

Schools Credit Union for 9 years. She has also judged regional and state debates for We The People, a national high school government competition promoting civic competence and responsibility.

Dr. Rice received the Council of Great City Schools Annual Award for Distinguished Service in February of this year. She chairs the Nevada Governor's Commission on Educational Excellence, serves as a member of the Nevada Teacher Quality Task Force and as a member of the Workforce Housing Taskforce Subcommittee. She implemented the first national Board for Professional Teaching Standards effort in Nevada as well as created a special department of the Strategic Plan called Human Resources Development Department, which focuses upon pre-service development for teachers, administrators, and support staff as well as provides support and in-service development opportunities.

Dr. Rice has also aided the U.S. House of Representatives in passing H.R. 2649, Schools Safely Acquiring Faculty Excellence Act, a bill which I sponsored that prohibits the Secretary of Education from making funds available to a State under any educational program unless the Secretary determines that the State has in place a criminal information sharing system. It aims to make public the identity of any individual in an educational setting who has been arrested, charged, or convicted of a felony involving violence, statutory rape, or any type of sexual abuse. Dr. Rice participated in a hearing held by the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness under the Committee of House Education and the Workforce.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor my friend, Dr. George Ann Rice, for her years of dedication and hard work. Her commitment and energy will be missed after her forthcoming retirement. I thank her for all her service and I wish her luck with all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ARMANDO DE LA CRUZ

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, Armando de la Cruz has been inducted into the Starkville Education Hall of Fame and was recognized for his education, community leadership, and national academic achievements at a recent event in Starkville. De la Cruz taught 15 different undergraduate and graduate courses at Mississippi State University for 30 years and remains professor emeritus of biological sciences at MSU. He has received 26 research and educational competitive grants, published four laboratory manuals, seven study guides and more than 100 research papers. He has earned 12 scholarships and fellowships including the Guggenheim and Fulbright Fellowships and was presented with 15 professional awards at MSU.

His research and teaching have taken him to about 70 countries but, his time and attention continued to focus on his local community where he founded the Sustainable Future

Roundtable and wrote a column for the Starkville Daily News entitled "Focus on the Environment."

He has served on the Board of Directors for Helping Hands Ministries, the Red Cross, the Starkville Community Theater, and Habitat for Humanity. He served on the board and as president of the Starkville Area Arts Council in 2004, and served as chairman of the Cotton District Arts Festival in 2003 and 2004.

He is the recipient of the Southwire Community Environmental Award in 1999 and the T.E. Veitch Community Service Award in 2004.

I hope this Congress joins me in recognizing Armando de la Cruz as he adds the Starkville Education Hall of Fame membership to his long list of achievements and honors.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF POSITIVE RESPONSE

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a wonderful organization in my district, Positive Response, and their work in the continuing battle against HIV/AIDS.

HIV/AIDS is an epidemic that has run rampant in our Nation since its discovery in the U.S. in 1981. Today, over a million people in our Nation live with HIV/AIDS, with more than 40,000 people each year learning they have the virus.

On December 1, 2006, we all recognized World AIDS Day, to bring attention to the threat facing many individuals, and to continue to promote efforts at preventing and ending the spread of the AIDS virus.

Organizations like Positive Response have taken positive steps to do just that—in my district, Positive Response helps prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS both through education and testing. Of the million people who have HIV/AIDS today, up to a quarter of them still do not know they have the virus. Education and testing are necessary to help stop the spread of this virus.

But the efforts do not end when someone contracts HIV/AIDS. Positive Response works hard to provide human and compassionate support for people living with HIV/AIDS, helping them understand their disease, and how they can continue their life. The abundance of treatments today help those with HIV/AIDS maintain a normal life, and Positive Response helps ensure they are able to continue to live a healthy and full life.

Mr. Speaker, we need more organizations like Positive Response. On the somber note that is World AIDS Day, we are grateful for the dedication and commitment of Positive Response to fighting HIV/AIDS and helping those who are so much in need.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. STANLEY E. MONROE, SR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to remember the life of my friend Dr. Stanley E.

Monroe, Sr., longtime physician from Sherman, TX, whose passing last year was mourned by family and his many friends.

Dr. Monroe was the first specialist in Internal Medicine to settle in Grayson County, where he joined the Essin Clinic with Dr. E.M. Essin, and, later, Dr. Harry Shytlés. Dr. Monroe joined the staff of the Wilson N. Jones and St. Vincent's Hospitals, where he remained active for 35 years. He also donated the first ECG machine to Wilson N. Jones Hospital and started their first medical library.

Dr. Monroe was President of the Grayson County Medical Society the year Medicare started and was a life member of the American Medical Association. He volunteered his services treating students at the Adams Health Center of Austin College five days a week for eight years after coming to Sherman. He was known for making house calls to patients in Sherman, other towns, and in the country. After closing his office, he served as Medical Administrator of Shady Oaks and Chapel of Care Nursing Homes for 10 years.

A sports enthusiast, Dr. Monroe participated in track, basketball, softball, tennis, and golf and had the opportunity to play at some of the best courses in the world. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church since 1948.

He also was an avid amateur photographer and 16-mm filmmaker. After his parents died, he organized reunions with his siblings every spring, and in 2002 he published his autobiography, which included 48 pages of pictures as well as genealogical facts and important historical and medical events.

Dr. Monroe studied at the University of Missouri Medical School, and after achieving a Bachelor of Science in Medicine, transferred to the University of Arkansas Medical School, where he received his MD degree in 1943. He spent five years after Medical School in specialized medical training and research. As an intern and resident at the University of Arkansas Hospital, he was a part of a national experiment on the value of Penicillin. Dr. Monroe gave the first dose of Penicillin in Arkansas to a "hopeless" patient who survived, and he contributed two scientific papers before accepting a three-year Fellowship at Lahey Clinic in Boston, where he contributed two additional papers.

Dr. Monroe is survived by his wife, Minnie; son, Stanley, Jr. and wife Jeani; son, Alan and wife Baceliza; son, Ronald and wife Nancy; daughter, Kathie Buchanan and husband John; daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy) Woodard; sister, Geraldine McCurry; 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and other family members.

Dr. Monroe's long life was spent as a pioneer in medicine and a respected physician and member of the community. He was a loving husband for over 68 years and a doting father who insisted on education. He leaves behind many colleagues and a loving family who will miss him, and I will miss him, too. I am honored to pay tribute to this great American—Dr. Stanley Monroe.