

HONORING THE 81ST BIRTHDAY OF
MALCOLM X

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on that would have been his 81st birthday, to enter the RECORD a salute to El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, also known as Malcolm X. Malcolm X was a formidable character who was truly ahead of his time and very much under appreciated during his lifetime. He remained an advocate of racial pride and self-determination during a period in history where African Americans were systematically denied the rights enjoyed by white America.

Malcolm X's teachings focused on helping African Americans to deny negative stereotypes impressed upon them by the white society and also stressed economic empowerment through community building with other African Americans.

To understand the man is to know about his past. To understand the man is to know what life lessons affected his being. Born Malcolm Little on May 19, 1925 to a Baptist minister in Omaha, Nebraska his father was killed while attempting to fight racial oppression. His mother was committed to a mental institution. After moving to New York Malcolm was arrested in 1946 for burglary. Unbeknownst to him, his incarceration led to the first of many life altering experiences. During his incarceration he developed an interest in the philosophy of the Muslim movement and joined the Nation of Islam. Upon leaving prison in 1952 he changed his last name to "X". This change in surname signified the shedding of linkage to the white slaveholders who had given him and other African Americans their family names.

Under the tutelage of Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm flourished as one of the most effective speakers for the Nation. He increased membership and founded new mosques, eventually being assigned to be the Minister of the Nation's Harlem, New York mosque. In 1963, disagreements with Elijah Muhammad caused Malcolm to leave the Nation of Islam. In 1964 he embarked on a pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia. That pilgrimage proved to be another life altering experience for Malcolm X. While in Mecca he witnessed the union of all races. His observances proved to be the foundation that led to the development of the Organization of Afro-American Unity and the Muslim Mosque Inc.

When he returned to New York, Malcolm gained an even more loyal following. His popularity was at a pinnacle. Malcolm's success did not fair well with many of the Muslim sect. He quickly became the victim of death threats from those who disagreed with his views. In February, 1965 his home was firebombed. His family escaped unharmed. A week later Malcolm X was shot to death at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem as he prepared to make a speech.

Malcolm X had a profound influence on Americans of all races and all around the world. While he was often portrayed as a black militant leader because he encouraged Black Nationalism, separatism and black pride little was said to recognize him for creating a framework for world brotherhood and human justice.

Mr. Speaker: This cursory review that I offer does not do justice to the larger-than-life figure known as Malcolm X. I encourage everyone to read "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" to understand one of the 20th century's true Renaissance figures.

On this 81st anniversary of his birthday, I rise to honor an unforgettable and extraordinary individual who during his lifetime changed the world.

His conviction and devotion to instilling the concept of self empowerment in people of color still resonates today. He left an indelible mark on mankind. I wonder what Malcolm X would think of the world today?

HONORING MORGAN MAYSE OF
ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Morgan Mayse of Athens High School for her first place finish in the Texas University Interscholastic League State 4-A Track and Field Meet.

On Friday May 12, 2006, Morgan competed at the University of Texas in Austin's Mike A. Myers Stadium for the Girls High Jump earning the gold with the record jump of 5'9".

As the Congressional representative for Athens and the Fifth District of Texas, I would like to congratulate Morgan, as well as her family, coaches, and supporters on her tremendous undefeated season and her second straight District 14-AAAA and Region II-AAAA titles.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5386) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of this amendment to protect clean water. For more than three decades, the Clean Water Act has been protecting all of our Nation's waters from unregulated pollution, filling and destruction.

However, in May 2002, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a rule that changed the definition of "fill material" for both the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The new definition allows waste to be used to fill streams, wetlands and other waters.

Allowing coal mining spoil and other types of waste material to be dumped into our waters and wetlands is contrary to the central goal of the Clean Water Act: preserving physical, chemical and biological integrity of the Nation's waters.

While there may be a need for some regulatory changes so that the Corps and EPA use consistent definitions of "fill" material, this can and should be accomplished by ensuring that both agencies' definitions explicitly exclude the use of wastes to fill our Nation's waters—not, as proposed, to weaken the Corps' regulations to sanction this long-prohibited practice.

EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, May is the first annual Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) Awareness Month. Unfortunately, this syndrome, which affects nearly 60,000 Americans and 1.5 million people worldwide, is still largely unrecognized by the healthcare community.

In 1986, the Ehlers-Danlos National Foundation was established to research, support, and awareness for those suffering from this potentially debilitating illness. A heritable connective tissue disorder, EDS, in its most severe circumstances, weakens the vascular system making it rupture. This potential for complication is coupled with an inadequate level of funding and recognition which all too often leads to a lack of diagnosis or a misdiagnosis. Early detection is the key to an effective treatment and affords the individual suffering from EDS the opportunity to manage their syndrome and enhance the quality of life.

It is imperative that, in the absence of a cure, we in Congress join hands with the healthcare community to focus more attention on this matter. Accurate detection and sustained treatment will lead to a more fulfilling life for those afflicted with EDS. I am pleased to have this opportunity to applaud the efforts made by the brave men and women living with this illness as well as the countless friends, families and health professionals that have committed their time and expertise.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CANDY
SCHNEIDER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Candy Schneider who is retiring after 33 years of service in the Clark County School District.

Candy has been a teacher of art, humanities and she is academically talented at the junior high school level as well as a Visual Arts Administrative Specialist with grades K-12 for over three decades. She has also served as the district liaison and coordinated the Congressional Art Contest for the past three years. During her career as an educator, Candy has also served as the Assistant Director of the School-Community Partnership Program, as Nevada Arts Council Chairwoman, as the chair of the Arts in Education Committee and on the Executive Committee. Among Candy's many achievements, she has