

It's the soldier, not the campus organizer,
who has given us the freedom to demon-
strate—

It's the soldier, who salutes the flag, and
serves under the flag—

It's the soldier whose coffin is draped with
the flag,

Who allows the protester to burn the flag—
And, it's the soldier who is called upon to de-
fend our way of life!

Millions of Americans have served this country since the days of the American Revolution. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice. And many are buried at Arlington or a host of other national and private cemeteries at home and abroad.

The road we have traveled to get to where the world is today was made possible by the sacrifices of our veterans, and their families.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say "Thank you." That is all most people need, and in most cases, it will mean more than any medal they could have been awarded.

I keep a poem with me when I am deployed. At home, it also sits on my desk. Its author is a Vietnam veteran, George L. Skyepeck.

George's poem reminds me of how proud I am of my profession. I'd like to share it with you. It has special meaning to me—I'm sure it will to our veterans and their families as we pause to honor them on this special occasion:

I was that which others did not want to be.
I went where others feared to go, and did
what others failed to do.

I asked nothing from those who gave nothing
and reluctantly accepted the thought
of eternal loneliness . . . should I fail.

I have seen the face of terror, felt the sting-
ing cold of fear, and enjoyed the sweet
taste of a moment's love.

I have cried, pained and hoped . . . but most
of all,

I have lived times others would say were best
forgotten.

At least someday I will be able to say that I
was proud of what I was . . . A Soldier.

On behalf of a very grateful nation, I thank
all veterans and their families for their sac-
rifices and their service.

Americans can sleep safely at night. And
Americans owe you an eternal debt of grati-
tude.

THE IMMIGRANT'S JOURNAL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the publication that has been making a significant contribution to the immigrant community in Brooklyn—The Immigrant's Journal.

The Immigrant's Journal is a widely read and widely distributed newspaper in New York City, dealing with immigration and related issues facing the 2 million immigrants living in New York City. In the pages of the Immigrant's Journal, one will find articles on immigration, family matters, real estate, the criminal justice system and the political system. With the vast array of immigration related legislative proposals before Congress, and the

multiple problems facing immigrants in the processing of their visas, it is indisputable that this journal represents an idea whose time has come. Apart from its purely informational mission, the Journal seeks to correct and change the misleading stereotypes which some native-born Americans may have of the immigrant community. It seeks to document the positive achievements which immigrants have made in the field of entrepreneurial activity, culture, and politics.

Mr. Speaker, I recall that thirty years ago, many parts of Brooklyn were in a state of urban decay and economic stagnation. People were moving out of the area, businesses were closing and many homes were either abandoned or placed in the market. After the massive influx of immigrants in the 1970's, there has been an economic transformation in Central Brooklyn. New businesses have been erected, buildings have been rehabilitated, and thousands of homes been purchased. The pulsating rhythms of reggae and soca have become part of a new musical genre and the Labor Day Carnival in Eastern Parkway has become the largest block party in North America.

Caribbean immigrants have not only contributed to entrepreneurial activity and culture, they have made a significant contribution to the political culture of our city. The first Black Assemblyman in our borough, the Honorable Bertram Baker, was from the Caribbean. So were our first Black female Congressperson, the Honorable Shirley Chisolm, and the dean of political strategists, the Honorable Dr. Wesley McHolder. The first Black Borough President of Manhattan, the Hon. Hulan Jack was from the Caribbean and the Chief Judge of the Federal Court in the southern district, the Hon. Constance Baker Mottley.

Mr. Speaker, immigrants have made a glorious contribution to the rich tapestry and multi-cultural quilt that we call the American heritage. It is a story that needs to be told, and this newspaper, the Immigrant's Journal, is one of the publications that seek to recount this American saga in a clear and eloquent language.

WORLD FLIGHT 2000: AN
EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to this chamber's attention a remarkable odyssey that will come to its successful conclusion on December 15: World Flight 2000.

In 1996, high school students Daniel Dominquez and Christopher Wall dreamt of becoming the youngest individuals ever to circumnavigate the globe. Just four years later, that dream is on the verge of reality. Supported by a spectacular team of coordinators, these two young pilots are about to finish a two-month flight around the world in their plane, the Dreamcatcher.

There is a great deal more than just the youth of the pilots, however, that makes this

accomplishment extraordinary. The World Flight 2000 team has gone to great lengths to make their trip a learning experience for children all over the world. Their website, www.worldflight2000.com, includes daily logs from the crew, dozens of photographs from their trip, and an up-to-the-minute live tracking screen to follow the plane. At every stop, World Flight 2000 meets with as many school-children as possible to talk about their dream, their trip, and the exotic places they have seen. Students were encouraged to e-mail the pilots with questions throughout the trip, which they answered en route.

Dreamcatcher and her crew took off from Rochester, New York on September 12 and stopped in Maine and Canada before striking out across the Atlantic Ocean. Since then, stops have included Spain, Greece, Egypt, Oman, Thailand, Australia, Vanuatu, and American Samoa. For each place Dreamcatcher visits, the World Flight 2000 website lists a host of information, ranging from customs to environment to government to recipes.

The trip has been filled with challenges. Beyond the expected issues of weather and maintenance, the crew has had to deal with troublesome control towers, flight plan glitches, and illness. Yet they have come through all of these problems with, as they say, flying colors.

I am proud to claim virtually the entire World Flight 2000 team as my constituents. Pilot Dan Dominquez is a senior at the University of Rochester, where he studies economics. Pilot Chris Wall is a 21-year-old junior at Rice University, majoring in electrical engineering. Flight photographer Jesse Weisz graduated from the University of Rochester with an Honors Major in Film. International Director/Coordinator Jenni Powers is a 21-year-old recent graduate of the University of Rochester, where she obtained her International Relations degree. Local publicist John Galbraith has donated hundreds of hours to coordinate press, marketing, and corporate sponsorship. Dozens of local volunteers have been inspired to get involved, helping with everything from public relations to rehabilitation of the aircraft.

Mr. Speaker, these young people are out there achieving something that most adults would never undertake simply because the prospect is so daunting. Yet they have managed to conquer not only the practical, financial, logistical, and other hurdles, but the entire globe as well.

I invite my colleagues to join me in saluting World Flight 2000 for proving to us all that, "Anything is possible if you just dream!" Welcome home, Dreamcatcher!

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LENA ROBERTA
MURRELL WHITE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the cherished American tradition of motherhood. That tradition is exemplified in an extraordinary mother by the name of Mrs. Lena