

In 1977, as one of two firefighters with a college degree at his fire station, Donald was selected to attend Polygraph School. Donald graduated from Polygraph School, completed his internship and became a Texas Licensed Polygraph Examiner in May 1978. He has conducted polygraph examinations for the Houston Arson Bureau, HFD Internal Affairs, HFD Recruiting Division; Homicide Division of the Houston Police Department; Airport Police, Park Police, City Marshall's Office and other law enforcement agencies.

Though Donald had accumulated numerous achievements, he did not rest on his laurels but continued to excel at every level and distinguished himself through a number of praiseworthy promotions. Donald's promotions through the Civil Service ranks of the Houston Fire Department include: Chauffeur in May 1980; Inspector in September 1982; Investigator in 1985; Senior Investigator in November 1995 and Asst. (Chief) Arson Investigator September 2001. Donald was also appointed to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief from 1992 to 1993.

Donald also holds a number of State Certifications. He has been a licensed polygraph examiner for 29 years. In addition, he is a Master Firefighter; Master Fire and Arson Investigator; Master Peace Officer, TCLEOSE Instructor; Intermediate Fire Instructor; and Field Examiner.

Madam Speaker, Donald has admirably served over 22 years in the Houston Arson Bureau as a State of Texas commissioned Peace officer. He also has contributed to community outreach service. He has been a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc for over 35 years. He is also a Life Member of the NAACP, and has served on the Board of Directors of Shape Community Center for over 10 years (1992–2003).

Chief Donald W. Haynes has proudly served the Houston Fire Department and the Citizens of Houston, Texas from June 1975 until February 2007, a period for 31 years and 8 months. Though Donald extinguished many fires in his career, it was an inner blazing and burning flame that sparked his desire to perform at the highest level.

In closing, Madam Speaker, let me say that I, on behalf of all Houstonians, am grateful for the outstanding dedication and public service Donald has given to the Houston Community for nearly 32 years. We can never repay you for the priceless service you have bestowed on our community. We congratulate you and hope that your well-earned retirement brings joy to your life.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HERNANDO
AMAYA MORENO

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Hernando Amaya Moreno who has been named the Small Business Journalist of the Year for the State of Nevada by the Small Business Administration.

His commitment to proving news and information to his fellow Nevadans has resulted in the SBA presenting him with this distinguished honor. Hernando is the Associate Editor for El

Tiempo Libre, a Spanish language newspaper which is owned by the Las Vegas Review Journal. His role at El Tiempo allows Hernando to provide Hispanics in the Las Vegas area with both the local and national news. El Tiempo provides residents with another reliable news option in Southern Nevada.

Hernando came to the United States in the 1990s from Columbia. During his time in Columbia, Hernando worked as a broadcast journalist for the Colombian National Army. In this capacity, Hernando worked to dismiss propaganda disseminated by Colombian guerilla groups, however, he was forced to leave the country when his family's life was threatened by these groups. After his arrival in the United States, Hernando's dedication and perseverance ensured his success with both the journalism and business communities in Nevada.

As a result of his own experiences and achievements with the business community, Hernando has been able to share his knowledge and expertise with individuals in the Hispanic community that are aspiring to becoming small business owners. He believes in supporting these individuals with the information and knowledge that will allow them to be successful small business owners. In conjunction with the Latin Chamber of Commerce, Hernando holds communication workshops for those who wish to establish and begin their own small business endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Hernando Amaya Moreno. His dedication to the community is commendable and I wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DR. YVONNE
SANDERS-BUTLER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service.

Dr. Yvonne Sanders-Butler has given of herself as a principal of Browns Mill Elementary School, an author, a nutritional advocate and a children's advocate.

Dr. Yvonne Sanders-Butler has pioneered and sustained Georgia's First sugar free school which serves as a model to the country as a tool in promoting the physical and mental welfare of our children.

This phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our Nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches, and words of wisdom.

Dr. Sanders-Butler is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared with the world her vision and passion to help ensure that our future—our children—will be healthy and prosperous.

I was pleased to set aside April 21, 2007 to honor and recognize Dr. Yvonne Sanders-Butler for her leadership and services to our District.

IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF
2007

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes:

Mr. REYES. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1492, the Improving Head Start Act of 2007, a bill introduced by my colleague Mr. DALE KILDEE that provides a long-overdue re-authorization of Head Start and includes a package of improvements that will make a good program better.

My own experience as a child demonstrates the importance of school preparedness programs like Head Start. When I started school at six years old, I only spoke Spanish. The teacher only spoke English, so the other Spanish-speaking children and I were bumped down to a new "pre-kinder" class so, as the thinking went, we would not hold the others back. Throughout my years in school, my peers assumed that I had failed a grade because I was older than everyone else. But I was not less academically capable than my fellow students. I had just not been given adequate preparation.

Head Start offers a bilingual curriculum that helps develop children linguistically, socially, and emotionally for kindergarten. Its holistic approach makes it so much more than just a program to improve reading and writing skills. It also provides nutritious meals, medical and dental visits, and a stable environment to low-income children that will allow them to succeed in school.

Head Start is a proven program. Students who participate in this program are more likely to finish high school and eventually attend college. In El Paso, over 4000 children and their families are served by this program. Roughly seventy-five percent of all students in this program come from households making less than \$15,000 per year, well below the national poverty level.

Mr. Chairman, I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting this important legislation that will help disadvantaged children across the Nation by providing them with the tools they will need to succeed not only in their education, but in all aspects of their lives.

IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF
2007

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to expand access, and for other purposes:

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 1429, a bill to reauthorize and improve Head Start.

Head Start has been a vital program to our children since the day it was created in 1965 as part of the Great Society. President Lyndon Johnson created the program with the goal of combining education, health, and nutrition programs for low-income children. In its history, over 22 million children have been served by Head Start, including over 900,000 in this year alone.

Head Start provides an excellent foundation for the children who enroll in the program. About 95 percent of the students in Head Start are under five years old, and they are all at or below the poverty line. Without Head Start, a great number of these children would be in substandard preschools, if they were even lucky enough to be enrolled in anything. Head Start gives these kids the years of education they need in order to succeed in future years of schooling.

H.R. 1429 would reauthorize the Head Start program, while at the same time offering improvements that have been necessary but neglected for a number of years.

First, it will improve teacher and classroom quality. H.R. 1429 does this by first increasing teacher salaries in order to attract more and better teachers. Other provisions would require Head Start to use research-based methods to improve literacy and vocabulary. The bill would also provide improved training and technical assistance so teachers will be more educated in science and technology.

The only problem I have today is the Republican discriminatory Motion to Recommit. The Republican leadership wants to institute federally funded discrimination into our Head Start program. They have tried this again and again, and although I support Head Start as much as anybody in this Chamber, I would vehemently oppose this reauthorization if the Motion to Recommit passes. I urge all of my colleagues to oppose the discriminatory Motion to Recommit when it comes to the floor.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly support reauthorizing the Head Start program with the Democratic improvements.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROCKDALE
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many schools strive to excel.

Under the leadership and guidance of the Rockdale Board of Education, and the Superintendent Dr. Samuel King,—the principals, teachers, staff and students in Georgia's Rockdale County school system have met and exceeded national standards.

The Rockdale County Board of Education members have demonstrated the will to win, the courage to win, the mechanics of teamwork and the astounding spirit of triumph from building a system that serves all in the county.

Our beloved children and community will benefit from the seeds that the Board of Education and Administration have planted to insure that Rockdale will always be prosperous and productive.

This unique board has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to providing the

best that they have to preserve integrity, scholarship, leadership, and service for all of Rockdale County.

I was pleased to set aside April 21, 2007 to honor and recognize the Rockdale County Board of Education for their outstanding service to our District.

TRIBUTE TO ZINGERMAN'S DELICATESSEN ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Zingerman's Delicatessen, in Ann Arbor Michigan. This year Zingerman's is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Zingerman's was founded in 1982 in Ann Arbor, Michigan by Paul Saginaw and Ari Weinzweig. It is now known internationally and renowned as one of America's best delicatessens. Along with the University of Michigan, Zingerman's is also one of Ann Arbor's best known and popular tourist attractions.

From its original store in 1982, Zingerman's has grown and now operates 8 separate gourmet food businesses throughout Michigan, employing 545 individuals and serving as an example to other businesses by providing its employees with excellent compensation, benefits and vacation time.

Along with their commitment to an equitable work environment, co-founders Paul and Ari also have a lasting commitment to providing their customers with cuisine of the utmost quality. This quality has been recognized frequently, as Zingerman's has been the recipient of numerous culinary awards, including, most recently, the Food Network's 2007 "Delectable Delivery of the Year" award. The New York Times also covered Zingerman's anniversary with an article in its May 2, 2007 edition.

Zingerman's is an Ann Arbor original and it is commonly acknowledged that there are few, if any, better places in the world at which to get a nosh. With all that it has done in the last 25 years, I ask that you join me in recognizing the anniversary of Zingerman's Delicatessen; the honors and accomplishments of co-founders Paul Saginaw and Ari Weinzweig; and their contributions to the City of Ann Arbor, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN
SNYDER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Snyder for his recent induction into the National Teacher's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Snyder is the first teacher from Nevada ever to be inducted into the National Teacher Hall of Fame and is one of five educators to be inducted in the Class of 2007. His teaching career began in the early 1980's as an English teacher at Hyde Park Junior High School. At the time, computers were just beginning to

proliferate into academic establishments and Mr. Snyder became impassioned to start a computer club at Hyde Park. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Snyder became a full-time computer programming teacher, a position he has held for nearly 25 years. Mr. Snyder has taught computer courses at Charparral and Cimarron Memorial High School. In 1994, he moved to the Advanced Technologies Academy and for over a decade, Mr. Snyder has been greatly enriching the lives of those students attending A-Tech, a nontraditional high school that allows students the opportunity to focus on technical careers.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor John Snyder. His enthusiasm, commitment and personal attention have greatly enhanced the educational experience of countless students. I congratulate him for this well deserved honor, thank him for his dedication and commitment and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

OBSERVING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABOLITION OF THE BRITISH SLAVE TRADE

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of this resolution that commends the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, which marks the beginning of the end of the deportation of slavery. This tremendous moment in time carries with it historical significance in African American history and culture.

As many of my colleagues know, many of our ancestors were brought here in the grips of iron chains on slave ships. They were subjected to tremendous inhumane treatment. Many died and the ones that did survive were left to try and survive in a new and unforgiving world. Over the course of 4 centuries 11 to 12 million African men, women, and children were brought to the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America against their will. The transatlantic slave trade enabled the kidnapping, purchase, and commercial export of Africans, mostly from West and Central Africa between the 15th and late 19th century.

Despite this ignoble beginning, the people of Africa created a noble culture that encompasses the African spirit of survival through adversity. Nevertheless, with all the horrors and inhumanity, the transatlantic slave trade was critical to the formation of the new world. We can now celebrate the trials, tribulations, accomplishments, and contributions of our ancestors. They certainly created and attained so much in history.

Madam Speaker, I would like to share with you the words of Frederick Douglass, one of the most famous African American abolitionists, slave, editor, orator, author, statesman and reformer. He stated:

Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blow, or