

and past president of the UCONN Club. An avid basketball fan, he is a fifty year veteran basketball season ticket holder showing true loyalty and spirit for his alma mater. His passion for the sport led him to sponsor a local team, the New Haven Elms, bringing the game he loves to the City of New Haven.

After five decades of accomplishments, you wouldn't think Leon would have anything left to achieve and yet he continues to add to his extraordinary life. Just five days ago, Leon celebrated his Bar Mitzvah, fulfilling a promise he made to himself over fifty years ago when circumstances forced the ceremony to fall by the wayside.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join Leon's wife, Phyllis, children, grandchildren, friends, and the entire New Haven community to wish my good friend a very happy 70th birthday. Leon's work and commitment have truly left this community a better place and for that we thank him.

TAIWAN'S 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in Chinese history, Taiwan held a truly democratic presidential election three years ago. As the people of Taiwan celebrate their president's third anniversary in office on May 20, 1999, I send them my congratulations.

I applaud President Lee's recent proposal that Taiwan and the mainland work together in drafting a comprehensive financial plan to help solve the current financial crisis affecting their neighbors in Asia. President Lee's innovative ideas deserve serious consideration by the mainland China authorities.

The Chinese people as well as the international Community, stand to benefit if Taiwan and China continue to have a meaningful dialogue about their hopeful unification. Taiwan and the Chinese mainland have much to learn from each other. Taiwan's economic miracle and a thriving democracy will be a useful guide to the mainland China's progress toward a free and open economic and political climate.

Congratulations to President Lee Teng-hui and best regards to Foreign Minister Jason Hu for their effort on behalf of democracy in the Pacific Rim.

IN HONOR OF BELVA DAVIS AND
ROLLIN POST

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to mark the contributions of two highly respected

California journalists. On Sunday, May 23, 1999, veteran Bay Area television journalists Belva Davis and Rollin Post will be honored at the San Francisco City Hall Rotunda. Their combined experience spans 70 years, a long and rich engagement with the social, cultural, and political history of the Bay Area.

Belva Davis, winner of multiple professional awards, has worked continuously on television since 1966, when she became the first African-American female reporter on the West Coast. Since that breakthrough, Belva has contributed significantly to the shape and the texture of today's television news. Her sharp, poignant reports stimulate community awareness. Her commitment is further demonstrated by deep involvement in numerous community organizations. She is also a labor activist and a visible supporter of African-American culture and history.

During her career, Belva Davis has reported for, or anchored, such public affairs programs as KRON's "California This Week" with Political Analyst Rollin Post, BayTV's "Close-up with Belva Davis" and "Bay Area Close UP," KQED's "A Closer Look" and "Evening Edition." She has also served as News Centers 4's anchor and urban affairs specialist. Most recently, she joined Congresswoman Barbara Lee's citizen delegation to report a week-long series on the people, culture and politics of Cuba and on Cuba's relationship with the United States.

Belva has received six local Emmys, the 1996 Governor's Award of the Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, a Certificate of Excellence from the California Associated Press Television and Radio Association, and the Golden Gadget Award of the Media Alliance. She has honorary doctorates from Golden Gate University and John F. Kennedy Universities. The Media Academy of Oakland offers an annual journalism scholarship in Ms. Davis's name.

When Rollin Post announced his retirement, Belva said: "I've been learning from Rollin Post for three decades, and we have become the real political odd couple. He has taught me how to make the most complicated political issues interesting to a sometimes disinterested electorate."

Rollin Post has covered politics in the San Francisco Bay Area for more than 40 years. With keen understanding of public affairs, Rollin has covered 14 national political conventions. In addition to state and local political issues, Rollin reported from Cuba in 1978 on trade, tourism, and hijacking. In 1986, Rollin was on special assignment in the Philippines during the transition to democracy.

"Rollin is an old-fashioned reporter who gives you the facts and is genuinely interested in the process, the politics, the issues and ideas. He is exceptionally fair-minded and doesn't have a cynical bone in his body," wrote John Jacobs, political editor of McClatchy Newspapers. With a passion for politics, along with a touch of idealism, Rollin brought clarity and understanding to the political process.

Early in his career, Rollin worked for KPIX-TV, where he concentrated on politics and general assignments. He was also head writer and producer for "The Paul Coates Report," a

nationally syndicated television interview show. Rollin joined KQED in 1973 to work on three programs: "A Closer Look," "Newsroom," and "California Tonight." In September 1979, Rollin joined KRON-TV, where he served as NewsCenter4's political editor for 18 years. While co-anchoring on KRON's "California This Week." Rollin and Belva brought passion and insight to the issues of the day. Because of their pioneering spirit and leadership, Rollin and Belva became mentors to the next generation of journalists. Rollin speaks of Belva with great affection: "She's a Type A; I'm the type who likes to take naps."

Currently, Rollin hosts "Our World This Week," an international news show produced by BayTV in cooperation with the World Affairs Council of Northern California.

Among his many awards, Rollin received the prestigious Broadcast Preceptor Award from the 32nd annual San Francisco State University Broadcast Industry Conference. He has also been honored by the Coro Foundation for his influential leadership in the public arena.

In celebrating the lives and careers of Belva Davis and Rollin Post, we are paying tribute to two remarkable people whom we are also fortunate to know as friends.

A TRIBUTE TO CITY YEAR SAN
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HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask unanimous consent to submit into the RECORD an article that appeared in the San Antonio Express News recently.

The article highlights City Year San Antonio, a unique public and private partnership program for the national service movement. City Year San Antonio has contributed more than 30,000 hours of service to the San Antonio community in its 3 years of service. City Year San Antonio has established a mentor and tutor program for children from elementary school through high school, including programs on the environment, domestic violence prevention, HIV/Aids awareness, and technology education.

I am proud of the work and the service that City Year provides to the San Antonio community. I look forward to the continued success and future progress of City Year San Antonio.

AMERICORPS WORKERS HELPING OTHERS
CITYWIDE

(By Joseph Barrios)

. . . Nathan Miller grew up in a quiet Kansas City, Kan., neighborhood but wanted to travel and learn about different places.

He graduated from high school and then applied to serve with City Year, one of the AmeriCorps volunteer programs operating in San Antonio.

The 19-year-old Miller now works 12-hour days, sometimes tutoring West Side children as part of Project Learn to Read and sometimes working with San Antonio Alternative Housing on minor construction for elderly neighbors.

His favorite responsibility is helping teach a nighttime English class for adults seeking citizenship.