

away because his family is poor." This legislation turns its back on that commitment, Mr. Chairman.

And so, the American people should see this legislation for what it is—not only a missed opportunity but also an assault on America's middle-class and a grave threat to our global competitiveness. Indeed, one recent international test involving mathematical understanding found that American students finished in 27th place among the nations participating. This as low-wage employers are creating the bulk of our new jobs—in one recent period, Wal-Mart and McDonald's created 44 percent of all new jobs.

If the Republican majority in this Congress was serious about strengthening our higher education system, this legislation would have adopted some of the recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences report, *Rising Above the Gathering Storm*—one of the central recommendations of which was to make American universities the most attractive setting in which to study and get a degree.

In contrast to this legislation, the Democratic substitute would cut interest rates in half for the borrowers most in need—effectively lowering the cost of college by \$2.4 billion for students and their families. Our substitute would offer the 3.4 percent fixed interest rate to students who take out subsidized loans this year. And it would incentivize service in the fields of nursing, for three teachers in bilingual and low-income communities, librarians, and first responders.

Mr. Chairman, the critical role colleges and universities played in the last century's economy will pale in comparison to the role they will play in this century's. And this legislation should recognize that—not turn back the clock on access and affordability.

A TRIBUTE TO SALVATORE J.A.  
SCLAFANI, M.D.

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Salvatore J.A. Sclafani MD, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Dr. Sclafani received his Bachelor of Science from Fordham University in 1968 and undertook his medical education at the Upstate campus of SUNY, graduating in 1972. He completed his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Downstate/Kings County in 1976. He is a diplomate of the American College of Radiology with a certificate of added qualifications in Interventional Radiology.

Dr. Sclafani is a Fellow of the Society of Interventional Radiology and a member of numerous other medical societies. He is a past President of the American Society of Emergency Radiology.

Dr. Sclafani has published more than 150 papers in scientific journals and authored or co-authored more than 20 textbooks. He is currently the Section editor of Radiology for the Journal of Trauma and has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Interventional

Radiology, and Emergency Radiology. Dr. Sclafani has presented at almost 200 invitational lectures in the U.S. and has lectured extensively on 4 continents. He has taught countless radiologists the techniques of Interventional Radiology during his 9 visits to the Peoples' Republic of China.

Dr. Sclafani is recognized for his work in the uses of Radiology in traumatized and emergency patients and has either developed techniques or set standards for the use of Interventional Radiology in the control of hemorrhage after trauma. He is most recognized for his development of a method of treating without the use of open surgery patients who have sustained a ruptured spleen. Other collaborations have led to an awareness of the value of physiological monitoring of the injured elderly, a non-operative approach to exsanguinating hemorrhage after pelvic fractures and management schemes for vascular injuries of the head and neck.

In 1989, Dr. Sclafani became an honorary police surgeon of the New York Police Department after a celebrated "save" by Interventional Radiology of a patrolman who had sustained a near fatal gunshot wound of the internal carotid artery. This event brought national public recognition to Kings County Hospital as an innovator in trauma care and the techniques were featured in the New York Times Science Section.

Dr. Sclafani has spent his entire career working among the indigent and was honored by the New York Academy of Medicine for his contributions to urban health.

Participating in the Trauma Service of Kings County since 1976, he is its senior member. He is currently the Chief of Radiology at Kings County Hospital Center and Chairman of the Department of Radiology of the Downstate Medical Center where he directs more than thirty radiologists and 29 residents. He is also President of the Medical Board of Kings County Hospital Center.

Dr. Sclafani was born and raised in Brooklyn to which he has dedicated his entire career. He currently resides in Park Slope, Brooklyn with his wife, Georgia Sclafani with whom he raised 2 sons, Paul and Ross. He lived in the pediatric examining room of his father, Anthony Sclafani, MD in Bensonhurst during the first 4 years of his life and lived above the waiting room of his father's office until the age of 13. Thus, he considers the hospital his second home and its patients his family.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Sclafani, as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local and national communities.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Sclafani's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY TO PREVENT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2006*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This august institution is celebrating its 140th anniversary this month, and all Americans should salute its remarkable success as the first organization dedicated to the protection of animals in the Western Hemisphere.

Over the course of the last 140 years, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or ASPCA, has helped change the way Americans think about animals. The society came into being on April 10, 1866 when its founder, the diplomat and philanthropist Henry Bergh, succeeded in securing it a charter from the New York State Legislature. Just 9 days later, Mr. Bergh and his colleagues from the ASPCA convinced the legislature to pass a new law preventing acts of cruelty to animals and giving the society the power to enforce it. This burst of activism succeeded in focusing public attention on the plight of animals throughout the United States, and its activities helped spawn similar efforts across the Nation.

Headquartered on Manhattan's Upper East Side, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has expanded its services over the decades to encompass a humane education program and a government affairs initiative that lobbies for the enactment of laws to provide better protections to animals. The ASPCA provided the city of New York with animal control services for a century, rescuing countless animals in its ambulances, providing them with medical care in its clinics, and sheltering and placing them in new homes whenever possible. The society's humane approach to law enforcement established a model that has been adopted by cities, towns, and villages across the United States.

Today, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is one of the largest humane societies in the world. Its New York City headquarters house an animal hospital, shelter, and adoption center. Law enforcement officers for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals continue to serve as the primary enforcers of anti-cruelty statutes in our Nation's greatest metropolis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to the well-being of both animals and humans made by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

A TRIBUTE TO ANTONIO D.  
MARTIN

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Antonio D. Martin and I hope

my colleagues will join me recognizing the accomplishments of this outstanding member of the community.

Tony Martin's approach to leadership is formulated in his fervent belief in the concept of teamwork, as demonstrated by his track record as a healthcare executive.

A 20-year veteran of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, HHC, the largest municipal healthcare system in the United States, Mr. Martin was appointed chief operating officer of Queens Hospital Center, QHC, in July 1999 and executive director in 2002. Under his direction, the hospital successfully completed the construction and opening of a new state-of-the-art facility in January 2002, which has since expanded to a total of 243 beds. In the spring of 2005, QHC volunteered to be one of the first city hospitals to undergo an unannounced Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, JCAHO, survey, successfully completing the rigorous 4-day examination. This acknowledges the hospital's firm compliance with regulatory JCAHO standards at all times.

His overriding mission has been to make Queens Hospital Center the hospital of choice in the borough, and to broaden its appeal beyond the traditional populations within its surrounding community. Specific initiatives include a comprehensive disease management initiative that empowers patients to manage their chronic illnesses, as well as an overall redesign of the hospital's ambulatory care services to better expedite patient visits.

Managing an annual operating budget of \$230 million, Mr. Martin currently oversees three Centers of Excellence within the hospital for Cancer Care; Women's Health; and Diabetes. For the past 3 years, he has aggressively promoted the technological advancement of the Queens Cancer Center of Queens Hospital, his objective being to present it as the premier cancer care facility in the borough. In addition, a new Ambulatory Care Pavilion is scheduled to open its doors in 2006, and a total of four family health centers affiliated with QHC are now offering comprehensive primary care services within the hospital's neighboring communities.

From April 1998 until July 1999, Mr. Martin served as deputy executive director of Network Behavioral Health for the Brooklyn/Staten Island Network of HHC, including Kings County Hospital Center, East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center, Sea View Hospital and Nursing Home, Dr. Susan Smith McKinney, and Bedford-Stuyvesant Alcoholism Treatment Center.

Prior to his Network position, Mr. Martin was the executive director of East New York Neighborhood Family Care Center, ENYNFCC, in Brooklyn from 1990 to 1998. Under his leadership, ENYNFCC successfully received its article 28 designation from the New York State Department of Health in 1993, and became the East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center, ENYDTC. He was the administrator for the Medical Records Department at Kings County Hospital and previously the acting director of Medical Records at Metropolitan Hospital, both of which are HHC facilities.

Mr. Martin recently served, along with other esteemed African-American leaders, as the healthcare executive on a regional panel addressing the current state of the African-American male. He was a delegate for the Health

and Human Services, HHS-International Conference on Ethnic Health. He has received numerous awards for community service, most recent among them the Center for the Women of New York's "Good Guy" Award, 2004, the Metropolitan New York Association of Diabetes Educators "CEO of the Year" Award, 2004, and the NAHSE Award from the National Association of Health Service Executives, an organization of leaders in the healthcare field, 2002. Professional memberships are sustained with the following organizations: the Health Association of New York State, HANYS, East New York-Brownsville H.I.V. Steering Committee; New York Association of Ambulatory Care; Community Health Care Association of New York State, CHCANYS; National Association of Public Hospitals, NAPH; and the American Hospital Association, AHA.

Mr. Martin holds a master's degree in health service administration and policy from the New School for Social Research in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Antonio D. Martin, as he offers his talents for the betterment of our local and international communities.

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IN REMEMBRANCE OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2006*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Cesar Estrada Chavez. Seventy-nine years ago one of the greatest civil rights leaders of our time was born near Yuma, Arizona. A man that embodied the strength to fight for civil rights, Cesar Chavez dedicated his life to the liberty and justice of farm workers across America.

Mr. Chavez dedicated his life to teaching others that persistence, hard work, faith, and willingness to sacrifice one's self breaks down barriers. He committed himself to achieving justice and equality for all farm workers and paved the way for momentous social change.

Mr. Chavez began early in his life dealing with injustice and inequality; his family was forced off their land and subjected to working in fields all over California. He attended 37 schools, never succeeding past the eighth grade. Despite his tribulations, he was able to instill his passion for education in the hearts of all that he touched. Mr. Chavez taught that the love for justice is inherent in each and every one of us and that it is the most amazing and true part of being human.

In 1962, Mr. Chavez put his beliefs into action and formed what is known today as the United Farm Workers. His efforts initiated one of the greatest social movements of our time; fighting for safe and fair working conditions, reasonable wages, decent housing and the outlaw of child labor for farm workers everywhere.

Mr. Chavez embraced nonviolent tactics to help focus national attention on the problems that existed for farm workers. The non-violent tactics Mr. Chavez utilized included fasting, marching, rallying, picketing and boycotting. The vast attention that was drawn to the plight of the farm workers educated America of the

great pain and exploitation the farm workers endured to produce food for millions of American families.

Mr. Chavez was said to have given his last ounce of strength defending the farm workers before he died in his sleep on April 23, 1993.

Cesar E. Chavez is honored throughout America for his tireless work to help those that could not help themselves. In my hometown of Houston, every year we celebrate the life and times of Mr. Cesar E. Chavez by holding a Hispanic Pride parade. An event sponsored by the community and an event to bring us together and celebrate as one.

We honor him today in life and in death for his leadership, his vision, his bravery, and his unselfish commitment to the principles of social justice and respect for human dignity. He will forever live on as an inspiration to those of us who seek to create a better world, and his legacy is one which serves to remind us that "Together all things are possible." Si se puede!

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A TRIBUTE TO KATHIE T. RONES  
M.D., M.P.H., FACP

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a Brooklynite and distinguished physician, Dr. Kathie T. Rones. It is an honor to represent Dr. Rones in the House of Representatives and it behooves us to pay tribute to such an outstanding leader.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Rones is currently the Medical Director at Kings County Hospital Center a position she has held since 1996. Dr. Rones manages a staff of over a thousand doctors and hundreds of residents. As the busiest trauma in the State of New York, King's County has a minimum of 120,000 emergency room visits a year.

Dr. Rones is a Senior Clinical Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Medicine at SUNY Downstate. Prior to her appointment as Medical Director, Dr. Rones served as Chief of Ambulatory Care Services and Director of the Medical Clinic at King's County and more recently as the Medical Director of Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center-Ambulatory Care Network. Dr. Rones went to Medical School at Brown University and earned her M.D. in 1980.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the achievements and selfless service of Dr. Rones as she continues to offer her selfless health services for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Speaker, may our country continue to benefit from the actions of altruistic community leaders such as Dr. Kathie T. Rones.

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TRIBUTE TO THE LATE TRUEMAN  
KIRK PEEK

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2006*

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Trueman Kirk Peek.