

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.