TRIBUTE TO DR. HOWARD CAREY: A GOOD NEIGHBOR

HON. BOB FILNER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of Dr. Howard Carey’s commitment to the Neighborhood House Association and to his role as President and Chief Executive Officer since 1972. Dr. Carey brings more than 35 years of experience in the field of social work, from both administrative and program perspectives, to this leadership position.

Serving more than 300,000 San Diego residents, Neighborhood House is one of the largest non-profit organizations in San Diego, a multi-purpose social welfare agency whose goal is to improve the quality of life for those who are served. Since Dr. Carey assumed leadership, Neighborhood House has grown from a budget of $400,000 and a staff of 35 to the current budget of $50 million with 800 employees.

Its multitude of services to strengthen families and to assist them in becoming self-sufficient include not only the two for which it is best known—Head Start which reaches 6500 preschoolers in 70 centers and its Food Bank Program which collects and distributes 12 million pounds of food annually—but also housing, counseling, adult day-care centers, emergency food and shelter, and an inner city youth-enrichment program, employment training services, health services for the mentally ill and elderly, and a senior citizen service center.

Dr. Carey’s motto—being a good neighbor—is emulated by the extended family of employees at Neighborhood House and reaches from the Mexican border to the northern reaches of San Diego County. His legacy is one of excellence. A professional in the best sense of this word, he has shown honor, strength, and determination. He is dedicated to service and to making life better for his neighbors who are in need.

Dr. Carey is a native of Lexington, Mississippi, a graduate of Atlanta’s Morehouse College, and holds graduate degrees from Atlanta University and United States International University. He became acquainted with San Diego during his four years of military service with the United States Navy and returned with his wife, the former Yvonne Arnold of Newnan, Georgia, a graduate of Spelman College. Dr. Carey and his wife are the parents of two adult children who are themselves graduates of Morehouse and Spelman.

One would think that his service to the community through his work at the Neighborhood House would fill his days. But Dr. Carey’s service extends to leadership and participation in many community organizations and local activities. He is Chairman of the Board of Neighborhood National Bank, a San Diego based community bank which spurs development in inner city neighborhoods. He was a founding member of Union Bank of California’s Community Advisory Board to advise bank managers on the financial needs of low income and under-served communities.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

He has held policy-making and advisory positions at the Neighborhood Development Bank, San Diego Unified School District, United Way, the Minority Relations Committee, the Black Leadership Council, former San Diego Mayor Maureen O’Connor’s Black Advisory Committee, a Congressional Black Affairs Subcommittee, the Black-Jewish Dialogue, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Coalition for Equity, and San Diego County’s Child Care Task Force.

Professionally, he has contributed as a Professor at San Diego State University, as Lecturer at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and at National University of San Diego, and as Instructor for Wooster College in Ohio and at San Diego City College.

His further professional associations include charter membership in LEAD, the National Association of Social Workers, the National Association of Black Social Workers, founding member of the San Diego Chapter of Alpha Pi Phi Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Delta, Morehouse College Alumni Association (San Diego Chapter), San Diego Dialogue, and the National Conference of Social Welfare.

As impressive as this list is, it does not do justice to Dr. Carey. It is his passion for service that leads him into these activities. He knows that extraordinary measures are sometimes needed to strengthen communities and families, and he is willing to go that extra mile. Because Dr. Carey and the work of Neighborhood House reaches deep into the hearts and minds of his neighbors and changes lives, his contributions to the community and the nation are far-reaching, long lasting and immeasurable. I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to honor Dr. Carey and his many contributions to San Diego during the past three decades.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBEN HINOJOSA
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 25, I had the pleasure of hosting President Clinton and Vice-President Gore in my congressional district. This resulted in my missing several votes. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

- S. 249, “yea.”
- H.R. 1833, “yea.”
- H. Res. 178, “yea.”
- Rollcall vote No. 152, “no.”
- Rollcall vote No. 153, “no.”
- Rollcall vote No. 154, “no.”
- Rollcall vote No. 155, “no.”
- Rollcall vote No. 156, “no.”
- Rollcall vote No. 157, “no.”

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN STEPHEN ERIC BENSON OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. OWEN B. PICKETT
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 27, 1999

Mr. PICKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Captain Stephen Eric Benson, Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Oceana, who has served in the United States Navy for twenty-five years of faithful duty to his country.

For the past three years, Captain Benson has served as the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Oceana Virginia Beach, Virginia located in my congressional district. During his tenure as Commanding Officer, Captain Benson has distinguished himself by his exceptional efforts to establish and improve the relationship between the community and the Naval Air Station. It is a testimony to these efforts that as he leaves his post in June of this year, the relationship between the base and the City of Virginia Beach is one of the best in the nation.

The tenacious efforts of Captain Benson to enhance the cooperation with the surrounding community and his goal of serving as a “good neighbor” has not only helped the Navy but has made a direct contribution to the goals of the City of Virginia Beach. His open communication policy with both the Mayor of Virginia Beach and with the local congressional delegation has been exemplary and productive for all concerned.

Captain Benson has worked to improve the quality of life for the sailors stationed under his command. New living quarters and recreational improvements have been either built or have been funded. With the assistance of congressional leadership, local political leaders and businesses, a new barracks for enlisted personnel and a new recreational facility have either been funded or are near completion as he executes his next assignment.

Captain Benson has overseen the movement of ten F/A–18 squadrons and their families to Naval Air Station Oceana from Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Florida. A total of one hundred fifty-six aircraft and nearly nine thousand personnel and dependents have made the transition to their new home in Virginia Beach with minimum impact to operations and families.

Again enhancing community relations, he has developed and nurtured the local Military Air show into a community affair, aligned with the City of Virginia Beach’s Neptune Festival. This event, once known as the NAS Oceana Air Show, has been transformed into the Neptune Festival Show. The show has been not only profitable to the Military Welfare and Recreation Fund which has a direct impact on the improvement of quality of life issues for the sailors at NAS Oceana, but was awarded the Best Military Air Show in North America for 1998 by the International Council of Air Shows. This is a true win-win scenario which has brought recognition to not only the base, but to the community at large.

Captain Benson has personally conducted hundreds of community presentations focusing the best base-community relationships within the Hampton Roads region. He has been lauded by both the Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach and myself for his efforts in working with the local political groups and businesses for the benefit of all concerned.

Under his charge, Naval Air Station Oceana has won two consecutive Environmental Awards in 1998 and 1999 for efforts to maintain the environment on this installation. From