

2005 he led New York City's first transit strike in 25 years in order to safeguard the pensions and healthcare for transit workers and future retirees. When all of the negotiations had been completed, the Governor of New York attempted to set a precedent by placing a cut in future pension benefits for new hires. It was the opening salvo for a campaign to cut pension benefits for all state and city employees. In an act of monumental significance for future workers Roger Toussaint rejected this deal with the words: "I will not sell out the unborn."

TWU Local 100 President Roger Toussaint was born in Trinidad in 1956. As a youth in Trinidad, he took part in the 1970 rebellion that targeted the vestiges of British colonial rule and challenged the oppressive conditions of workers, soldiers and small farmers. At the age of 17, Toussaint was arrested and expelled from school for writing slogans on school walls, including "Free Education Means Free Books." In 1974 he came to New York. After a brief enrollment at Brooklyn College, during which he took part in the anticutbacks movement, he worked for several years as a welder prior to the closing of the Brooklyn Naval Yard. Toussaint was hired by the Transit Authority as a cleaner in 1984 and became a track worker in 1985.

Toussaint became active on the job, joining with other track workers to publish "On Track" and to pursue a series of struggles against managerial arrogance and safety hazards. He did not seek a formal union position until 1994, when he was elected Chair of the 1,800-member Track Division. Already a thorn in the side of management and the incumbent union administration, Toussaint used the newly gained position to step up the struggle. In July of 1998, he was fired on the pretext of having been in an unauthorized vehicle during working hours, when the car in which he was a passenger was hit in an intersection and he suffered neck and back injuries. In fact, Toussaint was on official union business at the time, riding in a union car operated by a union official. A routine appeal of the firing was dismissed as untimely—the first such ruling in 60 years of Transit Authority (TA) discipline.

The TA had Toussaint shadowed by private investigators who followed him to union meetings, to his son's nursery school, and even to disciplinary hearings where he defended fellow union members. Toussaint's firing became a rallying cry for union members who demanded his reinstatement. In the union election of 2000, Toussaint became the presidential candidate of New Directions, an umbrella group embracing the opposition to the incumbent regime.

On taking office, Toussaint immediately took measures to reform the finances of the nearly bankrupt Local, including cutting his own salary by 25 percent. In March 2001 he led a successful strike at a Westchester bus company, obtaining landmark increases in wages and benefits for 700 union members. In 2002 he led the union through a difficult strike at three bus companies in Queens operating under city franchise, securing the failing health benefits for 1,500 members. At the end of that year, he led the union in winning a contract settlement that guaranteed threatened health benefits for 34,000 transit workers and their families and opened an array of new initiatives on such fronts as discipline, safety, training and childcare.

In December 2003 he was reelected to a second term as President of TWU Local 100.

As well as his duties at Local 100, Roger Toussaint is President of the Coalition of Metropolitan Transit Authority Unions and a New York City Employees' Retirement System Board Member. He has served on the NYC Central Labor Council and the Municipal Labor Committee. The father of five, Roger Toussaint lives in Crown Heights with his wife, Donna.

For his exceptional vision and leadership courage we salute Roger Toussaint as a Great Point-of-Light for all Americans.

RESOLUTION HONORING CON-
GRESSMAN ELIGIO "KIKI" DE
LA GARZA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Eligio "Kika" de la Garza was born in Mercedes, a small town in Hidalgo County, Texas, on September 22nd, 1927, beginning what would be the start of a long, and illustrious life in representing the Rio Grande Valley.

Whereas, at 17 years of age, he enlisted in the United States Army and served until 1946, continuing his education at Edinburg Junior College and the United States Army Artillery School in Oklahoma. Soon thereafter, he earned a law degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

Whereas, in 1952, Eligio "Kika" de la Garza was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1952, serving the Rio Grande Valley. He accomplished many goals such as the creation of the Texas Water Commission and sponsoring a bill that allowed the border cities and counties along the Rio Grande river to build their own international bridges, helping to foster the spirit of trade and cooperation that still exists to this day.

Whereas, after serving honorably in the Texas House of Representatives, Congressman de la Garza was elected in 1964 to the United States House of Representatives to represent the 15th Congressional District of Texas. In his 32 years of congressional service, he was Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, the first Hispanic to serve in the seat since 1917.

Whereas, during his leadership as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee for the next 13 years, he oversaw major agricultural legislation such as the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Act, the Food Security Act, the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, and the Disaster Assistance Acts of 1988 and 1989.

Whereas, in 1976, Congressman de la Garza became one of the founding members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, which he chaired from 1989 to 1991 as a strong supporter of civil rights for minorities and free trade along the border. He was highly involved in the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which has greatly benefited the Texas-Mexico border region in South Texas: be it hereby

Resolved, That Congressman Henry Cuellar commends Congressman "Kika" de la Garza for having served the Rio Grande Valley with the utmost distinction and courage.

RECOGNIZES

ANTHONY
MUSSELMAN OF SUFFOLK, VIR-
GINIA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony Musselman of Suffolk, Virginia, a Quartermaster 1st class sailor currently serving in Iraq in the Global War on Terror.

Originally joining the Navy for an opportunity to see the world and learn some new skills, Quartermaster Musselman has accomplished his dream and has literally traveled the world over. A dedicated student of the naval profession, he was always looking at the stars. Quartermaster Musselman was happy to strike for quartermaster, learning to "shoot" the stars with a sextant rather than use GPS satellites.

One of his favorite memories during his 9 years of service was following September 11th when a German destroyer asked permission to pass by his amphibious assault ship. As they passed, the whole German crew was standing at attention with large sheets hung from all parts of the ship saying "We Stand With You".

Quartermaster Musselman is married to Misti Musselman from Chino, California. The couple currently lives in Suffolk, Virginia and is expecting their first child while he is deployed in Iraq. He is currently deployed with the Iraqi coastal patrol squadron guarding coastal oil fields. Quartermaster Musselman's parents currently reside in Citrus Hills, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, it is soldiers like Anthony Musselman who volunteered to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear to their hearts. While brave men and women like Anthony serve in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

JIM SANTANGELO—LABOR LEADER
OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Jim Santangelo who is being honored as San Diego's Labor Leader of the Year. Jim is a New Jersey native who began his career as a truck driver in his home state following an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1959. This was also the time when Jim joined his first Teamsters Union Local. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Southern California and began his rapid rise in Teamsters Local 848.

Widely known throughout Southern California by thousands of rank- and-file Teamsters over the decades because of his communication skills, he served the Western Conference of Teamsters in 13 states as food and warehouse division director. In that post, he expanded working strategies for industry Union members to prosper under new collective bargaining agreements.

For years he served as the Union's political affairs chairman. His long tenure as the director of Joint Council 42's political screening

committee prompted a return of pro-worker and pro-labor elected representatives at all levels of public life in Southern California.

His dedication to Union members and working families and advocacy of training and education for all propelled him to the leadership of the largest Teamsters Joint Council in 1998. This was followed by his election to Western Region Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. He was re-elected IBT Vice President in June, 2006.

More recently, Jim spearheaded the region's massive donation, mobilization and transportation of foodstuffs and necessities to the families of San Diego-based United States Marines deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan when it became known that welfare and food stamps were keeping families afloat.

Under his leadership, Teamster's Joint Council 42 inaugurated an annual scholarship program, created a computerized phone center for Union-to-member communications, and secured the award-winning Teamsters Joint Council 42 truck and trailer, which traverses the country for organizing and charity relief purposes.

He has also recently overseen the creation of the Teamsters Training Academy, a comprehensive training and upgrading facility to license commercial drivers.

Jim's commitment to the community has also led him to train for and join the city of El Monte Police Department as a reserve officer where he serves as a sergeant. In addition, Jim is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reserve officer.

Jim Santangelo has been an inspiration to working families throughout Southern California—and truly deserves the honor as "Labor Leader of the Year."

CONGRATULATING PENNSYLVANIA
SENATOR CHARLES D. LEMMOND
AND MRS. BARBARA LEMMOND
FOR RECOGNITION RECEIVED
FROM THE SALVATION ARMY
FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to my personal friends Senator Charles D. Lemmond and his wife, Barbara, who have been honored by the Salvation Army of the greater Wilkes-Barre area for their many years of community service.

Senator Lemmond has represented the 20th senatorial district in the Pennsylvania Senate since 1985 and is retiring at the end of this year. He is chairman of the Senate State Government Committee, Vice Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and a member of the Senate Committees on Rules and Executive Nominations, Finance, and Military and Veterans Services.

A former Common Pleas Court judge in Luzerne County, Senator Lemmond is currently chairman of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and he serves on the Joint Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and the Joint State Government Commission's Task Force

on Decedent's Estates. Senator Lemmond is also a member of the Reapportionment Task Force, the Elections Reform Task Force and the Criminal Justice Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Legislatively, Senator Lemmond was the prime sponsor of a law providing judicial access to juvenile crime reports, a major anti-drug law aimed at imposing tougher punishments for repeat drug offenders, a law providing for the housing of state prisoners in federal prisons, and a law providing sentencing procedures for first-degree murder.

Senator Lemmond has also been instrumental in the passage of voter registration and election reform laws and, most recently, a law requiring hearing screening for all infants born in the Commonwealth. He has also sponsored numerous initiatives relating to government ethics, charitable organizations, tourist promotion, agriculture preservation, natural resource conservation and industrial site clean up.

A past potentate of Irem Temple, he is a 33rd degree Mason, a trustee of the Wyoming Conference of the United Methodist Church, an advisory board member of the Salvation Army, a life member of the board of trustee of Wyoming Seminary Preparatory School and an advisory board member of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus.

Senator Lemmond is a graduate of Harvard College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He also served overseas in the U.S. Army of Occupation.

Barbara Northrup Lemmond is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and she attended Skidmore and Elmira Colleges. During a career spanning 37 years, she served as secretary to the Luzerne County Register of Wills, was a nursery school teacher for B'nai B'rith, co-owned Project 40, a handcraft and antique shop, served as office manager to a local physician as well as secretary for the Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre campus.

Mrs. Lemmond's dedication to the enhancement and well-being of the northeastern Pennsylvania community extends beyond her business acumen. She serves as a member of the board of directors for Wesley Village and the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association. She is an active volunteer for the Back Mountain Memorial Library and has been a driver for Meals on Wheels for more than 30 years, which is still a part of her weekly routine.

Mrs. Lemmond has served as past secretary, vice president, and board member for the Back Mountain Memorial Library, as well as a board member and president of Meals on Wheels. She has also served as a board member and president of the Luzerne County Library Systems, and a teacher at First United Methodist Church School in Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Lemmond has also been a volunteer for Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, Planned Parenthood of Luzerne County, the Swetland Home, and a member of the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre.

On a personal note, my wife Nancy and I have known Charlie and Barbara for many, many years, since Charlie and I were young lawyers in the Luzerne County bar. Although we are members of different political parties, Charlie and I have always been friends and have been able to work together to serve Northeastern Pennsylvania. His thoughtful and dedicated service to our region and the Commonwealth will be greatly missed, and I wish

him and Barbara all the best in their well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Senator and Mrs. Lemmond on this joyous occasion. Together, they have contributed greatly to improving the quality of life in northeastern Pennsylvania through their selflessness and love of community.

MARY A. BAIN: A NATIONAL
TREASURE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, last month, the 9th Congressional District of Illinois mourned the loss of a dedicated and extraordinary public servant. Mary Anderson Bain brought her many talents, a firmly-rooted commitment to the New Deal principles of expanding opportunities to all, and a deep love of the arts to a career that has enriched our Nation.

Mary Bain is known by many of us from her long service with Representative Sid Yates, and she was one of the first women chiefs of staff when she accepted that position in 1975. Mrs. Bain was gracious and charming, but she was also politically-savvy and focused when it came to contributing to the well-being of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois and promoting the interests that she and Representative Yates shared. The two of them were a finely-tuned team who, together, were able to do great things.

In 2003, Mary Bain received the Heritage Defender Award, an award that recognized her many achievements: helping to create a cultural heritage grants program for the National Park Service and a conservation program at the Institute of Library and Museum Services and to ensure funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Smithsonian Institute, the National Gallery, and the Kennedy Center.

At the awards ceremony, Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI said, "Not only did Mary Bain save national treasures, she is a national treasure."

Mrs. Bain served the Nation but she started her public service in Illinois, first as a junior high school English teacher and later as the Illinois administrator of the National Youth Administration, a depression-era New Deal initiative. She was one of the youngest and one of the few women leaders. Part of the Works Progress Administration, the NYA provided young men and women with small work study payments so that they could afford to get an education. It provided an opportunity for a generation of young people who would otherwise have lost hope and their chance for a better future.

Mary Bain followed two guiding principles throughout her life. One was the belief that publicly-accountable government could make a positive difference in people's lives, whether it is in preserving the environment, providing education opportunities and financial security or expanding our cultural life. She was proud to be a liberal and made no bones about it.

The second was her commitment to sharing what she had learned from her decades of public service with others. There are many