Laid down will serve our community for genera-
Black himself is now gone, the foundation he
ready to encourage their involvement. Genera-
scious of the roles that others might play and
causes in which he believed, yet always con-
making their mark in the City's government.
Council so that he might dedicate more of his
city's first black mayor pro-tem. He left the
from 1973 to 1978, Reverend Black was the
church-owned Credit Union.
29th Congressional Dis-
tooning: she serves on numerous boards and
of Burbank, co-leader of St. Finbar
pointed representative of the Senior Citizens'
nance and bookkeeping, she is now a city-ap-
school and she started a lifetime of community
son, her eldest son started
Portion of the " suddenness of great men; he was a great man and a great
After graduating from the Andover Newton
Theological School, Reverend Black spent
years ministering to congregations in
Massachusetts and Corpus Christi before re-
turning to San Antonio to become the minister
of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church in
1949. He would lead the congregation as its
pastor for the next 49 years and as pastor emeritus until his death. Under Reverend
Black's leadership, Mount Zion would become a cornerstone of San Antonio, providing
vital aid and senior centers, churches, and the Sal-
vation Army.

With such an exhaustive catalog of commu-
nity commitments, it is no wonder Libby is
known among her peers as a model of vol-
unteerism. She has previously been honored
with both a 20-year service award and a Pres-
idential Lifetime Service Award, and I am
pleased to applaud her today.

Libby's steadfast dedication and selfless
service are an invaluable addition to the leg-
acy of Women's History Month. With gratitude
and admiration, I ask all Members of Con-
gress to join me in honoring an extraordinary
woman of California's 29th Congressional Dis-
trict, Ms. Libby Nardo.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CURES
CAN BE FOUND ACT
HON. RON PAUL
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to intro-
duce the Cures Can Be Found Act. This legis-
lation promotes medical research by providing
a tax credit for investments and donations to
promote adult and umbilical cord blood stem
research, and provides a $2,000 tax credit
to new parents for the donation of umbilical
cord blood that can be used to extract stem
cells.

Mr. Speaker, stem cell research has the po-
tential to revolutionize medicine. Stem cells
could hold the keys to curing many diseases
affecting millions of Americans, such as diabe-
tes and Alzheimer's. Umbilical cord blood
stem cells have already been used to treat
over 70 diseases, including sickle cell disease,
leukemia, and osteoporosis. Umbilical cord
blood stem cells have also proven useful in
treating spinal cord injuries and certain neuro-
logical disorders. Adult stem cells have shown
promise in treating a wide variety of diseases
ranging from brain, breast, testicular, and
other types of cancers to multiple sclerosis,
Parkinson's, heart damage, and rheumatoid arthritis.

By providing tax incentives for adult and
umbilical cord blood stem cell research, the
Cures Can Be Found Act will ensure greater
resources are devoted to this valuable re-
search. The tax credit for donations of umbil-
icord blood will ensure that medical
science has a continuous supply of stem cells.
Thus, this bill will help scientists discover new
cures using stem cells and, hopefully, make
routine the use of stem cells to treat formerly
curable diseases.

By encouraging private medical research,
the Cures Can Be Found Act enhances a tra-
dition of private medical research that is re-
sponsible for many medical breakthroughs.
For example, Jonas Salk, discoverer of the
polio vaccine, did not receive one dollar from
the federal government for his efforts. I urge
my colleagues to help the American people
support the efforts of future Jonas Salks by
cosponsoring the Cures Can Be Found Act.

RECOGNIZING ROGER POOLE ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIRE-
MENT AS DIRECTING BUSINESS
REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTRICT
NO. 9, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIA-
TION OF MACHINISTS AND AERO-
SPACE WORKERS
HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise
today to ask my colleagues to join me in rec-
ognizing Roger E. Poole and congratulating
him on his retirement as Directing Business
Representative of District No. 9, International
Association of Machinists and Aerospace
Workers (I.A.M.A.W.).

Roger Poole has been a 41-year member of
Automotive Lodge 313, joining the Machinists
Union in 1967. He was elected Business Rep-
resentative in 1979 before being elected to the
offices of Vice President and President. In rep-
resenting his Local, Roger has served on an im-
pressive list of labor councils. These included:
the Belleville Union Labor Council, South-
western Illinois Central Labor Council, Greater
Madison County Federation of Labor, District
Lodge 9, Illinois State Council of Machinists,
Mid-West States Conference of Machinists,
and the Illinois State AFL–CIO. Roger also
served as a delegate to every IAM Convention
since 1972.

Roger's contributions to the labor movement
have brought him well-deserved accolades.
He was named Labor Man of the Year by the
Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council
and Community Services Labor Man of the
Year by the St. Louis Labor Council.

Always active in representing the working
men and women of our area, Roger expanded
his involvement to civic, political and commu-
nity organizations. He has been a member of
the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League
National Planning Committee, President of the
Mid-West States Council of Machinists, Presi-
dent of the 12th Congressional District
C.O.P.E. AFL–CIO, Vice President of both the
Illinois and Missouri State AFL–CIO, Executive
Board Member of the St. Louis Labor Council
and the United Way of Greater St. Louis. He
also found time to serve as Democratic Pre-
cinct Committeeman.

Roger and his wife, Rosalie, have two sons,
Brian and Jason, and two grandchildren,
Darby and Cody.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join
me in an expression of appreciation and con-
gratulations to Mr. Roger E. Poole, a true
champion of organized labor, and to wish him
all the best in his retirement.
GENERATIONS INVIGORATING VOL- UNTEERISM AND EDUCATION ACT

SPREE OF
HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 18, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws:

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 1388, the Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) Act, and I want to thank Representative Miller and his staff for all their good work on this bill.

Among the bill’s many provisions is one I helped to craft that will increase service opportunities for musicians and artists.

Specifically, it would create a Musicians and Artists Corps to train and deploy skilled musicians and artists to low-income communities, schools, healthcare and therapeutic settings, and other areas, where they will promote music and arts engagement programs.

As someone who has had music play an important role in my life, I know firsthand that music and the arts are about far more than just entertainment—they have the power to change lives.

Indeed, research has also backed this up. Music and arts education has been proven to contribute to lower crime rates among disadvantaged youth, and it improves graduation rates and academic performance in schools.

In the world of healthcare, we see even more benefits. Patients who have undergone trauma or are suffering from chronic illness, as well as those with emotional and mental health problems, all benefit from being engaged in art and music programs.

Clearly, there is a wide span of areas where music and the arts can play a key role, and there are hundreds of thousands of musicians and artists who have the talent and the skills to help their communities.

President Obama has called on us all to increase our service to our nation, and these musicians and artists are ready and eager to serve. The Musicians and Artists Corps will connect these volunteers with the settings where they can make a world of difference.

Our citizen service programs, like AmeriCorps, have done a great job of engaging Americans of all ages, from a variety of professions, in national service. It is time now that we bring more musicians and artists into this community.

Passage of the GIVE Act will go a long way toward increasing service in our country, and I am proud to support the measure.

A TRIBUTE TO YIN YIN HUANG

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Yin Yin Huang of Alhambra, California. Every March we celebrate Women’s History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation’s women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Mrs. Huang as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to our district.

Now an acclaimed master piano instructor, Yin Yin was born in Taiwan and began her musical training at the age of ten. At sixteen years old, Yin Yin made her concert debut with the Chinese Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra and soon after with the Formosa Chamber Orchestra. She attained her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Chinese Culture, Taipei, and a Masters in Music from California State University, Los Angeles. As an international concert pianist, she has worked with artists from all over the world such as the renowned baritone Dr. William Warfield. From East Asia to the Americas, Yin Yin’s musical impact resonates around the world.

Yin Yin has almost thirty years of musical teaching experience, including courses taught in Taiwan before immigrating to the United States, and serves as a faculty member at California State University, Los Angeles. As an international concert pianist, she has worked with artists from all over the world such as the renowned baritone Dr. William Warfield. From East Asia to the Americas, Yin Yin’s musical impact resonates around the world.

Yin Yin and her husband have also conducted concerts at local retirement homes, annual midsummer events, and soloist and small ensemble recitals for the past twelve years. In 2005 she established the Acevedo Music & Art Education Foundation, a non-profit organization that enables youths to put their artistic talents to use for benevolent purposes.

In recognition of her charitable work, Yin Yin received the International Federation for World Peace’s Ambassador of Peace Award in 2006 and the Pasadena Human Relations Commission’s Model of Unity Award in 2008.

Yin Yin has truly surpassed her goal to use music as a tool of positive change in the world; her piano lessons inspire others to do so as well. Her steadfast dedication and selfless service are an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women’s History Month.

We are grateful for the spirit, great strength and contributions that Mary shared with our community throughout the years. As was stated at the Memorial Mass held in Mary’s honor, “Mary was the ‘Soul’ of the Pettys family. There is no more pain for her anymore, only for those of her loved ones left behind. We will soldier on knowing that Mary wouldn’t want it any other way. Her indomitable spirit and smile will remain with us forever.” It is my honor to pay tribute to Mary Pettys’ life and legacy, a remarkable woman who will be missed beyond measure.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MARY PETTYS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mary Pettys, a beloved member of the Western New York community who died tragically when Continental Flight 3407 crashed outside of Buffalo on February 12, 2009. This incident was a horrible and shocking tragedy for the Pettys family as well as for so many of us in Western New York.

Mary “Belle” Pettys was the third of ten children, and when her mother passed away in 2006, Mary nurtured and comforted the whole family, supporting her father and her nine siblings. She was a loving and selfless woman, devoted to her 38 nieces and nephews. Family was always Mary’s priority. She was sister and aunt, godmother, confidant, matriarch, and companion—a rock for her family.

What makes her loss all the more sorrowful is that Mary was engaged to be married this spring to William Adamski. William called his beloved fiancée a “woman of chance” who had a passion for playing slot machines and even made appearances on the “Price Is Right” and “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno”. Although the two will never be able to celebrate their marriage, we are thankful for the years of love and happiness they shared.

Mary Pettys graduated from Canisius College with a Bachelor’s degree and a Master’s degree, which she put to use in her long career in healthcare services. Mary was a devout parishioner of Queen of Heaven Church in West Seneca. Donations were made in her honor to the scholarship fund established in memory of Mary’s mother at Mount Mercy Academy in South Buffalo.

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