

they are doing in Missouri. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement.

HONORING MAURICE KENNETH
SHAW OF MIDDLETOWN, NJ

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Maurice Kenneth Shaw of Middletown, NJ, who died Sunday afternoon in Riverview Hospital in Red Bank, NJ. Maurice, or "Mo" as he liked to be called, was born the son of a Coast Guard captain on April 16, 1939, while the family was living in Rockville Centre, on Long Island.

After his family settled on Staten Island, Mo graduated from the former St. John's Preparatory School in Brooklyn. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Lehigh University and a master's degree in business administration from Wagner College.

After college, Mo Shaw joined KeySpan, formerly the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, in 1960. He served in a variety of marketing and financial positions and eventually worked his way up the executive ranks until 1999, when he retired as senior vice president and corporate affairs officer. My hometown paper, the Staten Island Advance described "that final role with the company, in which he handled urban affairs and public relations, [as] a perfect fit for Mr. Shaw, who enjoyed making connections in the Staten Island community and lending corporate support to projects he knew would strengthen the borough economically and culturally."

Mo loved the sea, and his accomplishments reflect that passion. Mr. Shaw joined and later became chairman of the board of the Noble Maritime Collection, a museum that showcases the works of maritime artist John Noble. He took on this endeavor in 1998, when the museum had no operating budget or staff, but through his tenacity, commitment, and ingenuity, helped the collection receive regular city funding and contributions from the business community.

Mo was a proud Coast Guard veteran, and he was always eager to support the Coast Guard and the Navy. He served as president of the USS The Sullivans Foundation, which supports the work of the Navy ship that was commissioned in Stapleton, Staten Island in April, 1997. Mo was the driving force behind the commissioning of the USS *The Sullivans*, which his friends describe as an act of love. Afterwards, he formed a new group, the Sullivans Foundation, in order to help maintain a strong link between the USS *The Sullivans* and the local community. This past June, he presided over 4 days of celebration in honor of that ship's 10th anniversary.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to praise the noble life of Maurice Kenneth Shaw. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, Mary Elizabeth, his three daughters, Victoria, Anne, and Elizabeth, and his six grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING HON. JOHN THOMAS
ELFVIN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay recognition to the Honorable John Thomas Elfvin, who is retiring after 60 years of service as a judge in the U.S. District Court for Western New York. Judge Elfvin has demonstrated exemplary dedication throughout his career, serving diligently until the age of 90.

I would like briefly to touch on the many areas of service that Judge Elfvin gave to our county. I am proud to mention that Judge Elfvin served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Navy before graduating from Georgetown University Law School in 1947. He worked in private practice in New York City and Buffalo, NY, and was a member of the Buffalo Common Council. Judge Elfvin served on the Supreme Court of New York in 1969 and became U.S. Attorney for Western New York in 1972.

Judge Elfvin was nominated to the U.S. District Court in 1974 by President Gerald Ford. He served as a Federal judge until October 5, 2007. Known for his exceptional work ethic, Judge Elfvin is a wonderful example of what public service should be.

Madam Speaker, I salute Judge Elfvin and congratulate him on his service to the legal field over the past 60 years. I pay tribute to him for his commitment to our community and to our country, and wish him all the best for a prosperous and enjoyable retirement.

FIGHT SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and Representative CHIP PICKERING to call attention to one of our Nation's leading causes of death—sudden cardiac arrest. Unfortunately, far too little is known and even less is being done to address the prevalence of this serious condition. Sudden cardiac arrest claims the lives of more than 250,000 Americans every year.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest occurs abruptly and without warning, when the heart suddenly stops beating and cannot pump blood to the rest of the body. Contrary to widespread belief, sudden cardiac arrest is not the same as a heart attack. As the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition has noted, if your heart were a house, cardiac arrest would be a problem with the electricity, while a heart attack is a problem with the plumbing.

Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone at anytime without warning. Unfortunately, even when there may be warning signs, we may not recognize their presence due to a lack of knowledge about what actually occurs during cardiac arrest.

Such was the case for a young man from Southern California named Sebastian Hitzig. At age 24, Sebastian stepped on a toothpick, resulting in a staph infection that led to an inflammation of his heart. Several months after

doctors believed he had recovered, Sebastian went to the gym for his regular workout, during which he suffered sudden cardiac arrest and nearly died. Thanks to a quick acting response team that shocked his heart back to its normal rhythm, Sebastian was literally brought back to life.

Sebastian is one of the few lucky ones to live through a deadly sudden cardiac arrest event. We in Washington have made great strides fighting some of our Nation's deadliest killers. Our next step should be to commit to more research into the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of sudden cardiac arrest, including increased awareness efforts to improve public knowledge of at-risk populations. We also must take steps to improve access to Automated External Defibrillators, AEDs, and implantable cardioverter defibrillators, ICD, to strengthen the "chain of survival."

I ask all Members today to join us in calling for a focused effort to fight sudden cardiac arrest and to do so in honor of the countless individuals who survived sudden cardiac arrest and in memory of the more than 250,000 families each year whose loved ones are not as lucky as young Sebastian.

RECOGNIZING ANN WATSON

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ann Watson, Planned Parenthood of Maryland's Volunteer of the Year and honoree at the first annual William G. Robertson, Jr. Volunteer Award Luncheon, for her 31 years of support for Planned Parenthood and 8 years of volunteer service in the Towson Health Center of Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

The William G. Robertson, Jr. Award is given in honor of the late Bill Robertson's more than 60 years of service as a former board member and the sole board member emeritus of Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Ms. Watson is truly deserving. She has been involved with Planned Parenthood since she was a 19-year-old junior at the University of Arizona. She served as a volunteer and as assistant clinical director for Planned Parenthood in Tucson, Arizona. She has also served on the boards of directors for Planned Parenthood in San Antonio, Texas as well as Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Ms. Watson has served actively in the Planned Parenthood of Maryland Speakers Bureau, teaching about contraception in Maryland schools. She is a former chairwoman of the Planned Parenthood of Maryland Education Committee.

Throughout her time as a Board member in Maryland, Ms. Watson has made her position as a volunteer in the Towson Health Center a top priority, advocating on behalf of the Center staff at board meetings. She has worked tirelessly to keep the people who come to Planned Parenthood seeking accurate information and access to preventive care at the center of strategic discussions.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today in honoring Ann Watson. She has served as an exemplary volunteer and advocate for reproductive rights—demonstrating an

outstanding commitment to the mission and vision of Planned Parenthood.

TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE
200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMISSION
ACT OF 2007—SUPPORT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support for H.R. 3432, a bill that would authorize the establishment of a federal commission to coordinate activities for the commemoration of the bicentennial anniversary of the U.S. Transatlantic Slave Trade Act.

Next year will mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade in the United States. Although the transatlantic slave trade represents a dark aspect of not only U.S. history, but world history, it provides an opportunity to celebrate the progress with human rights, civil rights, and race relations in our great country. In addition to celebrating progress, the anniversary offers an opportunity to educate and remind people all over the world of the history slavery played in making race such a dominant reality in our history and the role of the slave trade.

The establishment of a federal commission to coordinate the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade commemoration activities would assist with reminding and informing people of the past and present day implications of slavery in the development of America as a nation.

At the present time, people are rightfully consumed and burdened with issues that are impacting their personal lives, as well as, societal issues including the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, terrorism, quality healthcare, education, and crime. Due to this, I believe people would welcome being refreshed by something to celebrate versus something to worry about; especially because African Americans have made and continue to make immeasurable contributions and advances in our great country since the abolishment of the transatlantic slave trade and slavery. Young people need to have an understanding of and develop an appreciation for our country's past, which would hopefully instill pride and hope for tomorrow.

I thank Congressman PAYNE for introducing this bill and encourage my colleagues to support it. I also encourage people all over the world, especially young people to learn about the history of slavery.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT RELATING TO REUNIFICATION OF CYPRUS

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 405, of which I am a cosponsor, which expresses the strong support of the House of Represent-

atives for the implementation of the July 8, 2006, U.N.-brokered agreement between President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat relating to the reunification of Cyprus. As a co-founder and co-chair of the Hellenic Caucus, I want to thank Representative BILIRAKIS, my fellow co-chair, for introducing the bill and working to bring it to the floor today.

On July 8, 2006, President Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat agreed, under the auspices of the United Nations, to a set of principles to begin a process of discussions aimed at ending the division of Cyprus. The agreement calls for a commitment to the unification of Cyprus based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation and political equality, as set out in the relevant Security Council resolutions. The agreement also called for the establishment of technical committees and working groups to examine and discuss a variety of issues including those that affect the daily lives of the people.

I believe that the United States must play an active role in the resolution of the serious issues facing Cyprus, and I hope that passage of H. Res. 405 by the House today will be a positive influence in moving this process forward in preparation for new comprehensive negotiations leading to the unification of Cyprus within a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BELOIT CIVIC THEATRE

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of an organization that has influenced the advancement of cultural opportunities for the people of Beloit, Wisconsin. Originally envisioned as a showcase of local talents, today the Beloit Civic Theatre has grown into a remarkable attraction stimulating growth and support of the arts within the community and surrounding area.

Initially named the Beloit Little Theatre Guild upon its founding in 1932, the organization began its tradition of service with the production of the Whole Town's Talking. The group concluded its first season with another performance and 250 dedicated members. Word of the outstanding organization spread quickly, and the guild membership grew to 1,300 by the following year, the largest of any community theater in the State. In 1948, the name was changed to the Beloit Civic Theatre, as it stands today.

Although the Beloit Civic Theatre was not incorporated as a non-profit organization until 1952, they have given back to the community since their very first season. Today their profits support a scholarship fund to cultivate the talents of graduating high school students pursuing a field within the arts.

Throughout the past 75 years, the Beloit Civic Theatre has undoubtedly gone above and beyond their mission to bring the people of Beloit unique and distinctive performances.

Enjoyed at the Elizabeth Reinholz Theater by a variety of audiences, the presentation of timeless classics, modern masterpieces, and original works has advanced more than the amazing talents of aspiring actors, but developed a desire and love for theater within the Beloit community.

On this 75th anniversary of the Beloit Civic Theatre's founding, I applaud its devoted staff, faithful volunteers, and talented and dedicated performers who have nurtured and supported this indispensable organization of cultural growth and entertainment for the past 75 years. We look forward to 75 more.

ON THE 2007 ANGELS IN ADOPTION PROGRAM

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, on October 4, 2007, I had the great pleasure of seeing one of the finest constituents of the Second District of Kansas honored as an Angel in Adoption. This award was given by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, of which I am proud to be a member. The story of the Second District's Angel in Adoption, Stuart Griffiths, is a story of hard work, commitment, and humility. It is a story that I am proud to share today.

Stuart started working with children during college when he was a wrestling coach. He gave rides to and from practice to a young man living in a group home and decided there was more that he could do to help. He began volunteering at the young man's group home—helping with homework, playing ball, whatever was needed—until he was asked to become the assistant director. After working in public schools in Lawrence, Kansas, he returned to his hometown of Clay Center and became a foster parent. Over the years Stuart has hosted 32 foster children. Eventually he was told by a caseworker, "You ought to become a social worker because you're already doing it so you might as well get paid for it." So Stuart returned to school and earned a degree in social work. He jokes that he made this decision before anyone told him how much social workers earn. All joking aside, he has devoted the last 8 years of his life to working in child protective services.

Part of what makes Stuart's story unique is that he has made a conscious effort to help children with special needs. He told caseworkers he "wanted the kids nobody else wants," and they listened. He was contacted by social workers from surrounding communities to help children who needed extra care and attention. Over the years, he has helped children who were victims of abuse or had behavioral problems grow and mature into successful and talented adults.

Stuart now has five adopted sons, ranging in age from 14 to 19. Another remarkable aspect of his story is that he is a single parent. In addition to his job and responsibilities as a parent, Stuart also runs the football little league in his community and coaches his own team. He is the epitome of a public servant. Despite his tremendous contribution to the community, Stuart is incredibly humble. In his stories he continually talks about the many accomplishments of his sons. When asked about