

made great progress uprooting the terrorists from their havens and liberating millions of people. We also have provided our law enforcement and intelligence agencies with new tools to combat these threats.

Yet, there is so much more to do. We are at war against terror and we must protect our borders. If we cannot control our borders, how can we prevent those who would murder us from entering our nation?

Millions attempt to enter our nation illegally every year, and many are apprehended. I commend our border patrol for their fine work under difficult conditions. However, millions have crossed the border successfully in the past five years, and we do not know how many are terrorists.

Our borders are another battlefield in the War on Terror.

THE CHARLES B. RANGEL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with my colleagues the presence in the House of the participants in an important and exciting program today, The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program, and to welcome these extraordinary young people to their period of service in the Congress. The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Program was initiated from my desire that the State Department's Diplomatic Corps abroad would reflect the rich diversity represented by the American people at home. The program presents young adults from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to learn, participate, and become a part of the United States' diplomatic corps.

This program is a successful collaboration between the Congress, the State department, and Howard University, which administers the program with a cross-section of colleges and universities across the country. Former Secretary of State Colin L. Powell introduced the program on May 17, 2002 at a State Department ceremony and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has expressed her profound support for continuing and expanding this initiative.

In the last 2 years, the components of the Rangel Program were reviewed and evaluated by the State Department and were found to satisfy the stringent requirement for inclusion in the Department's prestigious Diplomacy Fellows Program. This milestone achievement has included the program in the distinguished ranks of such programs as the Presidential Management Interns, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Boren, Fawcett, and Pickering Fellows Programs. As a result, fellows who successfully complete the Rangel Program and the State Department requirements will automatically receive employment offers and appointments to the Foreign Service.

In addition, I would like to personally welcome the 2006 Charles B. Rangel Fellows to Capitol Hill. We currently have Jacob Choi, a graduate of Brigham Young University, who will attend Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in the Fall, serving Rep. ELIOT

ENGEL's office; Christopher Hartfield, a graduate of Stanford University, who will attend Tuft's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in the Fall, serving in Rep. ADAM B. SCHIFF's office; Teresa Williamson a graduate of Dillard University who will attend Yale University in the Fall, serving in Rep. DONALD M. PAYNE's office; Sara Marti a graduate of the University of Central Florida who will attend the University of Denver's School of International Studies, serving in Rep. JOSE E. SERRANO's office; Chansonett Hall, a graduate of Penn State University, who will attend the University of Pittsburgh's School of Public and International Affairs serving in Rep. GREGORY W. MEEKS' office; Yehia Hanan, a graduate of Howard University, who will attend Georgetown University's School of Public Policy, serving in Sen. JOSEPH R. BIDEN's office; Marcus Jackson, a graduate of Florida A&M University who is serving in Rep. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA's office; Paloma Gonzalez, a graduate of Lewis and Clark College, who will attend Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, serving in Rep. BARBARA LEE's office; and Brandon Jackson, a graduate of Cornell University, who will also attend Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, serving in my office.

I have been eagerly awaiting your arrival. I have read each and every single one of your bios and I am extremely impressed with all of your diverse areas of study and accomplishments. I know your experience on the Hill will be an invaluable help to you in the Foreign Service.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues and friends for the invaluable experiences that they are providing and for personally hosting a Rangel Fellow in their offices. The experiences to be obtained during their time in the House of Representatives will provide insight that is a special and unique part of this program. This Capitol Hill exposure and experience will be particularly useful as they enter the State Department as junior Foreign Service Officers. Thank you for the wonderful opportunities that you are providing this summer.

I am extremely proud of this program and its contribution to the country. I believe that in America, diversity is our strength. With our Nation's growing international involvement, there could be no better time than now to attract the very best, the brightest, and the most diverse talent available to represent the American people and champion our interests in every corner of the globe.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER RAY DEAN FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Dean, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

I join with your family and friends in expressing best wishes on your significant

achievement. I commend you on attaining such a high honor and your superior contributions to your community. Showing particular dedication to the children at Children's Mercy Hospital, Christopher developed an activity for the patients. Being recognized for your remarkable achievement reflects both your hard work and dedication. I am sure you will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher Ray Dean for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. I am honored to represent Christopher in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING FILIPINO WORLD WAR II VETERANS

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday this House voted and unanimously passed H. Res. 622, to recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II. While I applaud the House's long due recognition to the bravery and commitment of these Filipino veterans in the service of the United States military, I must stress that our responsibility in Congress is still not complete. A great injustice was perpetrated on the Filipino veterans, and Congress must correct it.

On July 26, 1941, President Roosevelt ordered the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines to serve under the United States military command. Thousands of Filipino soldiers gave their lives in the battles of Bataan and Corregidor, and more than 120,000 Filipinos fought under the command of General Douglas MacArthur during World War II. These soldiers won for the United States the precious time needed to disrupt the enemy's plan for conquest of the Pacific. At the time of recruitment, the United States government promised that all members of the armed forces who fought for our Nation would be treated as U.S. veterans for the purposes of their benefits.

Congress unfortunately withdrew this promise through the Rescission Act of 1946, which stated that the service of these Filipino soldiers "shall not be deemed to be or have been service in the military or naval forces of the United States". While some Filipino veterans now receive full veterans' benefits, many others are still waiting for the Congress to do the right thing, and restore the benefits that were promised to them nearly six decades ago.

Although H. Res. 622 recognizes the brave men and women who sacrificed to keep our country safe, the resolution does not fully restore justice to these brave patriots. H.R. 4574, the Filipino Veterans Equity Act, would amend the Rescission Act of 1946, restoring their honor and their veteran status as was promised.

Mr. Speaker, these WWII heroes are in the twilight of their lives, and time is running out for Congress to fully recognize their service. Do not let H. Res. 622 be a simple substitute for the also bipartisan H.R. 4574 that will restore the honor and dignity these Filipino veterans rightfully deserve.

IN HONOR OF FRANK H. BASS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a dear friend, Frank H. Bass from The Woodlands, TX who passed away after suffering a stroke on September 15, 2006. Mr. Bass was a true servant to society and left a lasting impression on all he encountered.

Frank was proud to call The Woodlands his home since 1985 where he served in numerous positions throughout public, private, and corporate sectors. Before this he graduated from Mercer University where he received his undergraduate and Doctorate degrees and served valiantly in the United States Navy.

After a lengthy career with Florida Power Corporation in St. Petersburg Florida, he came to Texas to serve as the Director of Legal Services for the Texas Municipal Power Agency. Following this, he served Montgomery County first as an Assistant County Attorney and then as the elected County Attorney for two 4-year terms.

In 2001, Mr. Bass was appointed Associate Judge to hear cases relative to Children's Protective Services in several Texas counties. Judge Bass was truly a natural on the bench and was renowned for his kindness, fairness, compassion, even handedness, and his intolerance for those who mistreated children.

Continuing in his serving nature, Judge Bass also served on the boards of The Woodlands Community Association and the Montgomery County Women's Center. Notably, he was also a founding member of the Town Center Improvement District.

Judge Bass was an active leader in many areas of the community and his leadership, service, and the example he set will be missed by all. He is survived by his wife of 29 years Diane, and their four grown children Mark, Jeff, Marcia, and Michele.

Mr. Speaker, Frank was a rare individual whom I will miss greatly. Thank you for helping me honor Judge Bass, one of the most kind-hearted individuals I know.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PHILLIP P. WHITE, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Chief Petty Officer Phillip P. White's retirement on September 1, 2006, from the U.S. Navy. Chief White proudly held the line among the brave sailors of the U.S. Navy for more than two decades.

On a daily basis he diligently worked for the betterment of the Florida Gulf Coast region. While an active duty sailor he participated in naval operations that assisted in locating and identifying numerous historic shipwrecks in the Pensacola Bay area. In the wake of the tragic hurricanes of last year, Chief White valiantly returned to active duty status to lend his brawn to the recovery effort.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I extend my deep appreciation to Phillip Paul White for his service to Florida and our country. My best wishes on a happy retirement, and continued success, Chief.

CELEBRATING THE RIGHT EXCELLENT DR. MARCUS MOSIAH GARVEY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to stand on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to pay tribute to Jamaica's favorite son and national hero, The Right Excellent Dr. Marcus Mosiah Garvey. Dr. Marcus Mosiah Garvey had "One God, One Aim, One Destiny" for his life. That venerable aim was the "Redemption of Africa." He was born in St. Ann's Bay, Saint Ann, Jamaica on August 17, 1887. Marcus Garvey was a publisher, journalist, entrepreneur, crusader for Black Nationalism, and founder of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League.

Garvey advanced proposals that were designed to promote social, political and economic freedom for Blacks, including launching the Black Star Line Corporation and its successor company, the Black Cross Navigation and Trading Company. He was at the forefront of developing Liberia based upon the belief that Blacks should have a permanent homeland in Africa. Marcus Garvey asserted, "Our success educationally, industrially and politically is based upon the protection of a nation founded by ourselves. And the nation can be nowhere else but in Africa." Garvey was a deep believer in race improvement through self-empowerment which undercut the "Doctrine of Inferiority" that plagued the minds of Blacks throughout the Diaspora. The Garvey Movement was an emerging force that spoke to the pride of being Black and the richness of Black ancestry. Garvey sought respect for Africa and dignity for those dispersed from its shores.

Garvey furthered the paradigm of redemption and uplift of his race by establishing the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League in 1914 in Jamaica. Through the UNIA-ACL Garvey championed the cause of Africa and proclaimed that until Africa is free and redeemed, not only in name but dignity, no one would be free, Black or White. Garvey was a firm believer in the "Brotherhood of Man", that is to say, all of our destinies are inextricably linked together by the "Parenthood of God." Moreover, the Creator has a purpose for everyone that he has created and that purpose does not include slavery or subjugation for any circumstances.

Garvey held that dignity and self-esteem were the most powerful and only weapons against racism and white supremacy. Garvey stated, "the man or woman who has no confidence in self is an unfortunate being, and is really a misfit in creation. God Almighty created earth and every one of us for a place in the world, and for the least of us to think that we were created only to be what we are and not what we can make ourselves is to ipute an improper motive to the Creator for creating

us." Garvey wanted every Black throughout the Diaspora to commit to self-awareness, confidence, conviction and actio. Only then would Africa become free and the bonds of condemnation fall and shatter.

Marcus Garvey was a scholar, a leader and a statesman who gave his life to mother Africa and Black people. History records that Garvey attracted an unprecedented following, enjoyed by no previous Negro leader. Garvey sought to eradicate the evils that plagued Black existence. He believed that "Chance has never yet satisfied the hope of a suffering people," but it will take measurable deliberate action toward the destiny that God has prepared.

In the 1920's, Marcus Garvey built the largest Black-led mass movement this country has ever seen. There was never a leader like him, before or since. In nearly all matters relating to the resurgence of African people, in this country and abroad, there is recognition of this man and his movement that seemed impossible in his lifetime. His prophesy has been fulfilled in the independence explosion that brought more than 30 African nations into being. The concept of Black Power that he advanced, using other terms, is now a reality in large areas of the world now governed by people of African origin. From the year of his arrival in the United States, in 1916, until his deportation in 1927, the community of Harlem, my home, was his window on the world. I am so proud that, from the work in my community he launched a great movement and became one of the most significant leaders of the 20th century.

Mr. Speaker, Jamaica's first national hero, the Right Excellent Marcus Garvey is honored in many ways throughout the world. If you visit New York City's Harlem neighborhood, you will find a park named after his Excellency. If you travel across the shores and visit Nairobi, Kenya, you can walk down a major street named after Marcus Garvey. If you should visit Lenton, Nottingham, you can drop in to the Marcus Garvey Centre. In Kingston the building housing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs bears his name, and in St. Ann there is a secondary school named after him. Marcus Garvey is celebrated and memorialized all across the world and now it is my pleasure to honor him now in the "People's House."

Mr. Speaker, on August 17th, people from all over the world will celebrate Marcus Garvey's birthday. We will celebrate him as a leader, a friend of Africa and a lover of Black people throughout the world. Even now, I can hear the reverberation of his words, "Up you mighty race, accomplish what you will."

CONGRATULATING AUDREY RUST FOR HER WORK AT THE PENINSULA OPEN SPACE TRUST

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Audrey Rust for her tireless efforts to preserve the natural beauty of the San Francisco Peninsula. For nearly twenty years, Audrey Rust has been the CEO of the Peninsula Open Space Trust, an organization that has been highly effective in protecting well over 55,000 acres of land in San Mateo and