

our nation's children, it has assisted the agriculture community through commodity purchases.

The Secretary of Agriculture uses funds authorized by the School Lunch Act to purchase entitlement commodities, such as fruits and vegetables, which are needed by our nation's schools in order to provide balanced meals. In addition, schools receive bonus commodities that the Secretary purchases in order to reduce a surplus in the marketplace. Both the children and the agriculture community benefit from these purchases.

Since the 103rd Congress, 12 percent of the cost of school lunches was to be in the form of agricultural products purchased for schools. Last session, this law was modified at the suggestion of the Clinton Administration to allow the 12 percent commodity requirement to be met through a combination of entitlement and bonus commodities. The savings achieved as a result of this revision were used to help fund the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999. As a result, schools will be receiving fewer commodities because bonus commodities will be counted as part of the 12 percent commodity requirement rather than as additional commodities over and above this requirement. At the same time, purchases of agriculture commodities will also be reduced.

Mr. Speaker, there are no winners here. Schools lose, kids lose, and farmers lose. The bill I am introducing today will restore the original 12 percent commodity requirements and clarify that the only commodities to be used to fulfill this requirement are those authorized under the School Lunch Act. The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 should not have been funded at the expense of an important program like the School Lunch Act.

For our children, our schools and our farmers, I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor those of the Fairfax County Police Department who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve our community. The Fairfax Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 22nd Annual Valor Awards today, Friday, February 11, 2000. The Chamber will recognize law enforcement and emergency response personnel for their acts of bravery. A Valor Award is the highest honor Fairfax County bestows upon its public safety employees.

The Valor Award recipients are selected by a committee that designates honorees for a Lifesaving Award, a Certificate of Valor, or a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Medal of Valor. This year, it is expected that 37 agency personnel will be honored for acts of bravery that demonstrated extraordinary ingenuity, judgement or zeal.

Mr. Speaker, I would be honored today to read the names of the 22 officers of the Fairfax County Police Department who will receive the 1999 Valor Awards. Receiving the Lifesaving Award: Police Officer First Class John E. Alford, Police Officer First Class Timothy C. Benedict, Second Lieutenant Michael E. Proffitt, Police Officer First Class Michael Twomey, Police Officer First Class Jeffrey L. Gossett, Sergeant Bruce K. Blechl, Police Officer First Class Scott C. Bates, Police Officer First Class Ronald H. Burke, and Police Officer First Class Aniello A. Desantis; Certificate of Valor: Police Officer First Class John R. Chadwick, Police Officer First Class Frank J. Stecco, Public Safety Communicator III Wrentree S. Kelly, Sergeant Mark S. Culin, and Police Officer First Class Christopher M. Kindelan; Bronze Medal of Valor: Auxiliary Police Officer Gary D. Treadway, Police Officer First Class Robert M. Cornell, Police Officer William A. Giger, Master Police Officer James D. Call, Lieutenant Scott C. Durham, Second Lieutenant Jack T. Hardin, and Police Officer First Class Donald E. McAuliffe; Silver Medal of Valor: Master Police Officer Robert Wahl.

In 1989, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce established a special fund to award scholarships to the children of Valor Award medal winners who wish to pursue post-secondary education. Support of the Scholarship Fund demonstrates the sincere appreciation of our County's public safety officers. Over the past ten years, more than one hundred generous businesses and individuals have contributed to this worthy fund, and numerous scholarships have been awarded.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I wish to thank all those who serve the Fairfax County Police Department. Since 1979, more than 250 members of the Fairfax County Police Department, Fire and Rescue Department, and the Office of the Sheriff have received Gold, Silver or Bronze Medals of Valor. I recognize the professionalism of the men and women who are honored here today. I applaud the heroic efforts the members of the Fairfax Police Department make on our behalf as we extend our appreciation to these exceptional individuals today. I commend these individuals and their colleagues for their undaunted commitment to the citizenry.

TRIBUTE TO GENEVA BERRIEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Brooklyn's finest entrepreneurs, Geneva Berrien.

A native of Texas, Mrs. Berrien migrated to Brooklyn, New York after spending several years in Chicago. She worked for Gimbel's Department Store before pursuing a career in hat design. She graduated from McDowell School of Design in 1948 after completing a course in millinery design. Geneva became one of Brooklyn's most popular and outstanding milliners known for her unique designs throughout New York State and the nation. It was not a "Hat Show" until "Geneva's

Originals" were shown. "Geneva's Millinery Shop" was opened in 1950 and remained a lucrative business until 1968 when she decided to operate from her home on a part-time basis. Even today, her hats are still being worn and are just as stylish as when Geneva created them.

Geneva Berrien is also known for her long service as a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church which she joined in 1947. She was active in the Victory Club and the Business and Professional Women's Division of the Missionary Society. Additionally, she served as a teacher in the Cornerstone Vacation Bible School; she participated as a Board Member of the Isaiah Whitehurst School and the Cornerstone Day Care Center. Geneva also was a faithful member of the Senior Choir and Chairlady of Women's Day in 1964. As a member of the National Council of American Baptist Women, she received citations for outstanding Christian work in the church and the Standard Leadership and Curriculum Card for her involvement in Christian Education Week activities in 1970, 1972, and 1975.

Please join me in honoring one of Brooklyn's pioneering businesswomen, Geneva Berrien.

HONORING MARCUS HOUSTON OF
DENVER

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Marcus Houston, a young student from Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service to his community. Mr. Houston was named one of Colorado's top honorees in the 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Marcus developed the "Just Say Know" program that educates middle level students about what is necessary to succeed academically, socially, and athletically in high school. Noticing the numbers of fellow students who were ineligible for participation in athletics due to poor grades or conduct, Marcus developed a motivational presentation based on his own successes. The "Just Say Know" program demonstrates how a student's personal presentation can influence his or her performance both in school and on the field. In addition to his motivational speeches, Mr. Houston developed an essay contest, which he funds out of his own pocket, that encourages students to write about what success means to them and how they plan to personally succeed.

Mr. Houston should be extremely proud to have been selected from such a large group of volunteers. I heartily applaud him for his initiative in seeking to make his community a better place to live, and for the positive impact he has had on the lives of others. Marcus has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. His actions show that young

Americans can and do play important roles in our communities and provide us with tremendous promise for the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TATTNALL SQUARE ACADEMY ONE ACT PLAY, GISA STATE AAA CHAMPIONS

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Tattnall Square Academy drama students and director Brent Young for recently winning the GISA State AAA title for their One Act Play production Children of Eden. This fine group of young people from Macon, Georgia, located in the 8th Congressional District, deserves great recognition for their hard work, artistic talents, and success.

Tattnall has won the GISA State AAA title for One Act Play for the last two years, in 1998 and 1999, and this marks the third consecutive year Tattnall has won the Region Title for One Act Play.

Drama Director Brent Young was awarded 1999 Best Director at the November competition. Over the past few years, under his direction and leadership, Tattnall's drama program has grown to become one of the school's largest extracurricular activities with over 200 students involved.

One hundred twenty-five students performed in this year's production. In addition, I would like to recognize Molly Stevens, who was awarded the State Award for Best Performance. I had the opportunity to see Miss Stevens perform just a few short years ago in one of Macon's community theaters, and there was no doubt then she was a rising star.

Mr. Speaker, to be an actor or performer, one must connect with their audience, a talent that does not come easily to everyone. It takes dedication, concentration, focus, and a great deal of spirit and imagination. Obviously, these tasks were well-delivered by the young men and women from Tattnall Square Academy. I am sure each of them is blessed with a number of other talents as well. I look forward to many more winning performances in the future.

H. CON. RES. 247 IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DONOR DAY

HON. CHARLES T. CANADY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support important legislation to encourage organ donation introduced by my friend and colleague from Florida, KAREN THURMAN. I've been pleased to work with Representative THURMAN not only on this bill but also on legislation to provide Medicare transplant recipients with coverage for the immunosuppressive drugs they need.

Each day more than 70,000 people await an organ transplant, and one more individual is

added to their ranks every 16 minutes. Tragically, as a consequence of the shortage of donor organs, more than 10 people die every day. Despite recent advances in medicine, transplantation is still a crucial part of prolonging human life. Transplantation is not an experimental science; it is the standard method of treatment for many diseases, with success rates as high as 95 percent. Just one donor can help more than 50 people in need.

For the past two years, a coalition of health organizations have joined together to designate a National Donor Day to highlight the need for organ donation. I am encouraged by the success of these first two National Donor Days. A total of almost 17,000 units of blood was raised; the names of 2,400 potential donors were added to the National Marrow Donor Program Registry; and tens of thousands of organ and tissue pledge cards were distributed. It is my hope that the third National Donor Day on February 12 will bring help to even more people in need. Representative KAREN THURMAN has drafted legislation to lend the support of Congress to National Donor Day's goals. It is a straight-forward, non-controversial bill that can truly help educate the American people about this crucial issue.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and encourage all Americans to learn about the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation.

A TRIBUTE TO CARL R. CAMPBELL

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Carl R. Campbell, who made significant contributions to his community in the field of education. As Superintendent of the Kings Canyon Unified School District in Reedley, California, he made great strides in improving reading instruction for students in order to meet the state's goal of every child becoming a successful reader by the third grade.

Mr. Campbell was born in Abilene, Texas on January 15, 1942. He received his undergraduate degree at California State University, Fresno majoring in Political Science. Upon graduation, he began teaching business and government classes at Clovis High School. He quickly took a leadership role at Clovis High, serving as advisor for the Student Council and coaching the junior varsity basketball team for several years. Realizing that he enjoyed being in a position of leadership, he earned a Masters of Education in Educational Administration and went on to become the principal of two elementary schools in Clovis.

After several years as principal, Mr. Campbell was ready for a new challenge. In 1987 he became the assistant superintendent of Kings Canyon Unified School District in Reedley, California. In 1995, he became the Superintendent of the district. As superintendent, Mr. Campbell had a vision to improve reading instruction for students in the district. His vision included Reading Recovery

Training for teachers, private-public school partnerships, and a new teacher training facility.

On Friday, December 17, 1999, the Carl R. Campbell Education Center was dedicated in honor of his service to the district. The training facility will serve to provide literacy training for teachers, as well as in-classroom coaching experiences. A major role of the facility is to accelerate student learning.

Carl Campbell was diagnosed with cancer in August of 1999 and passed away this week, on February 7, 2000 at the age of 58. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 34 years, Jayne; daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Mike Murphy of Washington, DC; son and daughter-in-law, Bret and Tianna Campbell of Fresno; parents, Fred and Daphna Campbell of Fresno; and brother and sister-in-law, Hollis and Margie Campbell of Fresno.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Carl R. Campbell for his tremendous contributions to education in Fresno County. Carl's friendship and leadership qualities will be dearly missed by his family and his colleagues in education.

WADE THOMAS SR., TUSKEGEE AIRMAN

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 10, 2000

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Western North Carolina and America lost a true hero last week when Wade Thomas Sr., a Former Tuskegee Airman, passed away.

WADE THOMAS SR.

ASHEVILLE—Wade Hamilton Thomas Sr., 77, of 2 Mardell Circle, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000, at Mountain Area Hospice.

A native of Jackson, Miss., he was a son of the late Harrison Spurgeon and Loalor Bandy Thomas. He was a graduate of Pearl Senior High School in Nashville, Tenn., and Tennessee State University, where he graduated with honors. He completed post-graduate study at Indiana Central University and the University of Tennessee.

Wade enlisted in the Army and was a member of the famed "Tuskegee Airmen," an all Black fighter squadron. His professional career included employment with the State of Tennessee, U.S. Post Office and U.S. General Services Administration. He retired from USGSA as a buildings manager, Region IV, Atlanta. In Asheville, he worked as a management consultant, accountant and real estate broker for over 30 years.

He was active in many professional and civic organizations including the National Association of Public Accountants, N.C. Housing Commission, Asheville Board of Adjustments, Asheville Civil Service Board (vice chair), Daniel Boone Boy Scout Council, Asheville Board of Realtors (vice president), Asheville-Buncombe Human Relations Council, YMI cultural Center (treasurer) and Asheville Optimist Club. Wade was a member of the Basilica of St. Lawrence.

Wade was a proud member of several fraternal and masonic organizations including Venus Lodge No. 62 F&AM, Gizeh Shrine Temple No. 162, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Asheville Consistory No. 253, Daughters of Esther No. 128 OES PHA and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.