

of Honor for Science and Art from Austria in 1997.

A TRIBUTE TO O. LEWIS HARRIS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my great admiration for Lew Harris, a remarkable leader and citizen who this year celebrates 20 years of service to the Forest Hills Community House.

A man of principle, intelligence, and skill, Mr. Harris has helped the Forest Hills Community House grow from a fledgling organization to a pillar of Queens social and community life. Today, the Community House serves some 15,000 people with over 35 programs operating out of 19 locations. What's more, the Forest Hills Community House is now widely regarded as a model to other settlement houses in the region, with a variety and depth of programming second to none.

Lew Harris has also been actively involved in a wide range of other important community activities, including Community Board Six, the Queensboro Council for Social Welfare, the Queens Interagency Council for Aging, the Non-Profit Coordinating Committee of New York, the Council of Senior Centers and Services of New York City, and the New York State Coalition for the Aging.

From leadership positions in these organizations and others, Lew Harris has strengthened human services at every level, making a critical difference in the lives of literally thousands of individuals, with a particular contribution to the opportunities available to older Americans.

We are a better community thanks to Lew Harris' vision and leadership. I am confident that his exceptional example will remain a source of guidance and inspiration to service providers for many years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR COMRADES-IN-ARMS—AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND VETERANS ON ANZAC DAY

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our Allied comrades-in-arms, the Australian and New Zealand veterans of the First and Second World Wars, as they celebrate Anzac Day on Sunday, April 25. Anzac Day is a national holiday, very similar to America's Memorial Day, on which citizens in Australia and New Zealand pause to remember those who have fallen in twentieth century combat, in the defense of freedom.

Throughout Australia, one sees many memorials to the Anzacs, the valiant veterans of World War I. The list of those who gave their lives in battle for their nation often is greater than those who currently live in the same districts. Australia suffered a 68% casualty rate in

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the First World War, the highest in the British Commonwealth.

The Allied soldiers were well received. General William Blackburn of England wrote that the Australians were reckless and debonair, would stick at things no matter what the odds, were proud of their independence, and were proud of dying bravely. He finished by writing that the Australians were gladiators with the eyes of children.

This proud Australian tradition of fighting courageously was continued by the veterans of World War II. As the Axis Powers began to enslave the world in the 1930's, the young Australians responded by preparing for military exodus from home. Knowing that sectors of sparsely-populated Australia would succumb upon overwhelming Japanese invasion, the Australians dismantled direction signs and built serpentine roads to inland airfields. These winding roads were intended by the Australians to be used later to good effect in guerrilla warfare, as the citizens fought to reclaim their nation from enemy occupying forces.

Well aware of the overwhelming might of the nearby Japanese armed forces, and knowing that they would be in Allied military service for an extended period of time, many Australians of fighting age destroyed their prized farm horses, so that the animals would not be used by the enemy against Australia in the future.

Acknowledging the tradition of honoring courage on Anzac Day, I pay particular tribute to one of Australia's Army veterans of World War Two, the former Corporal John Henry Soulsby of the state of Victoria, who exemplifies Australia's fortitude. Jack Soulsby served in the Australian Commonwealth Military Forces from 1940-1948, and was an Army Medic in the jungles of Borneo. He was known affectionately as "Aspro," (Australian slang for aspirin), by other Australian Army veterans, for, at times, all that the young Medic had to give the badly wounded men were aspirin tablets, the sterile bandages which he had made, his constant care, and prayers. Strong, athletic, and blessed with a sunny temperament, Corporal Soulsby boiled and re-used dressings in his innovative drive to help his comrades in the face of scarce medical supplies. Later, Mr. Soulsby exclaimed fervently, "If it weren't for the United States, Australia wouldn't exist today, for America gave us the men and the equipment to fight with!"

This month, on April 25, perhaps we Americans, too, will pause in appreciation of the love of freedom and the devotion of our comrades-in-arms, who will be celebrating Anzac Day in Australia and New Zealand.

IN MEMORY OF DAVE
LONGABERGER OF DRESDEN, OHIO

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dave Longaberger, who passed away on March 17, 1999. Dave was the founder of The Longaberger Company and a man of tremendous vision who never lost his sense of tradition.

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He spent his life serving his community and was well loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a man known for his pizzazz and his strength.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to pay my last respects to a man who gave so much of himself to his community and his family. Dave will be missed by all whose lives he touched. I am honored to have represented him and proud to call him a constituent.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE MR. JOSEPH F. UNANUE FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Joseph F. Unanue for his extraordinary contributions to the Hispanic Community and for the strides he made for Hispanic businesses.

Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, Mr. Unanue moved with his family to my home state of New Jersey in his early childhood. Realizing how important and significant cuisine is to culture, Mr. Unanue's grandparents founded a family business in 1936, designed to bring the spices and tastes of their native foods to the New Jersey metropolitan area. In the process, Mr. Unanue's business addressed the needs of a marginalized consumer market and helped build his company into a household name. This business, today known as Goya Foods, is one of the largest Hispanic-owned firms in the nation.

Mr. Unanue continued Goya's commitment to the family and to the Hispanic community as he rose through the ranks to eventually become Executive Vice President. Armed with a master's degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina, Mr. Unanue was critical in introducing the art and flavor of traditional Hispanic dishes into American homes. He spearheaded Goya's marketing project that aimed for the non-Hispanic consumer by implementing an extensive English-language campaign. This campaign played an important role in Goya's multicultural business success and opened Middle America to Hispanic culinary traditions.

Mr. Unanue's contributions went beyond the kitchen and the boardroom and into the realm of art. In 1997, Mr. Unanue sponsored two major exhibits which highlighted the contributions of minority artists. The first was a Picasso exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a compilation of 150 engravings, etchings and woodcuts by the renowned Spanish artist dating from 1900 through 1942. The second was an exhibit at Museo del Barrio of Taino artifacts—the indigenous people of the Caribbean. This project proved to be the first comprehensive art exhibit of the ancient Caribbean culture ever presented in North America.

Mr. Unanue's leadership and dedication to promote and support both the Hispanic community and Hispanic business is his legacy. Though he has passed on, his tremendous efforts and contributions remain to remind us of

the importance, the necessity, and the benefits of multiculturalism. I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to publicly praise this man for his many achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 73, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Mr. WATT of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, a granddaughter of slaves and a native of Henderson, North Carolina, was born in June of 1883.

During the time Dr. Brown was born, African-Americans were leaving the south to move north, seeking a more tolerable racial climate and better economic opportunities. Boston was considered a mecca for progressive African-Americans. Dr. Brown's mother moved the family to Cambridge, Massachusetts—a move that was followed by 19 other members of the Hawkins family.

Dr. Brown was a natural leader at an early age: at 12 she organized a kindergarten department at her church and at 14 she was chosen as orator for her minister's 15th anniversary. Dr. Brown went on to attend English High School until she entered Salem Teacher's College in Salem, Massachusetts. She ultimately received a Bachelor's degree from Wellesley College.

In 1901 Dr. Brown returned to North Carolina, teaching at Bethany Institute in Sedalia. When Bethany Institute was forced to close its doors after only one year of operation, Dr. Brown began the difficult process of founding, developing, and operating a school for local rural African American youth. This school would become the Alice Palmer Memorial Institute. Alice Palmer Memorial Institute evolved from an agricultural and manual school to a fully accredited, nationally recognized preparatory school, graduating over 1,000 students during her 50-year presidency.

Dr. Brown was a founding member of the North Carolina State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, an organization dedicated to the betterment of African-American womanhood. She also served two terms as president for the North Carolina Teachers Association, where she pursued three primary objectives: (1) the upgrading of North Carolina's educational facilities, (2) a higher level of communication between the State of North Carolina and African American teachers and (3) the instilling of a high sense of racial pride in African-American teachers.

Much of Dr. Brown's success can be attributed to the founding of the Palmer Memorial

Institute but she was also involved in various community and civic organizations.

When Dr. Brown returned to Sedalia in 1901 only two families owned their farms. By 1930, 95 percent of the families were successful through the Home Ownership Association she founded. Four years later she implemented a movement geared toward "urban-farm" living, a program that encouraged farmers to live off their crops.

Dr. Brown was also instrumental in the survival of Efland Home for Wayward Girls. Recognizing the school's hardship, Dr. Brown requested that the North Carolina General Assembly fund and maintain the home. Ultimately the State granted \$50,000 for the establishment of a new facility for the training of disadvantaged African-American girls.

Dr. Brown died on January 11, 1961 in Greensboro, North Carolina after having received numerous accolades for her work in education and civic service, including honorary degrees from Livingstone College, North Carolina Central University, Howard University and a LL.D from Wilberforce University.

In 1987 the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial opened as a state historic site in North Carolina and is the only one to honor an African American.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET—FISCAL YEAR 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 68) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009:

Mr. FORD. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the Spratt substitute, and in strong opposition to this unfair procedure and this sham Republican budget.

It is unfair that the majority is only permitting 40 minutes of debate on viable budget alternatives; why are we telling the American people that this important resolution deserves such limited debate?

The Republican budget resolution fails in many important areas: it fails to protect Social Security; unrealistically slashes domestic spending; and contains huge tax cuts that will be targeted towards the wealthy and will explode in future years.

I am supportive of the Spratt Alternative for a number of reasons: First, it saves 100% of the Social Security surplus while extending the solvency of the program; it also extends the solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund until 2020. Finally, it provides increases to programs that are a priority for me: class size reduction, child care, Welfare-to-Work, and Urban Empowerment Zones.

The Spratt Alternative also pays down \$146 billion more in public debt over 10 years than the Republican resolution.

Let's put this in real terms:

Paying down the debt is the best way to put more money in our taxpayer's pockets. If we pay down the debt, interest rates drop. What does this mean?

A 2% dip in interest rates drops the mortgage payment on a \$115,000 home from \$844 to \$689—a decrease of \$155 each month!

For a small business that takes out a five-year, \$200,000 loan would save \$2,256 per year, and \$11,280 over the life of the loan.

This, my friends, is REAL monty and will make a difference to each of our constituents.

In 1998, we spent 14% of our budget on interest payments on our national debt. That money could instead be used to cut taxes, or invest in education.

Let's continue to do the hard work now to secure our future.

Vote "no" on the Republican budget, and support the Spratt alternative.

HONORING THE HARP & SHAMROCK MARCHING BAND FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate a group of young women who have honored my district by participating in both the New Haven and Milford annual Saint Patrick's Day Parades. Locally supported by their parents and neighbors, the Harp & Shamrock Marching Band traveled from Ireland to join the New Haven community's celebration.

The Harp & Shamrock Marching Band originated with a music class at the Scoil Bhríde girl's primary school and today is organized and run by a dedicated committee of parents and volunteers. With the strong support of their community, and uniforms made by a dedicated group of parents and supporters, I am so proud to join them in their celebration of Ireland's patron saint.

Playing instruments ranging from whistles and accordions to bell lyres and percussions, these forty-three young women keep Irish culture and history alive. These young women, all between the age of 8 and 18, show a rare dedication and commitment to a demanding level of competition. Representing their town, county, province, and country in national events, they continue to proudly promote the Irish culture and tradition. They have been honored for fourteen consecutive years as Offaly Co. Champions in addition to their 1996 All-Ireland Championship. They have also been to London in 1996 and Manchester in 1997 and 1998 to take part in their St. Patrick's Day parades.

I am proud to take this opportunity to thank the Harp & Shamrock Marching Band for joining the New Haven and Milford communities in their Saint Patrick's Day Parades. It was a pleasure to join them at both events and I congratulate them on their hard work and success at bringing the Irish culture to each community they visit.