

NJIT is one of our state's premier research institutions and is uniquely equipped to carry out this critical stormwater research. The university has a long and distinguished tradition of responding to difficult public policy challenges such as environmental emissions standards, aircraft noise, traffic congestion, and alternative energy. More broadly, NJIT has demonstrated an institutional ability to direct its intellectual resources to the examination of problems beyond academia, and its commitment to research allows it to serve as a resource for unbiased technological information and analysis.

An excellent opportunity for NJIT to partner with the federal government and solve the difficult problem of flood control has presented itself in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The final version of this important legislation includes a provision directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and implement a stormwater flood control project in New Jersey and report back to Congress within three years on its progress. While the Corps of Engineers is familiar with this problem at the national level, it does not have the firsthand knowledge and experience in New Jersey that NJIT has accrued in its 119 years of service to the people of my district and state. Including NJIT's expertise and experience in this research effort is a logical step and would greatly benefit the Army Corps, as well as significantly improve the project's chances of success.

Therefore, I urge the New York District of the Corps of Engineers to work closely with my office and NJIT to ensure the university's full participation in this study. By working together, we can create a nexus between the considerable flood control expertise of the Army Corps and NJIT, and finally solve this difficult problem for the people of New Jersey. I hope my colleagues will support my efforts in this regard.

HONORING THE SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to pay tribute to the Saint Andrew's Society, an extraordinary institution in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

Founded in November of 1900, the Saint Andrew's Society quickly became an essential part of our community. In the century since, the group has grown dramatically while retaining its character as an active local force and preserver of tradition. In fact, earlier this year, as a tribute to their invaluable presence in the New Haven community, I was pleased to designate St. Andrew's Society as one of our Local Legacies for the Library of Congress' Bicentennial Project.

The members of the St. Andrew society have assumed a critical responsibility—maintaining the Italian heritage that thousands of Greater New Haven residents share. Members

meet each month in an effort to lead the historic Wooster Square neighborhood that is the focus for Italian-Americans in New Haven. For as long as I can remember, St. Andrew's has played such an important role in forging the bonds of our community. Some of my fondest memories are of the times that I have spent with the people of St. Andrew's. Each year, St. Andrew's keeps our community spirit alive by organizing an annual feast where we celebrate our traditions, history and culture, bringing memories of "the old days" back for all of us. It is through efforts such as these that we renew our history and help pass it along.

The generosity of the St. Andrew's Society members extends far beyond our tight-knit community. Over the last century, members have raised millions of dollars to preserve some of our most treasured monuments—St. Michael's Church, New Haven's oldest Italian Church and the ninth-century Amalfi Cathedral in Italy. It is through such efforts that we remember our history, celebrate our friendships, and continue to strengthen the bonds of our community.

Forged through the bonds of family, St. Andrew's Society now includes fifth and sixth generation members and while none of the founding members are with us today, their decedents continue to be active in the society. The invaluable contributions of the Saint Andrew's Society are still apparent today as we gather to celebrate their centennial anniversary. It is with great pride that I stand today to extend my deepest thanks and warmest congratulations to the members of the Saint Andrew Society on their 100th Anniversary.

DEATH OF MRS. FLOSSIE PARKER BARBER

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Flossie Parker Barber died November 15, 2000, after a life that spanned 91 years. She was my fifth grade teacher. She was also the major influence that took a poor farm boy from Johnston County, described to him the wonderful world he would be entering, and then motivated him to set goals that were beyond his wildest dreams.

She did not know the meaning of the word, "can't," and she instilled that philosophy in her students.

Every individual should have the opportunity to sit before a teacher of the dedication Mrs. Barber displayed. In her 34 years of teaching at the old Cleveland Union School, she was fair and honest with all her students. But she would accept from each nothing less than all the excellence each was capable of providing.

She was never too busy to help a student; she loved us openly and with devotion; and she is, to me, the epitome of what constitutes a good teacher. She described to her students the better world she wanted, and ever since those days in the fifth grade, we have been attempting to build that world for her. Mrs. Barber gave truth to the old adage that a good teacher's influence never stops, that teachers

affect eternity by the influence they have on their students.

I was lucky to have Mrs. Barber for a teacher. I was luckier still that she became my friend and advisor when I became an adult.

Mrs. Barber was a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, now East Carolina University and was always a strong supporter of the school.

Mrs. Barber was the widow of Percy D. Barber. She is survived by one son, Robert W. Barber and his wife, Elizabeth T. Barber of Clayton. She left two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Mrs. Barber was held at her church, Oakland Presbyterian, on November 17. Mrs. Barber had requested the following, "A Teacher's Prayer," be part of her final ceremony. The prayer is by James J. Metcalf and is presented here:

"I wanted to teach my students how,
"To live this life on earth;
"To face its struggles and its strike,
"And improve their worth.
"Not just the lesson in the book,
"Or how the rivers flow;
"But how to choose the proper path,
"Wherever they may go.
"To understand eternal truth,
"And know the right from wrong;
"And gather all the beauty of,
"A flower and a song.
"For if I helped the world to grow,
"In wisdom and in grace;
"Then I shall feel that I have won,
"And I have filled my place.
"And so I ask your guidance, God,
"That I have done my part;
"For character and confidence.
"And happiness and heart."

We shall miss this remarkable woman, who even now is undoubtedly organizing and teaching all the young angels.

RECOGNIZING SECOND LIEUTENANT KEVIN R. WHITE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Second Lieutenant Kevin R. White on the occasion of his graduation from Officers Training School. This is a considerable achievement, which I am proud to command to the attention of Congress.

Lieutenant White is no stranger to hard work and high achievements. Before graduating from Officers Training School, as an enlisted man he worked toward no less than four different degrees. First he attended and graduated from Georgia Military College in 1989. He then went on to attend the Community College of the Air Force, where he received a degree in Metals Technology in 1991. After that he continued his education by graduating in 1996 from Wayland Baptist University with a B.S. in Occupations Education and graduating from La Verne University in 1999 with a Masters degree in Organizational Management.