

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

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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

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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

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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