

a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States. I am not the candidate of black America, although I am black and proud. I am not the candidate of the women's movement of this country, although I am a woman, and I am equally proud of that. I am not the candidate of any political bosses or special interests. I am the candidate of the people."

Shirley Chisholm did not win the nomination; but she went on to the Democratic Convention in Miami and received 151 delegates' votes. More than that, she demonstrated the will and determination of so many Americans who had previously felt forgotten, she had lighted a fire under so many who had felt disenfranchised.

Despite being separated by almost a century Hiram Rhodes Revels and Shirley Chisholm led very similar lives. They both were in positions of great responsibility during times when this Nation was under a great burden. The true greatness of their story is not just that they overcame the oppression they faced, but that they had the courage to help remedy a Nation that in many ways had spited them. They refused to bend their principles to the hatred they faced; they were true pioneers in leadership.

They are my role models in Congress not only because they are African American but because they represent the kind of leaders that America has always needed at times of adversity, they had a spirit and a courage that could not be broken, they had a vision of America that exceeded most of their peers.

I am very proud to be a Member of Congress from the city of Houston, a city that is home to NASA. This Nation has been blessed to have been the pioneer in space exploration. However, one of our greatest accomplishments has been that not only have we sent men to space, but that we have sent different men and women who represent the spirit of this great Nation.

Major Lawrence was the first African American astronaut who trained at NASA. In 1983 Guion Bluford became the first African American to fly in space. He went on to serve on three more NASA missions and logged over 688 hours in space. Before becoming an astronaut, Maj. Guion Bluford flew 144 combat missions in Vietnam. Tragically, Ron McNair lost his life in the tragic Challenger accident, but we all will forever remember his great accomplishments. Mae C. Jemison also became the first African American female to fly in space.

In less than a century and a half blacks in America had gone from the chains of slavery to the surface of the moon. Physically this is an amazing accomplishment, but spiritually these great men and women throughout black history could have accomplished what they did without those who came before them. Each great black man or woman gave hope to future generations and recognition to the fact that no amount of oppression could suppress a true vision of a greater America.

The African American community continues to rise; this is still a beginning for us not an end. The vision for America that so many black Americans strived for is not yet complete. There are many more great black minds and souls that this Nation will be blessed to experience. I look forward to seeing our progress, I delight in our great history but I am really looking forward to our future progress.

For all these reasons, Madam Speaker, I am pleased and proud to support H.R. 198,

which gives due recognition to the significance of Black History Month.

STATER BROS. MARKETS: A HISTORY OF SUCCESS . . . PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Stater Bros. Markets chain for receiving the "Spirit of Cooperation Award" recently presented by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Stater Bros. Markets traces its beginnings back to a small grocery store on West Yucaipa Boulevard in Yucaipa, California. Twin brothers Cleo and Leo Stater purchased the original Stater Bros. Market with a \$600 down payment, and opened for business on August 17, 1936. By the close of the 1940s, the Stater Bros. had expanded the chain to 12 locations, with 225 employees.

During the 1950s, Stater Bros. Markets had almost doubled to include 23 locations in the counties of San Bernardino, Riverside and Los Angeles. In 1960, the company began the operation of a construction business. This new division acted as a general contractor and became responsible for all planning, supervision and construction of new stores and other facilities. In 1979, scanning was introduced in the stores and during this time there was a significant growth and expansion for the company. During the 1970s, the number of store locations more than doubled to a total of 83 supermarkets.

The year of 1980 was the largest calendar year of growth for the company, with 10 supermarkets opening. In 1982, Stater Bros. launched its first television advertising campaign. In 1999, Stater Bros. acquired 43 additional supermarket locations, which included 33 former Albertson's Supermarkets and 10 former Lucky Supermarkets. Ten of the new locations were in San Diego County, giving Stater Bros. its first presence in the area of my Congressional District.

By the year 2004, Stater Bros. had been awarded the "Supermarket Retailer of the Year" twice, by the Progressive Grocer in 2001 and the Grocery Headquarters Magazine in 2004. In 2005, Stater Bros. made the "Fortune 500" list for the first time and was the only Inland Empire headquartered company to make the list.

Today, Stater Bros. is the largest privately owned Supermarket Chain in Southern California with annual sales in 2006 of \$3.5 billion. They are highly deserving of the recognition that they are receiving from our very distinguished labor council and an excellent, corporate community partner.

IN HONOR OF THE WINNERS OF THE 2006-2007 INTERNET SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the stu-

dents of Don Bosco Prep High School in Ramsey, New Jersey, who recently won first place in Information and Communication in the 2006-2007 Internet Science and Technology Fair. The Class of 2008 students, James Cahayla-Wynne, Walter Hickey, Alexander Hieronymi, Robert Hoffmann, and John Kelly III developed an Integrated Navigation System called "On Target."

As the students themselves have described it on their website, www.ph3k.com: "We resolve to design a multipurpose beacon, using GPS (Global Positioning Systems) technology, that can relay both its position and additional information about the surrounding environment, to existing data centers. These data centers will then synthesize and organize this raw data and forward it to the troops in the field who need it."

These very bright students were aided in their quest by very supportive family, teachers, school administrators, and community leaders—Mrs. Bernadette Kozak, LTC Steven Fleming of the U.S. Military Academy, Fr. Lou Konopelski, and Mr. Paul O'Connor. As the George Bernard Shaw quote on the Don Bosco website states, "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." Clearly, the faculty and staff at this school breathe life into those words each day.

TRIBUTE TO THE FLINTRIDGE FOUNDATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Flintridge Foundation, which will receive the 2007 Community Award presented by the Gamma Zeta Boule Foundation at their Annual Scholarship Luncheon in Pasadena, California on June 10, 2007. Each year, this award is given to an individual or organization that demonstrates extraordinary commitment and dedication to education and the community.

The Flintridge Foundation was created in 1985 and strongly upholds the values of individuality, diversity, and creativity on which it was founded. Francis and Louisa Moseley believed that the private sector was well qualified to understand and quickly respond to the changing needs of individuals and society as a whole, and out of that vision the Flintridge Foundation was born.

Since its beginning, the Flintridge Foundation has provided \$23,531,290 in grants and has developed a conservation program that has helped to conserve biological heritage and ensure the sustainability of natural resources by supporting the preservation and restoration of native ecosystems in the Pacific Northwest.

For their success and commitment to promoting education, the environment, and many other important priorities, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating the Flintridge Foundation upon receiving the 2007 Community Award.