

the extraordinary people who continue to help shape my community of Omaha and our great nation. Today, I would like to pay special tribute to Gene R. Haynes, one of the thousands of successful and talented African Americans in the Second Congressional District of Nebraska.

Gene Haynes grew up poor and in segregated schools in the South. His three older brothers moved to Omaha for packing-house work to help put him through college. After college, Mr. Haynes followed his family to Omaha and along with his wife, Annie Haynes, began teaching in 1967.

He went on to become the principal of Omaha North High Magnet School and an inspirational leader in the community. He is known for being a hands on and motivational educator who has contributed greatly to the school's development. Dedicated to preparing students for their role in a highly technological and global society, he oversaw the complete renovation of the building's infrastructure and the addition of 30,000 square feet of facilities focusing on technology, mathematics, science and engineering.

During his time at North, Haynes has been part of a number of creative programs designed to empower students, engage parents and bring the business community into the school.

In addition to his loyal service to his students, Gene Haynes is active in several local, state, and national organizations. He has been an integral part of The North Omaha Project Impact, Urban League of Nebraska, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Pacesetter Scholarship Committee.

I am proud to recognize and honor this highly-esteemed and dedicated educator for nearly a half century of service to the Omaha community.

TRIBUTE TO JULIE TATTI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of an outstanding American, Julie Tatti, who will be recognized on Monday, February 28, 2011, by the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) for her many years of dedicated service to her community. She will be retiring from the role of Executive Director, but she has another important distinction—having been with the DPD for nearly 40 years, she is also its longest tenured staff member.

It is only fitting that she be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for she has brought joy and comfort to many others through her efforts.

Julie was born on April 8, 1948 in Jersey City, to Catharine and Stephen Feehan. She grew up in Bergenfield, NJ and graduated from St. John's Elementary School and the Academy of the Holy Angels. She continued her education, going on to earn a bachelors' degree from the College of St. Elizabeth and a Masters' degree in Special Education from William Paterson University.

She began her service at the Department for Persons with Disabilities nearly four dec-

ades ago, working as a counselor and life-guard at Camp Alexander, the agency's summer camp for the disabled, and then, in 1973, as the coordinator of Special Religious Education. She was responsible for organizing religious education programs for children and adults with disabilities. She went on to become the Director of Wayne House, the second home operated by the DPD.

As the agency grew, Julie transitioned into an administrative role, serving as Associate Executive Director until December 1, 2007 when she was appointed Executive Director. For Julie though, this has not just been a career, but a ministry that has allowed her to achieve spiritual growth and fulfillment through her faith.

Julie has been a dedicated leader and an inspiration to all of the DPD staff members and residents. Julie has truly led by example and has been an active volunteer within the agency for years. She is always there with a helping hand and an ability to assist all involved in the DPD. The agency's programs, as well as the residents and her co-workers, have all thrived under her guidance and through her efforts.

Julie Tatti will always be an important part of the DPD family and her loving impact will always be felt by all who live and work there. Although she is leaving her position as Executive Director, I know her commitment will continue and that she looks forward to having more time to spend with her husband Lou Tatti (who she met in 1972 while working at Camp Alexander), and family, including the residents for whom she cares so much.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated community servants like Julie Tatti.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Department for Persons with Disabilities, all of its' residents and volunteers, Julie's family and friends, and me in recognizing Julie Tatti's outstanding service to her community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DEMETRIUS MCCORD

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month 2011, I rise today to recognize a man who cares deeply about equality in our society, Mr. Demetrius McCord.

Demetrius is a lifelong resident of the Bronx, New York, who for several years has worked to further the interests of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Americans. Demetrius is currently the Deputy Executive Director of the Bronx Community Pride Center (BCPC), the borough's only exclusive LGBT service-oriented agency. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Scranton and Juris Doctor from Albany Law School of Union University. Prior to his current role, Demetrius served as the BCPC's Director of Development, tasked with enlarging the institution's capacity and donor base. He organizes public forums and community programming across the city; and among his more recent

public victories, Demetrius has been instrumental to the success of the annual Bronx Pride Festival.

In addition to his work with the BCPC, Demetrius is the Funding Chair for the annual People of Color Summit, which is sponsored, in part, by the New York State LGBT Health and Human Services Network, a coalition of over fifty LGBT-supportive nonprofit organizations that provide health and social services to LGBT New Yorkers and their families. Demetrius also serves on the Board of the Gay and Lesbian Dominican Empowerment Organization (GALDE), a grassroots organization that serves the city's Dominican and Latino LGBT communities.

Mr. Speaker, not only does Demetrius' work support members of the LGBT community across the city, he helps to articulate why the rights and liberties of LGBT Americans must be equal to anyone else. His work brings us nearer to those principals upon which our nation was founded; of fairness and decency and equality under the law. I am therefore very proud to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing a young man who aspires to make his community stronger and his country more perfect, Mr. Demetrius McCord.

BARB WARDEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Barb Warden for receiving the Golden Chamber of Commerce Civic award.

This award is given each year to an organization of individuals that have contributed greatly to the quality of life in Golden.

Barb Warden is known to be a behind the scenes kind of person, but her ability to be on the front lines of communication has brought her to the front of the pack. In February 2007, Barb had the vision to create and build www.golden.com. Her main reason to build this website was to promote small businesses and cultural organizations. Today this website is receiving over half million hits a month and growing. "When folks want to know what to do, where to shop, what's happening in Golden, they search on www.golden.com."

More than 30 businesses, non-profit organizations and government agencies have had their websites built by Table Mountain Web Design, the official name of Barb's company.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Barb Warden for this well deserved recognition by the Golden Chamber of commerce. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE ARMY KENNETH O. PRESTON'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 28, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sergeant Major of the Army