

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF  
MARIE J. MARJORIE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marie J. Marjorie, a community leader dedicated to improving the health of Central Brooklyn's residents.

Marie J. Marjorie is an Administrative Director at Interfaith Medical Center where her responsibilities include Community Affairs, Media and Marketing, Internship and Volunteer Services, and management of the Gift Shop.

Marie J. Marjorie reaches out to the numerous community organizations, agencies, clergy, churches, schools, and other groups that are interested in working together with Interfaith to continue to improve the health of Central Brooklyn's residents. She has implemented many successful programs at the hospital including the "Health Care Career Learning Center" which gives high school students hands-on training in different departments.

A passionate health advocate, Marie J. Marjorie frequently lectures on health care disparities, patients' rights, and immigrant health issues. Her research "Who are the children and how is their Health?" was published in the book "The Multicultural Cultural Challenge in Health Education" by ETR & Associates.

In addition to her work at Interfaith, Marie J. Marjorie is a volunteer English tutor for a group of young recent immigrants and a parishioner of St. Boniface R.C. Church where she is the Sunday school instructor for the youth group.

Marie J. Marjorie earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Long Island University. She is an advisory board member of the Haitian Apostolate, the HHT Association Resource Group, and a member of Boston College for Corporate Citizenship, the American Public Health Association and the Public Relations Society of America.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Marie J. Marjorie, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Marie J. Marjorie.

BILL COX'S STATEMENT IN HAVERHILL HONORING SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join one of my constituents, Bill Cox of Haverhill, Massachusetts, in honoring Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Massachusetts by including a copy of Bill's heartfelt remarks, given at a recent event in Haverhill, in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. His comments fondly and appropriately pay tribute to Senator KENNEDY for his lifetime of unparalleled service to Haverhill, Massachusetts, and our country.

If you tell Ted Kennedy that you are from Haverhill, the first thing he will tell you is

how proud he is to have Barbara Souliotis looking out for his Massachusetts office. Barbara has worked for the Senator since he was first elected 47 years ago and currently serves as his State Director. Barbara has been called the role model for running a senator's district office.

I can now tell you that one of the most difficult assignments anyone can undertake is to attempt to summarize the career and accomplishments of Senator Ted Kennedy.

It has been said that no one works harder than Ted Kennedy and that his legislative instincts are unsurpassed. Both statements are indisputable.

His record of achievements on educational opportunities, justice and equal rights for all people, protecting the environment and achieving quality health care for all Americans is unsurpassed. Even as he contends with his own recent health issues, his drive and determination are stronger than ever.

Having been our United States Senator for 47 years, Ted Kennedy has . . . fought for issues that benefit the people of Massachusetts and the nation, such as increasing the minimum wage and funding his 'No Child Left Behind' initiative. He continues to work to better the lives of working families and to secure our nation from our true threats.

He has a reverence for those who serve in our Armed Forces . . . and has quietly intervened for and consoled those families who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Senator Kennedy has moved an agenda that includes everything from hunger to high tech.

Senator Kennedy has a deep and abiding devotion to his home state. He led the charge to see that we have sufficient funding for a parking garage here in Haverhill. Although the Senator is a citizen of the world, he knows that he is home when he is in Haverhill. We recall fondly his recent visit to the City [with] Congresswoman Tsongas. He stopped at Mark's Deli to visit with his old friends, the Dimakis family, then on to A-1 Deli where a crowd awaited him and he met new friends and old.

On behalf of the City Committee, we send our best wishes to Ted and Vicki, and take this opportunity to reflect and pay thanks to the unparalleled service of Senator Kennedy for his lifetime of service to our City, State and Country.

HONORING JAMES AFRICANO FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that James Africano from Kennesaw, Georgia has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. James attends Harrison High School, where he has a 3.5 Grade Point Average and serves as Senior Class Vice President. James is also a member of the Math Honors Society, the Integrity Team, and the Harrison High School robotics team. In addition to James's focus on academics, he has also remained very active in extracurricular activities. James is on Harrison's water polo,

swimming, and martial arts teams, and is also very involved in the school's band program. In fact, he was ranked second in this year's State Marching Band Competition. Despite all of these commitments, James still finds time to be involved in community service activities, where he volunteers with the Atlanta Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and devotes time to restoring the trail at the Natchez Trace State Parkway. James Africano is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate James as well as his parents, Thomas and Choi Africano, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like James that America has the finest military in the world. Our nation is fortunate to have his service.

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Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Steve Hunt, a leader in adolescent drug and substance abuse prevention in Brooklyn.

Steve Hunt is the vice president of The Alpha School Center of Progressive Living, Inc., located in the east New York section of Brooklyn, New York. His responsibilities include supervision of the Adolescent Drug Prevention Program and the Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program serving youth at risk and management of daily administrative duties.

Steve Hunt has an extensive background of 22 years in community service working with both adolescent and adult populations. His experience includes individual and group counseling in areas such as chemical dependency, HIV/AIDS, and anger management.

Steve Hunt has received several awards and has been recognized for his outstanding work with civic community organizations. He is a member of the Substance Abuse Committee for the Brownsville/East New York Child Welfare Neighborhood Network as well as the New York City Addictions Treatment Providers Association and the New York State HIV Prevention Planning Group.

Steve Hunt was born and raised in Brooklyn where he attended Tilden and Jefferson High Schools. He earned a bachelor of science degree in community health education from York College. He is professionally certified as a New York State Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor, an Internationally Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor, a Pre and Post Test HIV/AIDS Counselor and is certified in Mediation/Conflict Resolution.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Steve Hunt, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Steve Hunt.