in 1912, 1 of 15 children. He spent his young adulthood in St. Paul, where he developed his skills as an artist. Parks earned his first professional photojournalist jobs with the Saint Paul Recorder and the Minneapolis Spokesman, which served as catalysts for the great work by the beloved artist we recognize today.

Mr. Parks was a true pioneer. He was the first African American to work as a photojournalist for Life and Vogue magazines. As a trailblazing filmmaker, Mr. Parks was the first African American to write, score, and direct a Hollywood movie, "The Learning Tree." Mr. Parks was part of a generation of African Americans who directed and produced films that starred African Americans, like the film "Shaft." He was also committed to documenting poverty and racial injustice. Mr. Parks used the medium of film to tell the story of the black experience.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Gordon Parks, an artist who taught us about human dignity and the African American experience. St. Paul will always remember him for his many artistic contributions.

CONGRATULING HIGHLAND HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Highland School District for its nomination for the 2006 Rising Star Award presented by People Do Matter, which is part of the Pittsburgh Human Resources Association.

This award was given to the school district because they demonstrated a link between Professional Development, their people practices, and their students' test score results and achievements by using innovative and emerg-

ing practices. They are the only school district to ever receive this award.

The Highland School District will receive the "Rising Star" Award on April 5, 2006 at a dinner at the Rivers Club in Pittsburgh.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Highland School District for receiving the Rising Star Award. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a dedicated school district as the Highland School District.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING GENERAL
LEON J. LAPORTE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that General Leon J. LaPorte, Commander of the United Nations Command, Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces and Commander of the United States Forces Korea, will soon be retiring after a long and distinguished career.

General LaPorte was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and graduated from the University of Rhode Island. He completed the Armor Officer Advanced Course in 1975 and he earned a Master's Degree in Administration from the University of California.

After General LaPorte was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Armor, he served as a Platoon Leader and Motor Officer in Alpha Company, 3d Battalion, 64th Armor. In 1971, he served as a Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer in the 283rd Aerial Weapons Company in the Republic of Vietnam. He commanded the 3d Battalion, 64th Armor, 3d Infantry Division in Schweinfur, Germany, and following the Army War College, he served as the G3, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. In October 1990, he deployed with the division to Southwest Asia and was Chief of Staff during Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. In 1997, he assumed the duties of Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operation and Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington, DC. Prior to assuming his current position, General LaPorte served as Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Forces Command.

General LaPorte has earned numerous decorations and badges for his outstanding service in the military. These decorations and badges include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (three oak leaf clusters), the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), an Air Medal ("V" device), an Army Commendation Medal ("V" device), a Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (with Palm), a Kuwait Liberation Medal, an Army Aviator Badge, a Parachutist Badge, and a Ranger Tab.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to General Leon J. LaPorte for his exceptional service to the United States and will wish him all the best in the days ahead.