

are mutually committed to the security of the Baltic region.

I believe we can say with great confidence that Lithuania has become a full partner in the effort to build democracy and promote freedom around the world. I am proud to say that Lithuania has "graduated" from the U.S. program to build democracy in Eastern Europe.

I commend the Lithuanian-American community for their perseverance and hope through the many challenging decades. The 81st anniversary of Lithuanian independence was celebrated by the Lithuanian-American community in Southeast Michigan on Sunday, February 7th, at the Lithuanian Cultural Center in Southfield.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Lithuanian's independence.

TRIBUTE TO GABRIELLA QUIRINO

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen of Florida's 17th Congressional District, Gabriella Quirino, who has helped hundreds of breast cancer victims in Dade County.

Gabriella Quirino was born in Tunisia, North Africa, in 1941. Miami, Florida, became her home during the mid-1950's. In 1960, she graduated from North Miami High School and furthered her education at Miami Dade Community College.

In 1981, Gabriella was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent successful surgery. A year later, she became a "reach to recover" volunteer for the American Cancer Society. From that time on, she has devoted her life to helping women cope with the trauma of mastectomies or other breast cancer surgeries. She is a true humanitarian.

Through hard work and dedication, Gabriella Quirino became the coordinator of the county service group, "Volunteers". In this position she helped women in the Miami-North Dade area deal with their mastectomies and other breast surgeries. She has also been the coordinator of another community service group called "Getting Mothers To Volunteer," which is based at St. Rose Lima School, and now serves as president of the parent's council at Archbishop Curley High School.

Gabriella has demonstrated a strong character and has devoted countless hours to the American Cancer Society. She has provided comfort to countless women faced with one of the most traumatic experiences of their lives—breast cancer.

I ask that my colleagues please join with me in acknowledging this outstanding individual.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF BRENDA SESSIONS
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PROBATE COURT DIVISION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, for over 28 years, couples seeking a license to marry in Cuyahoga County have likely encountered Brenda Sessions, Judge John Donnelly's nominee. Starting as a deputy clerk, Brenda now supervises this important office which, in addition, to issuing marriage licenses, corrects birth records and assists genealogists seeking family documents.

A Cleveland Heights resident and the mother of Myah, she prides herself in following her mother's advice to work hard, be self-sufficient and to help others. She only regrets that her mother failed to teach her how to cook.

Brenda is a life-long member of Morning Star Baptist Church and has been active in many of that church's programs. During her daughter's attendance at Christ the King School, she served on the Parent Executive Board. She enjoys her collection of porcelain elephants (a symbol of good luck), reads, listens to gospel and jazz music, attends movies and theatrical events, plays racquetball and rides.

Among the many, many marriage license applications Brenda has prepared, with both bride and groom present, she remembers, with amusement, two particular instances. In one, a woman admitted to four prior marriages and denied the Court's apparent record of an additional three marriages. Her groom left, and that couple was never seen again. In another, a rather aged groom, accompanied by a young intended bride, denied the existence of a much earlier marriage which the Court's records revealed, but mysteriously knew the last name of the bride in the earlier marriage, when Brenda had only mentioned the first name.

TO PERMANENTLY EXTEND THE
EXCEPTION FROM SUBPART F
FOR ACTIVE FINANCING INCOME

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the remarks of my colleague, Mr. MCCREERY. Today, Mr. MCCREERY and I are introducing legislation to permanently extend the exception from subpart F for active financing income earned from overseas business. The growing interdependence of world financial markets has highlighted the need to rationalize U.S. tax rules that undermine the ability of our financial services industry—such as banks, insurance companies, insurance brokers, and securities firms—to compete in the international arena.

The provision permits financial services to act like other U.S. industries doing business abroad and defer tax on the earnings from the

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active operation of their foreign subsidiaries until such earnings are returned to the United States. The permanent extension of this provision takes an important step towards making the U.S. financial services industry more competitive in international markets.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and to address this issue prior to the expiration of the temporary provision.

TRIBUTE TO LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ROBERT ROBERSON, JR.

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert Roberson, Jr. On January 3, 1999, Judge Roberson officially retired from the bench capping an illustrious career spanning more than forty years. On Saturday, February 27, 1999, Robby's family, many friends and colleagues will gather to honor this distinguished Los Angelean at a Retirement Reception and Dinner at the Regal Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. As a long-time friend of Judge Roberson's, it is a particular pleasure to have this opportunity to publicly acknowledge his exemplary contributions to Los Angeles and the judiciary.

A Cum Laude graduate of Pepperdine University, Judge Roberson received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Southern California (USC) Law School in June 1958.

Prior to his February 1979 appointment to the Los Angeles Superior Court, Judge Roberson was a founding member of the law firm of Scarlett & Roberson. During his 20 year tenure on the bench, he served in many different assignments, including appointment to the Court of Appeal and to the Appellate Department of the Los Angeles Superior Court. He sat in both the Criminal and Civil Trial Courts. Judge Roberson authored numerous opinions, five of which were published, including the frequently cited opinion of *Yunan v. Equifax, Inc.*

From 1991 to 1996 Judge Roberson served as Presiding Judge of the Appellate Department of the Los Angeles Superior Court. In recognition of his exemplary contributions to jurisprudence, in 1997 Judge Roberson received the "Justice Bernard S. Jefferson Jurist of the Year Award" presented by the Langston Bar Association, which earlier in his career had honored him with the organization's award for "Outstanding Legal Ability." He is also the recipient of the "Outstanding Alumni Award," presented by the University of Southern California Eubonics Support Group.

During his remarkable career, Judge Roberson also devoted considerable time as President of the John M. Langston Bar Association, Trustee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, President of the Los Angeles Criminal Courts Bar Association, and as President of USC's Law School Alumni Association. An individual of tremendous character and integrity, and an erudite and seasoned legal