

all-white neighborhood of Oak Park in Chicago was firebombed. He refused to move from the area, determined to break down the walls of segregation around him. An activist for civil rights he composed and delivered numerous speeches in an effort to bring about equality for African-Americans.

It is a true honor to support this resolution, H. Con. Res. 34, which honors the life of Dr. Percy Lavon Julian and recognizes his incredible accomplishments.

HONORING DOUGLAS D.  
HAWTHORNE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it has been a distinct honor over the years to take note of the extraordinary valuable work done by Douglas D. Hawthorne for the 30th Congressional District of Texas, the State of Texas and this Nation.

Mr. Hawthorne, president and chief executive of Texas Health Resources was recognized this fall, when he received the Greer Garson-E.E. Fogelson Humanitarian Award at the Greer Garson Gala. Mr. Hawthorne serves as a national role model through his leadership and unwavering commitment to helping people and furthering the awareness of Parkinson's disease in our community.

For more than a decade, Mr. Hawthorne has conducted a "quite revolution" in the treatment of Alzheimer. He helped establish the APDA's Parkinson's Information and Referral Center at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas in 1990 and developed a relationship with the local chapter.

Hawthorne served as president and chief executive officer of Presbyterian Healthcare Resources from 1983 until the formation of Texas Health Resources in 1997. He is past chairman of Dallas/Fort Worth Hospital Council and the Texas Hospital Association (THA). In 1996, he received the Boone Powell Sr. Award of Excellence for distinguished hospital administration by the Dallas/Fort Worth Hospital Council. In 1994, he received THA's highest award, The Earl M. Collier Award for Distinguished Hospital Administration. He has chaired several American Hospital Association (AHA) committees and is a former at-large member of AHA's Board of Trustees. A Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), he received the Gold Medal Award in 2002, ACHE Regent Senior Level Health Care Executive Award in 1991 and served as Regent for Texas Greater Dallas/Fort Worth area of the ACHE. In 2003, Modern Healthcare magazine named Hawthorne number 30 on its list of the "100 Most Powerful People in Health Care."

Madam Speaker, as one who has worked closely with Alzheimer patients, I know that his efforts for battling this disease are unequaled and he is certainly one of our community's great leaders. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I rise with great pleasure to honor Douglas Hawthorne, on the occasion of his receiving the Greer Garson-E.E. Fogelson Humanitarian Award.

HONORING PARKER ANNEX  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of the fifth grade mathematics team at Parker Annex Elementary School in Trenton, New Jersey.

Recently, The Parker Annex Elementary School's fifth-grade "Isotope6NJ" team was recognized as the #1 ranked mathematics team in the First In Math Online Program. To earn this distinction, they out-performed more than 10,000 online teams comprised of 300,000 students from 30 other states. Led by fifth-grade teacher Edward Butler, this extraordinary group of inner-city students overcame obstacles such as lack of computers at home and a late start to this year's competition to become the top-ranked math team in the country. Additionally, Parker Annex teams "ember31NJ" and "music22NJ" are currently ranked 2nd and 3rd in New Jersey, respectively.

I am delighted by the students' achievement and proud of Trenton, but I am not surprised by what their collective will and substantial effort have achieved. This is the predictable result of a community effort to invest in the potential of its emerging minds. It showcases how motivated students, caring parents, dedicated teachers, and committed school administrators can cooperate to build a team that represents not only its students' best efforts but also an example of what makes Trenton a truly capital city.

This laudable achievement also highlights why I have always been and continue to be an advocate for math and science education. Math and science education in the elementary grades is foundational to the growth of our New Jersey students and an academically literate citizenry. Inquiry-based science and math curricula are necessary to allow students to explore their world critically and experientially, which is shown to increase intrinsic motivation and further interest in science.

The success of the program at Parker Annex Elementary School is a tribute to the students, faculty, administration, and the scientific community. I applaud the success of team "Isotope6NJ" and wish the students of Parker Annex continued success in their academic endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 110—  
SUPPORTING THE WEED AND  
SEED AND COPS PROGRAMS

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss legislation I introduced, in support of the Community Oriented Policing Services in the Department of Justice and the Weed and Seed program, led by the United States Attorney's Offices.

These two programs are the bedrock of community involvement in ending the cycle of violence that plagues our cities.

Weed and Seed is an innovative, comprehensive, multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization.

It is a strategy that aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity.

The U.S. Attorney's Office plays a leadership role in organizing local officials, community representatives, and other key stakeholders.

Frankly, I am pleased the highest federal prosecutor in the region is getting involved with the community he or she is prosecuting. These United States Attorneys work hard and do not want to see people in the system.

Every Weed and Seed site is required to establish a Safe Haven, a multi-service center where many youth- and adult-oriented services are delivered. These are often housed in a school or community center.

The main goal of Weed and Seed is promoting the long-term health of communities.

However, the funding for this worthy program has hit some rough spots in recent years.

Funding for the program increased every year from its inception in 1993.

In 2005, \$62 million was appropriated. However, requested funding in subsequent years fell to \$50 million in 2006 and \$49 million in 2007. This is a program that works.

We must continue the funding. Our cities need it. Our children need it.

My resolution also discusses the positive aspects of the COPS Program.

The community-oriented policing component bridges the "weeding" and "seeding" elements of the Weed and Seed strategy.

I think we all can agree that community-based strategies for solving crime problems brings a sense of responsibility within the community and help develop cooperative relationships between the police and residents.

Also, community policing embraces the two key concepts of community engagement and problem solving.

Having the community involved is the most important aspect to preventing crime and removing our kids from the vicious cycle of violence.

When everyone gets involved, we all benefit.

The COPS Program has been an overwhelming success.

COPS has funded more than 118,400 police officers and sheriff's deputies.

COPS has funded more than 6,454 school resource officers and trained more than 9,158 school resource officers and school administrators.

COPS has funded large and small jurisdictions, in fact 87% of COPS grantees serve populations of less than 50,000.

That is a community benefiting from Cops on the beat.

However, this president does not see fit to fund this program. In fact, the Bush Administration has not funded the COPS program for the last few years.

We can do better, and this resolution is a good beginning.