

His legacy has inspired Americans to name educational institutions, Federal Buildings, legal societies, libraries, and numerous academic achievement awards in his honor. It is indeed my honor to recognize a man whose career is a monument to our judiciary system and who has inspired so many to continue his quiet crusade.

Marshall was born and raised in the Congressional District I represent—Baltimore City, Maryland—and lived in a home about eight blocks from where I live now. We both attended Howard University and, more significantly, he was once turned away from the law school I attended and graduated from—the University of Maryland. As such, I am especially proud to honor Thurgood Marshall, as I share a common background with him.

Through his knowledge, advocacy and devotion to the cause of civil rights, Marshall contributed to the battle fought in the United States courts to eradicate the legacy of slavery. I believe, however, that he should be revered most for his courage and independent judiciary and for breathing life into the text of the Constitution. He worked tirelessly to guarantee all Americans equality and liberty in their individual choices concerning voting, housing, education and travel.

In 1954, he argued the case of *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* before the Supreme Court, where racial segregation in public schools was declared unconstitutional.

He won 29 of the 32 cases he argued before the Supreme Court, including, cases in which the court declared unconstitutional:

A Southern state's exclusion of African-American voters from primary elections (*Smith v. Allwright, 1944*); state judicial enforcement of racial "restrictive covenants" in housing (*Shelley v. Kraemer, 1948*); and "separate but equal" facilities for African-American professionals and graduate students in state universities (*Sweatt v. Painter* and *McLaurin v. Oklahoma State Regents, both 1950*).

I honor and praise him for his civil rights and professional achievements within our judicial system.

President John F. Kennedy appointed Marshall to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1961. Four years later, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him Solicitor General of the United States.

President Johnson nominated Marshall to the Supreme Court of the United States and the Senate confirmed the appointment on August 30, 1967, making Marshall the first African-American justice to sit on the Court. Marshall served 23 years on the Supreme Court, retiring on June 27, 1991, at the age of 82.

After his death an article in the *Washington Afro-American* stated, "We make movies about Malcolm X, we get a holiday to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, but every day we live the legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall."

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PULL FEDERAL FUNDING FROM BROOKLYN MUSEUM OF ART

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 1, 1999

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution along with Mr. FOSSELLA, that calls for an elimination of federal funds for the Brooklyn Museum of Art if it proceeds with an exhibit that desecrates religion.

The Museum, which has come under fire for using taxpayer money to host an exhibit featuring a portrait of the Virgin Mary smeared with elephant dung, has received more than \$700,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities over the past three years.

John Cardinal O'Connor, in published new accounts, called the exhibit "an attack on religion itself and, in a special way, on the Catholic Church." In fact, it is an affront to the more than one billion Catholics worldwide!

In addition to the Virgin Mary painting, the art show titled, "Sensation: Young British Artists from the Saatchi Collection," also features a portrait of a convicted child murderer fashioned from small hand prints. Do we really want to glorify convicted murderers?!

I wholeheartedly agree with my colleague, Mr. FOSSELLA, who describes the exhibit as "little more than publicly-funded bigotry." He was correct in saying that "the American people have a right to know that their tax dollars are not being used to desecrate religion and promote bigotry."

When taxpayers decide to support the arts, I doubt these are the kinds of exhibits they have in mind. Our resolution will give a voice to the millions of Americans who are disgusted that they are being forced to fund this offensive exhibit. Furthermore, I believe that most of my constituents would join me in saying that this exhibit goes too far and is devoid of culturally redeeming value, by any standard.

Our federal tax dollars should not be spent on images that glorify immoral and criminal behavior. They should be used to defend not offend. Further, if we are to subsidize the expression of art, let that expression carry a message of education, not defecation.

We have no obligation to call it art and the American people don't have to subsidize it. While these so-called artists have a right to create their "art," and galleries have a right to display it, the First Amendment does not guarantee that the American people must subsidize it.

The City of New York has threatened to pull the museum's funding, and so too should the federal government.

Again, I urge my colleagues to continue to cosponsor this important resolution.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY FOR CYPRUS

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 1, 1999

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Republic of Cyprus on the 39th anniversary of its independence.

As we celebrate this important day, we are sadly reminded of the political impasse which continues to divide the island into two communities. However, recent seismic shifts in the region give hope to optimists who believe that for the first time in many years we could see progress towards a fair and just settlement on this island nation.

Even before the recent tragic earthquakes that rocked Turkey and Greece in August and September, we were seeing fissures in the previously frozen relations between the two nations. The far sighted leadership of Foreign Ministers Papandreou and Cem brought them together to talk in a meaningful way about coordinating policy in the wake of the crisis in Kosovo—breaking the silence which had stifled dialogue between Athens and Ankara since the invasion of Cyprus.

Little could they have imagined that serious earthquakes this year would take the lives of thousands in the region and elicit such profound and heartfelt responses from the peoples of each country towards their neighbors in times of crisis. The outpouring of assistance and sympathy during these consecutive tragedies demonstrated that the citizens of Greece and Turkey were following the lead of their respective foreign ministers in acknowledging that no country is an island.

Neither political tremors touched off by Slobodan Milosevic's military aggression nor geological tremors caused by tectonic shifts stayed confined within international borders. The peoples of Greece and Turkey worked together during these crises because there was no other feasible option. Now they must work together as must Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots to find a solution in Cyprus.

Both Turkey and the people of Northern Cyprus have much to gain from an end to the strife which has divided the island for a quarter of a century. The United States, the United Nations, the G-8 nations, and the Council of Europe are united in urging a settlement in Cyprus that establishes a stable bizonal, bicomunal federation with adequate security guarantees for all citizens on the island nation.

Restarting serious talks in Cyprus without stymying pre-conditions would produce enormous progress for Turkey towards solving an impediment to its relations with the international community and for the people of Northern Cyprus to emerge from their painful isolation from the rest of the world.

Greece has built on "earthquake diplomacy" to send signals that it would not oppose Turkish entry into the European Union. Ankara could build on this momentum by urging Turkish Cypriots to reestablish crucial cultural and business exchanges between the two communities and restart negotiations immediately. Because of past history, Turkish Cypriots have every right to demand strong security guarantees when the partition of the island is removed. But this legitimate concern cannot be

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a rationalization for preserving the status quo by evading the responsibility to find a solution.

Thirty-nine years ago Cyprus gained its independence from colonial status only to find itself torn apart by violence fifteen years later. I hope that soon we can stand together in this body and celebrate an anniversary of independence for Cyprus that sees its two communities reunited and working together towards the future.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF
JORDYN MACKENZIE MOUDY

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 1, 1999

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the grand arrival of Jordyn Mackenzie Moudy. She's a new little Democrat of the 4th congressional district in Mississippi.

The proud parents are Jerry and Kristi Moudy from Terry, Mississippi. Grandparents include Joe and Annette Gallaspy from Clinton, Mississippi. Annette happens to be a member of my staff in my Jackson office.

Granny Annette reports that Jordyn arrived on September 29, 1999, at 5:30 p.m., weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 19 inches long, and sporting lots of black hair. Mother and daughter are doing fine but Annette can barely contain herself and I do not know when she will return to earth.

I send a hearty "welcome" to Miss Jordyn, and my best wishes go out to the Moudy and Gallaspy families.

HONORING FENMORE AND PHYLLIS
SETON FOR THEIR DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 1, 1999

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to recognize my

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good friends, Fenmore and Phyllis Seton, as they are honored by the New Haven Colony Historical Society with the Seal of the City Award.

The Seal of the City Award is presented annually to an individual or individuals who have strived to improve the quality of life for New Haven residents and have demonstrated a commitment to the overall improvement of the community. First presented to Mayor Richard C. Lee in 1992, this award reflects the dedication which we, the New Haven community, have toward the continued growth and revitalization of our city. Today, Fen and Phyllis will receive this award as a token of our sincere appreciation for their contributions to our community.

For over fifty years, Fen and Phyllis have been active community leaders in Greater New Haven. Recognized both locally, nationally, and internationally, they share a common interest in community revitalization. Fen has had a remarkable career in rehabilitation services as Past President of Rehabilitation International, lecturer at the United Nations, and recipient of the Presidential Award from President George Bush. Within her own distinguished career, Phyllis has served as both an officer and director of the New Haven Easter Seals—Goodwill Rehabilitation Center, and has been honored for her work at an international assembly in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Setons conceived and endowed the Elm-Ivy Award Program which for twenty years has recognized Town-Gown relationships. This local initiative honors individuals whose efforts have had a positive impact on both the City of New Haven and Yale University. They have been recognized jointly with Yale University's highest honor, the Yale Medal, as well as recently named "Connecticut's Philanthropists of the Year" by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Their support of and active participation with non-profit organizations has served to enhance the quality and prosperity of the City of New Haven. Their outstanding record of service sets a brilliant example for other community leaders—an embodiment of the very spirit of the Seal of the City Award. I am proud to join with family, friends, and community mem-

bers to recognize my dear friends, Fen and Phyllis Seton, as they are honored with this very special award. The City of New Haven is indeed fortunate to have such dedicated individuals working on behalf of our community.

TRIBUTE TO FRED ROTI

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 1, 1999

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the passing of former Alderman Fred Roti of the old first ward which included the downtown loop area of Chicago.

Alderman Roti or Freddie as he was known was one of eleven children born in an apartment over a store in Chinatown. His father, Bruno, was known as Bruno the bomber for his work as a small time gangster under Al Capone.

Fred Roti was reported to have ties to organized crime throughout his life, yet he was elected and served as Alderman of the 1st ward from 1968 to 1990. Several members of Alderman's Roti's political group were convicted of crimes and ultimately, Alderman Roti was indicted in 1990 and convicted of fixing a murder trial, zoning case and a civil court case. Notwithstanding, his alleged and ultimate criminal conviction, Fred Roti remained a popular figure in Chicago civic, political and social circles until his death from lung cancer at the age of 78.

Fred Roti was convicted of corruption and was probably corrupt. He was eventually caught, convicted, went to jail, served his time, came home to Chinatown and died.

He never stopped being witty, he never stopped living in Chinatown, and he never stopped expressing a love for Chicago.

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