

Journal of African Studies. Sonia has won a multitude of national awards for her accomplishments in literature including the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Humanities in 1988 and the Outstanding Arts Award from the Pennsylvania Coalition of Black Women.

Sonia's works are now recognized all over the world. She has lectured at over 500 universities and colleges in the United States and has traveled extensively, reading her poetry in Africa, Cuba, England, the People's Republic of China, Norway, and Canada. Despite such international acclaim, Sonia has always focused her efforts to the shaping of young minds, which for the past 22 years has been back in Philadelphia at Temple University. Her brilliant career in education, which began on the west coast at San Francisco State University (where she started one of the first black studies curriculums in the United States) has always pushed the edges, breaking down barriers between men and women, whites and blacks, and intellectuals and the working class.

This unique contribution has not gone unnoticed at Temple University. Sonia was the first Presidential Fellow at Temple University and currently holds the Laura Carnell Chair in English as well as being the Chairperson of the Women's Studies Program. As you can see, Temple University will sorely miss the presence of Sonia Sanchez. However, I am confident that retirement will not mute the voice that has influenced so many of us over the past 65 years. It is with great pride that I reflect on these past years in which Philadelphia has been home to Sonia Sanchez. And it is with great enthusiasm that I hope for many more.

HONORING DR. ROBERT S. YOUNG

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember a man that will be missed by many people in Southern Colorado. Dr. Robert S. Young passed away on January 19, 2000. He was 85 years old.

Dr. Young was the medical director of CF&I Steel Corporation from 1969 to 1984 and again in the early 1990's. He loved working at the steel mill. He was dedicated to assuring that workers followed safety rules to prevent injuries suffered from occupational hazards. When injuries did occur, Dr. Young was always ready to make sure the employee was fully recovered before returning to the workplace. He enjoyed the associations he developed with staff and employees. His relationships at the mill were the most satisfying part of his career.

Dr. Young was a medic in World War II and during his time overseas, he worked with Dr. Hatt from Massachusetts who was in charge of the Shiners Hospital. Dr. Young worked at the Shiners Hospital for Crippled Children in Honolulu after the war.

Dr. Young had a private practice in Fort Scott, Kansas and Pueblo, Colorado for 26

years. He will always be remembered for giving the best care to his patients.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute in memory of Dr. Robert Young. His memory will live forever in the commitment of quality care for patients.

TRIBUTE TO REV. PAUL BINION, EDWARD RICHARDSON, JUDGE IVY GLOVER ROBERTS, CYNTHIA ANN STERLING, AND JOE WILLIAMS

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Paul Binion, Edward Richardson, Judge Ivy Glover Roberts, Cynthia Ann Sterling, and Joe Williams, for being selected the Year 2000 Portraits of Success by KSEE 24 and Companies that Care. In celebration of African-American History Month, these five distinguished local leaders are being honored for their unique contributions to the betterment of their community.

Rev. Paul Binion has served the Westside Church of God for the past twenty-one years as Senior Pastor. In addition, he serves on many boards and committees: Evangelicals for Social Action, Black Californians for Life, Prison Fellowship of Central California, and Interstate Association of the Church of God. He also serves on the No-Name Fellowship Steering Committee, Fresno Leadership Foundation, Parents Aware, Fresno Pacific University Service Corp., Fresno Institute for Urban Leadership, and West Fresno Ministerial Alliance.

Edward Richardson was the first African-American building contractor to be licensed in the City of Fresno by the State of California. Mr. Richardson has become a mentor for other African-Americans starting his or her own construction companies. He is soon to be inducted into the African-American Museum for the work he has done in the Central Valley.

Judge Ivy Glover Roberts maintains a private law practice, in addition to her duties as the University Complex Developer for Wilberforce University. Previously she was an administrative law judge for the State of California for eight years, and was Criminal Courts Commissioner, Deputy District Attorney, and Deputy Probation Officer for Los Angeles County.

Cynthia Ann Sterling is a full-time funeral director and grief counselor, as managing director of Sterling Funeral Home, Inc. In addition, she serves on the Fresno City Planning Commission, is State President of the National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, President of Fresno African-American Ministries, and a Board member of the Girl Scouts of America. Sterling Funeral Home is a Fresno tradition, founded in 1949 by Cynthia's parents, Elma and Feltus Sterling.

Joe Williams is CEO of Richard Heath & Associates, responsible for the day-to-day operation of this \$2 million corporation that has contracts with the State of California Healthy Families Program, energy conservation pro-

grams with PG&E, Southern California Gas, San Diego Gas & Electric, and Southern California Edison. He is former executive director of Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, responsible for Head Start, refugee services, youth-at-risk services, and many others.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Rev. Paul Binion, Edward Richardson, Judge Ivy Glover Roberts, Cynthia Ann Sterling, and Joe Williams for being recognized as the KSEE 24 Companies that Care 2000 Portraits of Success honorees. I applaud the contributions, ideas, and leadership they have exhibited in our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing these fine people many more years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES F. BASS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2000*

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on Monday, January 31, and consequently missed a recorded vote on H. Con. Res. 244. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 2.

HONORING JAMES A. BARRETT

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 2, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember the life of a World War II veteran who sadly passed away on January 4, 2000.

James A. Barrett was born on January 5, 1919 to James and Ida Barrett in Cortez, Colorado. James attended school in Cortez and graduated from Cortez Union High School. During World War II, James served in the United States Army and Air Force. For nearly two years, he was held captive as a prisoner of war in Germany.

James was a life member of the Cortez Elks Lodge #1789, a member of the Mancos Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Mancos Lodge of Masons. He married Frances Normera Petty in 1940 and they celebrated 59 years of marriage.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute in James memory and honor. He was a great American who greatly contributed to his country and community.

HONORING THE NATIONAL APPRECIATION DAY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the National Appreciation Day For