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A TRIBUTE TO DR. HEROLD SIMON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor Dr. Herold Simon.

Dr. Herold Simon is the Medical Director of the East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center (ENYDTC). His responsibilities include policy-making, facility-wide planning, staff supervision and quality management; however, he sees his most important role as a clinician and an advocate for the medically-underserved and the financially-challenged communities he serves.

In 2002, Dr. Simon was instrumental in the creation of a kidney clinic at Kings County Hospital Center, where, initially, he was the sole attendant, providing patient care and education to nephrologists in training. Dr. Simon holds an appointment as Assistant Professor of Medicine at SUNY/University of Brooklyn at Downstate. In addition to his post as Vice President for Downstate Enterprises, Inc. Dr. Simon has steadily maintained a private practice in the Flatbush community since 1996, providing care in Nephrology and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Simon had also served as a member of the ADAP Clinical Subcommittee of the Advisory Council for the AIDS Institute and advisor to the Collegiate Science and Technology Program for the Borough of Manhattan Community College. In spite of his busy schedule, Dr. Simon continues to lecture on the molecular basis of hypertension and kidney disease as well as the promises and dilemmas of preventive health care.

In 2008, Dr. Simon was able to pilot the current New York City Health and Hospital Corporation (HHC) Diabetes Guidelines and revealed that a treatment algorithm coupled with nurse care-management can rapidly improve diabetes care. As a result the HHC leadership mandated the use of the guidelines by all HHC facilities. Dr. Simon was a leading figure in the implementation of Managed Care and Rapid HIV Testing within HHC.

Following the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti, he traveled there to provide medical care to the General Hospital in Port-au-Prince. He continues to be very active in planning for the immediate and long-term medical needs of Haiti.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Simon for his extraordinary contributions to our Brooklyn community.

IN RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF YOLANDA SANCHEZ

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to mourn the loss of Yolanda Sanchez, a fierce

advocate for Puerto Rican youth and women in my district. It is with a heavy heart that I stand here today to memorialize her.

Ms. Sanchez was a pioneer in El Barrio and I am honored to have partnered with her over the years to improve the lives of Puerto Rican youth and women. She dedicated herself for over 50 years to the community, a community she was born and raised in. Ms. Sanchez began her career as a community organizer and advocate in 1962, when she was asked to join the staff of *Aspira*; a non-profit organization focused on educational advancement and further development of Puerto Rican and Hispanic youth. Ms. Sanchez never stopped working for children, women and the Puerto Rican community; she never took a day off from her goals.

A graduate of City College and the Columbia University School of Social Work, Ms. Sanchez continually sought out and worked in positions that maximized her positive impact on the community. These positions ranged from Executive Director of the Puerto Rican Association for Community Affairs, to founding member and later president of the National Latina Caucus, to president of the East Harlem Council for Human Services, to Director of CUNY's office of Puerto Rican programs.

Ms. Sanchez was successful in playing a key role in the creation of three critical institutions for the underserved in El Barrio. The Taino Towers (section 8 housing), Boriken Health Center (primary care) and Casabe Houses (elderly housing) owe their existence partially to the tireless efforts of Ms. Sanchez.

This year Ms. Sanchez received the first Social Work Trailblazer Award from the Silberman School of Social Work in honor and recognition of her invaluable and tireless efforts made in the community. This award is an acknowledgment of a true heroine, feminist and champion of the downtrodden.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to please join me in celebrating and remembering the life of a fierce advocate for children, women and the disadvantaged. In her life, she truly made our community and thus the world a better place than how she found it. She will be missed by her loved ones, she will be missed by the community, but her spirit will carry on through philanthropy and in the spirit of others just like her.

A TRIBUTE TO SWAMY NAIDU SUNKARA

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OF NEW YORK

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor Dr. Swamy Naidu Sunkara.

Dr. Swamy Naidu Sunkara served as a surgeon, and then trained as an anesthesiologist in Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago. He completed a post graduate diploma in anesthesiology from the University of West Indies. He served as a Social Worker at St. James Infirmary in Montego Bay, Jamaica from 1979 to 1981. He also served at the Prince Elizabeth Hospital for destitute children in Port of Spain, Trinidad from 1981 to 1987. He gave free anesthesia for surgeries to children with cleft palates and club-feet, and other congenital ab-

normalities. He has worked as a volunteer physician at Trinidad and Tobago Sports Medicine. Dr. Swamy Naidu Sunkara received letters of commendation in Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Dr. Swamy Naidu Sunkara migrated to the United States in 1988. He successfully completed the Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Health, and a Master's in Public Health with double majors in International Health and Emergency Medicine. He served as a published Researcher, and volunteer in the Children's Cancer Study Group in New York Medical College, and Westchester Medical Center at Valhalla, New York. He worked as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician in the Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Pleasantville Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He received the Best Volunteer Award from Westchester County Executive and Best Volunteer Award from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of Newark, New Jersey in 1989.

He has also faithfully served as one of the Uncles for Foster Children of the Richard Allen Center on Life in New York City.

As a young student leader, he volunteered in various natural disasters including one in Divi Andhra Pradesh for several weeks directly under Mother Theresa. She always had kind words about him when she visited that area.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Swamy Naidu Sunkara for his extraordinary contributions to New York City's medical community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 18, 2012, I was not present for the evening vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted:

On rollcall No. 379—"yes"—S. 684, A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

On rollcall No. 380—"yes"—S. 404, A bill to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. MISBA ABDIN

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OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. Misba Abdin.

A second-generation Bangladeshi-American, Misba Abdin came to the United States in 1982. He was born in 1969 in Beani Bazar of the Sylhet District in Bangladesh. His family led the way for others who migrated to the United States of America very early from the Sylhet region. Currently a businessman by profession, he is the product of the New York City Public School system where he went from P.S. 214K to M.S./I.S. 171 and graduated from Frank K. Lane High School. He went on to study Business Management at Hunter College of the City University of New York. He is well read and can tell you the history of almost