

representatives demanded placements for the good of their local and their Black national constituency. Leadership was forced to seat Peacenick Dellums on the Armed Services Committee where the good old boys refused to give the brother a chair at the table to sit down. The radical CLAY and his conspirators went on to propose the first CBC Dinner against the wishes of prominent White liberal allies. Further into the reign of CLAY, the Voting Rights Act became a reality; and still later sanctions were imposed on South Africa. And the proposal for a Martin Luther King Holiday which started as an impossible dream finally concluded as a magnificent monument to the forward movement of race relations in America. At this point, Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with the numerous other tributes that have already been recorded for our former Postal and Civil Service Committee chairman, and the ranking Democrat on Education and the Workforce. Congressman CLAY is one of the last of the CBC original pioneers. It is important to note that with the recent election of William "Lacy" Clay, his son, the Clay genes will fortunately be remaining in Congress. The following Rap Poem is my final salute to the gentleman from Missouri who now we draft into our "Corps of National American Statesmen", WILLIAM "BILL" CLAY.

BILL CLAY: THE ST. LOUIS CHOICE

(By Congressman Major R. Owens)

Now is the time
To lift high every voice,
Join us to celebrate
Achievements of the St. Louis Choice.
Go ahead and loudly sing,
Let fading memories
Rise and sting;
This St. Louis militant
Earned progress
The old fashioned way-
He jumped in the man's face
To save the day.
Pushing straight ahead,
to mad to be afraid,
Nobody forgets
The trouble he made,
Every cent of dues daily he paid,
Republicans regret
That for so long he stayed.
Indiana's Bob McCloskey
Faxed Democrats an urgent note:
Fly Bill Clay to Florida-
Let the Master recount that vote.
Wrong predictions of the past
Said the CBC wouldn't last;
Now forecasters ask
Who'll lead the new struggle,
What's the future all about?
St. Louis responded:
The let another load
of Bill Clay genes out.
Now is the time
To lift every voice,
Join us to celebrate
Achievements of the St. Louis Choice.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING THE FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Fremont Police Department for receiving the 2000 Community Policing Award for highly populated cities awarded by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and ITT Industries Night Vision.

The Fremont Police Department was one of five winners out of over 100 entries from communities and agencies across the United States and Canada. The city of Fremont and Fremont Police Department have shown a strong commitment to crime prevention that should be used as a shining example for other communities across America. Currently, Fremont has shown its strong commitment to crime prevention by making sure that there are enough police officers to respond to the issues of crime prevention in the city. Fremont has a staffing ratio of one officer per 1,000 residents, much better than the State and national averages. In a nationally published study, Fremont had the 8th lowest population to officer ratios of the Nation's 289 largest police forces. This low ratio has been maintained even though Fremont has experienced a large growth in population.

This low staffing provides the Fremont Police Department the manpower to carry out innovative approaches to law enforcement. For instance, Fremont as part of their increased use of Community Policing techniques has encouraged leadership building in the neighborhoods. This strategy encourages a stronger partnership between the community and the police department in preventing crime.

Again, I want to extend the highest commendation and congratulations to the Fremont Police Department for its outstanding service to its community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed on rollcall votes 598 and 599. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both 598 and 599.

IN RECOGNITION OF KOSTAS MASTORAS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kostas Mastoras for his outstanding contributions to the Greek community. The Greek Orthodox community will

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honor Mr. Mastoras at the 65th Anniversary of Evangelismos Tis Theotokou. The parish has chosen to commemorate the event with a special presentation entitled "Remembering Our Past . . . Looking to Our Future."

Born and raised in Kavala, Mr. Mastoras moved to Thessaloniki with his mother soon after his high school graduation to attend Aristotle University. Before graduating from the Department of Economics, he met fellow student Stavroula Papadopolou, whom he married in 1980. Mr. Mastoras moved to New York to further his education in 1976, earning a Bachelor's Degree from Queens College and an MBA in International Marketing from St. John's University.

As the Director of Marketing for Krinos Foods, Inc., Mr. Mastoras had the opportunity to learn the grocery business and to work closely with the Greek community. In 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Mastoras founded their own company, Titan Food, Inc., dedicated to Greek food and culture. Today, Titan Foods has become the largest Greek food store in the United States, attracting the attention of the national media.

Blessed with three daughters, both Mr. and Mrs. Mastoras are active members of the Greek-American community and the Financial Committee of the Education of Hellenic Societies, and are involved in the PTA of St. Demetrios Schools.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Kostas Mastoras for his many years of dedicated service to the Greek community.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES LESLIE DAVIS POTTER FOR HER SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Leslie Davis Potter and her ongoing dedication to serving the growing needs of central New Jersey families. I applaud the achievements she has made working to address the family planning, educational, and outreach needs of our community.

For over 65 years, Planned Parenthood Association of the Mercer Area (PPAMA) has been providing high quality reproductive health care, education and support to women and families throughout Mercer County. Since its modest beginnings in a tiny three-room clinic, PPAMA has evolved into a full-service agency with four centers that provide a comprehensive range of reproductive health services and educational programs to the community.

Leslie Potter has served central New Jersey families as the Executive Director of PPAMA for seventeen years. Throughout her tenure, Leslie Potter has worked to increase access to reproductive health services for low-income women, to ensure the reproductive rights of all women and address the growing needs of Mercer County's Latina population with affordable bilingual/bicultural health care. It was under Leslie Potter's direction that the 65-