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A TRIBUTE TO BRITTANY  
SIMPKINS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Brittany Simpkins, one of Brooklyn's rising stars. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding young woman and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive service.

Brittany Simpkins is a very active and gifted young woman with a determination to become all that she can be. The daughter of Nanette Simpkins, Ms. Simpkins is a graduate of Fashion Industries High School and she has a deep passion for the creative arts and fashion design. She is wonderfully gifted in that area and has designed fashionable dresses for young ladies. Ms. Simpkins has participated in various modeling assignments and provided assistance to teachers in her school's annual fashion shows. Recently, she did community work with Artmaker, Inc., painting a mural on the wall of one of Bedford Stuyvesant's edifice at Nostrand and Green Avenues in Brooklyn, portraying famous African American women who contributed tremendously to the African American community.

Ms. Simpkins currently attends Baruch College in New York City where she majors in Business/Marketing. As a dedicated member of Berean Baptist Church since the age of 4, she has been active with the choir, Girl Scouts, and the Ministry of Sacred Dance. Ms. Simpkins was recognized by her pastor, congregation and peers as a "Member of the Week." She enjoys working with children from the community and her church home and was employed by Berean's Summer Day Camp as an assistant teacher. She has also been a strong advocate for the cure for breast cancer and has demonstrated her concern by participating in the annual American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk-A-Thon.

Ms. Simpkins has received numerous awards, namely an art award from the United Federation of Teachers, as well as an Incentive Award for her academic studies. In addition, she has won several medals participating on the track team. Ms. Simpkins desires to become one of New York's greatest entrepreneurs in fashion design, and she is currently working on her business logo and developing her clientele.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the work of Brittany Simpkins. Her deep commitment to her family and community makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

HONORING THE FIELD MUSEUM OF  
NATURAL HISTORY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Field Museum of

Natural History on its recent award of a \$10,000 grant from the Illinois Humanities Council. This grant helps fund the development of public outreach programming related to the Halls of the Ancient Americas exhibition.

The Field Museum is a world-class institution dedicated to providing outstanding educational experiences to the millions of people who walk through its doors every year. Founded as the Columbian Museum of Chicago in 1893, the Field Museum's original goal was, "accumulation and dissemination of knowledge, and the preservation and exhibition of objects illustrating art, archaeology, science and history." The Field Museum continues the same goals and objectives today, continuing its commitment to preservation and education.

The Field Museum is so much more than a museum, it is a world class education and research facility; the Field Museum also boasts an impressive 250,000 piece natural history collection. In addition, this wonderful institution is committed to giving back to the community through outstanding learning opportunities and important research.

I am proud that the Field Museum calls Chicago home. Its impressive exhibits and collections have the ability to educate the people of both Chicago and the world. With important education programs such as the Halls of the Ancient Americas, the Field Museum has the ability to instruct those who walk through its doors on their heritage, culture and history.

Once again I would like congratulate the Field Museum on receiving the grant from the Illinois Humanities Council. The Field Museum has served and will continue to serve both Chicago and the nation for decades to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CURTIS J.  
MITCHELL'S TWENTY YEARS OF  
SERVICE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Curtis J. Mitchell's twenty years of service to the people of Sacramento as pastor of Antioch Progressive Church. Over the weekend of October 7th and 8th Dr. Mitchell's parishioners, family and friends will gather to recognize his good work. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest leaders.

For over thirty years Pastor Mitchell has been in the gospel ministry in various locations across our Nation. He has earned a Doctorate of Philosophy and Master of Ministry from Trinity Theological Seminary in Newburg, Indiana, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

His tireless work on behalf of the Sacramento community has been surpassed by few. Since coming to Sacramento, Pastor Mitchell has turned Antioch Progressive Church into a pillar of the community by offering a welcoming spiritual environment and a wide range of needed services to area residents. Since the church was established, the immediate neighborhood has greatly improved its well-being and spirit.

The church's motto, "We Dare to be Different" aptly describes their continued service to our community. Under Pastor Mitchell's guidance, the church has offered job fairs,

after school programs and marriage counseling, just to name a few. Every week the church's parishioners give back to the community by distributing free food to the most needy among us.

Pastor Mitchell has personally shaped our community. He has worked with the Sacramento County Department of Health, the Task Force on AIDS, the Board of Directors of the Goodwill Industries, and with the Sacramento Police Department in an effort to steer kids away from gangs.

With almost a thousand parishioners, a large and beautiful house of worship and acres of land for the community to enjoy, Antioch Progressive Church has become a staple of the Sacramento Community.

Mr. Speaker, as Pastor Curtis Mitchell, his wife Kay, their children and grandchildren gather on this momentous occasion, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most distinguished citizens. His successes have been many, and it is an honor for me to recognize his twenty years of contributions to the people of Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing Pastor Mitchell continued success at Antioch Progressive Church and in our community.

HONORING RUTGERS-CAMDEN UNIVERSITY ON THE NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rutgers-Camden University Women's Softball Team for winning the NCAA Division III Women's Softball Championship in 2006.

The Scarlet Raptors defeated the defending champion, the University of St. Thomas, in a thrilling 3-2 decision during play at Peace College in North Carolina last spring in May 2006. This is the first national sports title in Rutgers-Camden territory, and also the first NCAA title for a team sport earned on any Rutgers campus.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the outstanding season of the Rutgers-Camden Women's Softball Team. I applaud every member of the Scarlet Raptors softball team, as well as Coach Carl Taylor and his staff, for this outstanding accomplishment. I am proud of their skill, determination, and fierce competitiveness, and thank them for the excitement they created for all Rutgers-Camden supporters throughout the season.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
GERALD LEVERT

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, November 15, 2006*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the life of Gerald Levert. On November 10, 2006, beloved entertainer, father, son, brother, and friend Gerald Levert departed this life at the age of 40. Gerald was