

His courage, determination, and integrity have served as an inspiration to generations and opened the door for thousands to play our national pastime. Rightly, our Nation recently stopped to celebrate the 60th anniversary of this historic milestone.

However, as many know, the practice of discrimination and racism continued many years after Mr. Robinson's historic first game. Indeed, there were other courageous individuals who joined in the fight for equality and justice for all.

One such man was W. Horace Carter of Tabor City, North Carolina.

On a July night in 1950—thick with heat and the humidity of the Deep South—Horace Carter watched as Ku Klux Klansmen made their violent way through his hometown. One hundred Klansmen, in 29 cars, robbed and terrorized this small community of farmers and merchants with threats of racism.

Although just 29 years old and the new publisher, editor, and newsman for the Tabor City Tribune, Carter knew this was his moment of decision.

He said, "I searched my soul that evening and on into the next week. Was it worth sacrificing our happiness, shattering the tranquil life of running a little newspaper in a small town and taking part in Red Cross Drives, church covered dish suppers, and the Annual Yam Festival promotion just because I believed in a principle? Was it worth the risk that the print shop might be burned, our home dynamited? I could be dragged from our house with the frantic screams of my family ringing in my ears. I might suffer a brutal lashing by a band of masked hoodlums or even death if I dared to oppose them. Is it the time to stand up for principles even before I am fully aware of what this Klan proposes? I didn't want to sound pious or self-righteous, but I reasoned that if I were ever to campaign against this Klan reorganization, I should do it from its inception. That was now. I sat down at my used fifteen-dollar Royal typewriter and with my experienced hunt-and-peck typing style, and I wrote an editorial."

Thus began a 3-year crusade against the Klan in the editorial pages of this small Southeastern North Carolina newspaper. Carter's courage, determination, and words helped in the convictions and prison time for Ku Klux Klansmen. For his conviction of doing the right thing, Mr. Carter catapulted the Tabor City Tribune into national prominence, which received the Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious Community Service, the most prestigious of the Pulitzers.

Madam Speaker, Jackie Robinson once said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on others' lives."

Although Mr. Robinson did not know W. Horace Carter, there is no doubt that his words were about persons just like him.

Mr. Carter's life has continued to be one of honor, leadership, and service. He was elected Mayor of Tabor City in 1954 and was judge in the weekly city court. He has served as President of the Tabor City Chamber of Commerce, Tabor City Rotary Club, Columbus County Economic Development Commission, County Library Board, Tabor Industrial Development, Inc., Tabor City Recreation Commission, and a Sunday School teacher in the Baptist church.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a World War II Navy

veteran, Mr. Carter and his wife Lucille have three children, Rusty Carter, Linda Carter Metzger, and Velda Carter Hughes.

May God's blessings continue to shine upon this most special man and his enduring legacy.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL
AWARD GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

HON. TIM MAHONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Congressional Award Gold Medal winners from in and around Florida's 16th Congressional District. I am honored to celebrate the achievements, initiative and service of these exceptional youths. The youths honored earlier today earned the Congressional Award Gold Medals through substantial achievements in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

Earlier today, I had the honor of presenting many of these young men and women with Congressional Award Gold Medals. Earning a Congressional Award Gold Medal requires integrity of character, a strong work ethic, and a drive to succeed. These students have already developed strong leadership skills and have proven that they can achieve any goal they set their mind to. The medalists honored today and all students working to earn a medal should be commended for their hard work and commitment to our community.

Tonight, I congratulate these outstanding Florida youth on their achievement.

Alexandra Campbell, Cardinal Newman High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Alexandra utilized her love for volleyball to achieve several of her goals, including acting as an assistant volleyball coach and improving her technique.

Elizabeth Davis, Palm Beach Gardens High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Lizzy was a member of her high school's varsity Volleyball, Soccer and Softball teams and will play on the soccer team for the University of Alabama, where she will be a freshman in the fall.

Lauren Dobry, Cardinal Newman High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Lauren volunteered her time at a local hospital, working full-time during the summers. She also participated in fundraiser events for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Jordan A. Dulcie, Suncoast Community High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. As a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Jordan participated in the many outreach activities and leadership building opportunities available through his Boy Scout Troop.

Rachel Gossens, The King's Academy, North Palm Beach, FL. Rachel's interest in boating led her to read boating manuals and navigation books and to undertake a 10-day boat trip to the Bahamas.

Lindsey H. Green, Suncoast Community High School, Jupiter, FL. Lindsey dedicated her time to helping others through her local hospital, nursing homes and several health-related volunteer organizations.

Ray Hosaka, Jupiter Community High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Ray's inter-

est in science led him to volunteer his time to the community by monitoring and measuring the water quality in the Loxahatchee River.

Bianca Kahlenberg, South Fork High School, Stuart, FL. Bianca volunteered at the American Red Cross in Martin County.

Christopher Leddy, South Fork High School, Stuart, FL. Chris worked hard for the Martin County Red Cross to complete his hours of community service, enjoying his time so much he joined the Red Cross on a camping trip as his expedition.

Melissa Leddy, South Fork High School, Stuart, FL. Melissa's passion for dance and cheerleading helped her attain her goals. She attended a cheerleading and dance camp and earning a varsity letter for cheerleading.

Andrea Ramos, Stuart, FL. Over the last 4 years, Andrea has given more than 500 hours of voluntary public service to the American Cancer Society.

Devon Rosecan, American Heritage, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. For his expedition, Devon lived with a family on a Navajo reservation for 10 days. He fully participated in the activities of the family and the tribe.

Ryan W. Royce, Suncoast Community High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Ryan spent over 600 hours playing Varsity Football to achieve his physical fitness goal. He used his athletic talent as a youth coach for both football and basketball.

Joseph R. Russo, Jr., Cardinal Newman High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Joey honed his political skills through his Key Club by running for both FL District Governor and International Trustee.

Andrew Sisko, Cardinal Newman High School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Drew was a Varsity starter in both lacrosse and soccer. He was named an All League "honorable mention" and twice named on the "first team" for lacrosse.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2007

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House is considering today, my resolution H. Con. Res. 148, recognizing the significance of Caribbean-American Heritage month. This resolution acknowledges the contributions of Caribbean-Americans from the inception of our country to the present and it is my hope that my colleagues in the House and the Senate will join me in celebrating this strong, rich history.

Alexander Hamilton, Hazel Scott, Sidney Poitier, Jean Michel Basquiat, Eric Holder, Colin Powell, Edwidge Danticat, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, Sidney Ponson, Maryse Condé, Harry Belafonte, Sidney Poitier, Roberto Clemente, Celia Cruz, and former Congressman Mervyn Dymally, are just a few of the many Caribbean-Americans who helped shape American government, politics, business, arts, education, science, and culture, and are joined by modern day figures like Alicia Keys, Lenny Kravitz, Bobby Cannavale,