

the 6th District of Colorado for 14 years until he retired in 1998. Congressman Schaefer served on the House Commerce Committee, while he was Chairman of the Energy and Power Subcommittee, and was the senior member of the Colorado congressional delegation when he retired. His long and distinguished political career began when he was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1977, then the state Senate in 1979 before running for Congress in 1983.

Among the many causes he championed were mass-transit projects and the southwest light-rail line, and while in the Colorado State Legislature Schaefer sponsored several child protection laws. In Congress, he also helped found the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus and for his efforts the main building at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, was named in his honor. Schaefer was a major proponent of plans to deregulate the electric power, industry and to open it to competition. He fought for the cleanup of the decommissioned nuclear weapons plant at Rocky Flats, pushed for spending cuts, and worked on telecommunications issues.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of former Congressman Dan Schaefer who served in the House of Representatives with honor and integrity. His death is a profound loss to the community and to the causes he most admirably championed.

HONORING ELIZABETH QUINTERO

TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young woman and one of my constituents, Elizabeth Quintero of Redwood City.

Elizabeth was recently selected as the California's Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year. She was chosen from among three-dozen competitors for the title because of her intelligence, positive attitude and perseverance. Elizabeth is even more extraordinary because of the battles she has won in her personal life.

Mr. Speaker, in the last five years Elizabeth has experienced more tragedy and stress than most seventeen year olds. Her father has had to endure a tragic and debilitating health diagnosis, her home was robbed and then completely destroyed by an unfortunate fire. In addition to these challenges, Elizabeth also struggled with a strong case of social anxiety that prevented her from participating in school and in her community.

Mr. Speaker, we honor Elizabeth today for the courage and optimism she showed in the face of adversity. After accompanying a friend to the local Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula she began to fight her social anxiety. This once shy girl became an active member of the Keystone Club where she attended workshops on leadership skills and public speaking. She volunteered for Community Service and Academic Programs, while excelling at school and emerging as a leader among her friends and classmates.

Elizabeth received the Youth of the Year award honoring her outstanding contributions

to the community but also overcoming personal obstacles.

Elizabeth continues to challenge herself and her friends and neighbors. On the day she was named Youth of the Year she also learned she had been accepted for admission to the University of San Francisco. This summer she will advance to the Regional Youth of the Year competition, and then to Washington, D.C. to compete for the title of National Youth of the Year, an honor that includes a \$15,000 college scholarship presented by President George W. Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Elizabeth on this distinguished award and her promising future.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REV. WILLIAM SLOANE COFFIN, JR.

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the life of an American patriot, the Reverend William Sloane Coffin Jr. As a prophetic mouthpiece for God, Reverend Coffin spoke truth to power. He trumpeted the call to America to live up to its moral ideals by remembering the plight of the poor and oppressed at home and abroad. Reverend Coffin was a peace maker around the world, encouraging America and nations alike to pursue peace over war; "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Reverend Coffin fought for civil rights and was a staunch opponent of the Vietnam war in the 1960's. In Montgomery he was arrested in protest of segregation in the South; he was a disciple and advocate of civil disobedience. He believed civil disobedience could bring social and political change in the world pervaded with inequality and injustice. As an ordained Presbyterian minister he adhered to a strong sense of call to social activism. He was in the early 60s the senior minister at the historic Riverside Church in my congressional district.

His ministry focused on a variety of social and moral issues facing humanity. He drew attention to the plight of the poor, political and military power, nuclear disarmament and interfaith understanding. Reverend Coffin exemplified tremendous courage in standing up for what he believed was just and fair. He would often say that "courage is the first virtue, because "it makes all other virtues possible." Reverend Coffin was indeed courageous in his fight against genocide in certain parts of the world, particularly in Bosnia.

"Every minister is given two roles, the priestly and the prophetic." He would often remind his interviewers of this theological claim to help America and the world understand why a minister was concerned with social-political affairs. In the tumultuous years of the Vietnam war he was outspoken in opposition to the war along side another prominent minister, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He led major demonstrations in protest concerning the grave injustice and moral wrongness of the Vietnam war which garnered him international recognition. His prophetic role mandated Reverend Coffin to challenge the status quo on an international level.

In addition to serving as a senior minister, Reverend Coffin also assumed the chaplaincy

post at Yale University. At Yale, during the Vietnam war, he counseled and encouraged students to protest the draft by returning their draft cards to the Justice Department. He infuriated the Johnson administration but he stood courageous and firm. Students at Yale respected him for his genuine and sincere approach to ministry and were urged to become sensitive to social struggle around the world by championing the cause of justice and peace. He remained at Yale until 1976, when he began to work on world hunger programs.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the life of Rev. William Sloane Coffin, his life reminds America that the voice of dissent is patriotism at its best. When he engaged in debate about American social policies and practices he would often characterize them as a partner engaged in a lovers' quarrel.

COMMEMORATING EARTH DAY 2006

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Earth Day 2006, which was celebrated last Saturday, April 22.

Earth Day was established in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, who firmly believed that education was the key to changing public attitudes about the environment. Since then, Earth Day celebrations have spread throughout America and to the rest of the world, with more and more people getting involved in efforts to clean and nurture the environment.

Despite Earth Day's popularity and the many programs that were created to improve the planet's health, our world is still wrought with environmental problems. We still face many pressing issues, such as protecting coastal waters from offshore drilling, preserving the Alaskan Tongass Rainforest, the Redrock lands in Utah, and resources in the Rockies.

Closer to home, we must continue to focus our efforts on restoring the Chesapeake Bay. The Bush Administration's budget proposes drastic cuts to vital initiatives, including the Chesapeake Bay Targeted Watershed Grants Program, the EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office, and several Farm Bill Conservation programs that help farmers reduce nutrient runoff entering the Bay. Last year, I was pleased to participate in the Living Shoreline Grants program, which involved growing seagrasses in my office that I later planted in Annapolis' Back Creek. I am also pleased to be an original cosponsor of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Enhancement Act, which will reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program and implement new water quality standards for the Bay's tributaries.

I have long supported a comprehensive, long-term, more environment-friendly energy policy that places emphasis on increasing the availability and use of renewable energy, as well as promoting greater energy efficiency that new technologies can provide. The United States needs to utilize new technologies that focus on renewable energy sources to reduce the nation's dependency on foreign oil and high gasoline prices.

Earth Day celebrations serve as important reminders that we cannot take America's natural resources for granted. I urge my colleagues to join with me in doing our part to preserve, protect, and restore our planet's natural treasures.

HONORING WILLA LIVINGSTON
CARSON

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a true community leader, Willa Carson, who passed away on April 14, 2006, at age 80.

Willa was born in St. Petersburg, Florida, and moved to New York City after marrying Ernest Carson. While in New York, Willa earned her practical nursing license and worked for years in the health care industry. In 1972, Willa returned to Florida, retiring in Clearwater with her husband. However, Willa always needed to help others and was unfulfilled with retirement, so she undertook a second career teaching her passion for nursing to others.

Willa is best known for founding the Greenwood Community Health Resources Center, which she established in 1995. In the beginning, Greenwood operated out of two apartments. Today, this tremendous facility provides free treatment for nearly 600 individuals monthly who have no insurance and little money to afford health care costs. This is especially impressive because the Center only is open three days a week and all the doctors and nurses volunteer their time and expertise. While I am very familiar with the generosity of our nation's health care professionals, I know that this Center would not have been so successful without Willa's tireless efforts to help the poorest in our society.

Last month, the Greenwood Community Health Resources Center was appropriately renamed after Willa Carson. However, this was a tribute Willa did not want or welcome. Humbly, she wanted the Center to be about helping others, not personal glorification.

Willa does not need the Health Resources Center to be renamed after her for her impact on this community to be realized. Her generosity will be reflected on the faces of the countless people that she has helped. I hope her family will take solace in knowing that, in heaven, Willa's loving arms will be able to reach much further than Clearwater, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, our community truly is better off because of Mrs. Carson's contributions. Her leadership, life and legacy are truly an inspiration to everyone. I'm honored to have known her and to have called her a friend. May her memory be eternal!

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
AMERICAN BUSINESS MEDIA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge American Business Media,

located in my congressional district, as it celebrates 100 years of service to business media and the American economy. ABM is the not-for-profit, global association for business information providers, including producers of magazines, Web sites and digital content, trade shows, newsletters, rich data, custom publishers, as well as conventions, conferences, seminars, trade shows. ABM's 300 member companies represent about \$20 billion in annual revenues and include such respected brands as Dow Jones, Forbes.com, The Economist, Farm Journal, Google, PC World, plus about 5,000 additional print and electronic titles, and 1,000 trade shows. Its mission is to help business information providers excel at their tasks and provide the best intelligence available to their readers—the captains of industry.

Established in 1906, ABM has a staff of specialists in governmental affairs, marketing, communications, promotion, education and finance. More than 20 active ABM member committees regularly assess developments in the industry and formulate the Association's positions on key issues. ABM hosts prestigious editorial and creative excellence awards programs, and initiates events that are focused on enhancing the knowledge of and providing services to members and the industry. ABM offers a first-rate opportunity for networking and creative peer interchange at these meetings, and brings together thousands of the best minds in business information each year.

I congratulate American Business Media on this momentous occasion and wish it continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM
MACLAUGHLIN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William MacLaughlin of Jamestown, NY, for his many years of dedicated public service to the City of Jamestown.

William MacLaughlin is a graduate of Empire State College with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a graduate of St. Bonaventure University where he received his Masters in Education; he was hired in 1972 as a Jamestown Police Officer.

During his time as a police officer, he served on the SWAT team, eventually becoming commander of the SWAT team in 1985. He has also served as a member of the bomb squad and a member of the color guard. Officer MacLaughlin rose through the ranks and was appointed Chief of Police for the City of Jamestown in 1995 by Mayor Richard Kimball, Jr., and was later appointed as the Director of Public Safety by Mayor Sam Teresi in 2000.

Officer MacLaughlin has received several departmental and community awards including the American Legion, Department of New York, Police Officer of the Year Award, Sons of the American Revolution, Medal for Heroism as well as the Medal of Valor. He is involved in several professional organizations as well as being very active in his community.

Officer MacLaughlin retired as Chief of Police on January 7, 2006. His dedication and

excellence in public service to the Jamestown community will be missed. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor him today.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARLEM CONGREGATIONS FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, INC.—FAITH AT WORK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on the eve of the twentieth anniversary of the Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI) to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a perspective that recognizes the many achievements and accomplishments attributed to the HCCI.

Since 1986, the Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI) has been devoted to bringing about positive change to the Harlem community as its coalition of churches remain vigilant in their efforts to revitalize the spirit of Harlem by continuing to work to improve conditions in the community.

The HCCI initiative started with a consortium of 16 ministers and has grown to a membership of nearly 100 churches. Their organization has constructed over 2,000 units of affordable housing, provided job development and training and established support groups to reinforce and assist with services to the community.

I have lived in Harlem my entire life and can attest to the success of the many initiatives undertaken by the HCCI. I have witnessed the collective conception of ideas that grew into plans that resulted in major improvements to the lives of the people of Harlem.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of the achievements of the HCCI and I respectfully enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this perspective which serves to recognize the HCCI's noteworthy accomplishments as we approach the organizations' twentieth anniversary.

THE HARLEM CONGREGATIONS FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, INC.: FAITH AT WORK

For the past two decades, the Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI) has quietly, yet methodically, changed the physical landscape and the spiritual soul of the people of the Harlem community. HCCI was founded in 1986 as a consortium of 16 Harlem churches, whose pastors and congregants had long endured the surrounding urban decay. HCCI's first President was the late Bishop Preston R. Washington, Sr. The organization grew to an organization of more than 90 churches, mosques and a synagogue.

The organization began with a grassroots planning and organizing initiative. Harlem area churches raised \$100,000 which was matched by the Trinity Episcopal Church on Wall Street. A plan for the Bradhurst community was developed by working with the Harlem Urban Development Corporation, Columbia University's Urban Technical Assistance Project and the City College Architecture Center. That plan was eventually adopted by the City of New York as the Bradhurst Urban Renewal Area Plan. The Bradhurst area had such a high level of deterioration that the blight seemed almost incurable, with rampant crime, drug addiction, abnormally short life expectancy, high infant mortality rates, population exodus, HIV/AIDS,