

matters at the national, state, local, and administrative agency levels. As an attorney, Tom works diligently on behalf of his clients to ensure that their interests are represented with the highest level of character and integrity. While I do not have the opportunity to see Tom as often as I did while I served in the Ohio Senate, I know that his words are true and his intentions honorable.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Winters has spent more than twenty-five years working to improve public policy and build our system. It is often said that America prospers due to the unwavering commitment of her sons and daughters. Without question, Tom Winters has freely given of his time and talents to the betterment of government and politics. For that, we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in wishing Thomas R. Winters a very Happy Birthday. We look forward to his continued success and we extend our best wishes to him, his wife, Mary, and his entire family.

CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL N. CASTLE STATEMENT IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TRIO DAY

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to my colleagues' attention National TRIO Day, celebrated on the last Saturday of February.

The federal TRIO programs, which include Talent Search, Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement, Educational Opportunity Centers, Staff Development programs, and GEAR UP, were established to compliment student aid programs and help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers to higher education.

As mandated by Congress, two-thirds of the students served must come from families with low incomes where neither parent graduated from college. Today, 2,000 colleges, universities and community agencies sponsor TRIO programs, and more than 780,000 students between the ages of 11 and 27 benefit from these services.

In my state of Delaware, there are 15 TRIO programs, including those at Delaware State University, the University of Delaware, and Delaware Technical & Community College. TRIO programs at these schools serve nearly 3,000 Delawareans, and studies show that these students will be more likely to remain in college and earn an undergraduate degree than students from similar backgrounds who did not participate in TRIO.

One of the beneficiaries of the Delaware TRIO programs is Jean-Marie Nixon. Ms. Nixon worked in hospitality management until a major industrial accident prevented her from returning to her old job. Ms. Nixon enrolled in classes at Delaware Technical & Community College and, with the help of the TRIO program, she graduated from her program with honors and is now an Instructional Tutor.

Access and retention services are absolutely essential to help ensure equal edu-

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cational opportunity for students like Ms. Nixon. I would like to encourage my colleagues to visit the TRIO programs in their districts and learn for themselves how valuable these programs are to our nation.

TRIBUTE TO DOLLIE M. SHIBLES

**HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Dollie M. Shibles who recently turned 100 years old. Dollie truly is one of Maine's state treasures.

Dollie was born on Know Ridge in Montville, Maine, in 1900 and married her husband, Perry Shibles, in 1924. They raised their son, Foster, together and were nearly inseparable for 67 years of marriage until Perry's death in 1991.

Dollie always has dedicated herself to her family, and she has been an integral part of every community in which she has ever lived. She has been an active member of a number of civic and church groups—some of which she has outlived!—including The Women's Group, The Cecilia Society, Missionary Guild, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Penney Memorial Baptist Church.

Today, Dollie continues to live a rich and fulfilling life in Augusta, Maine, at the St. Mark's Home for Women. In addition to her son, she is very proud of her three grandsons and six great-grandchildren. Although Dollie does not point to any one key to her longevity, it probably did not hurt that she never smoked a cigarette or had a drink of alcohol. I expect that the beautiful environment and clean air in Maine have contributed as well.

I am pleased to join many of her friends and family in wishing Dollie Shibles all the best as she enters her second century of life.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL WALTER C. CORISH, JR., GA ANG

**HON. JACK KINGSTON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and honor the retirement of one of Georgia's finest citizens. Walter C. Corish, Jr., Brigadier General, Georgia Air National Guard, will end his duties as an outstanding guardsman on March 4, 2000. On this day, he deserves our respect and gratitude for his 32 years of honorable and dedicated service to this great nation.

Outside of family, church, and friends, General Corish lives two lives—one protecting our freedom and the other serving as a business and civic leader. As a soldier, General Corish sets the standard for the National Guard. His duties include Commander of the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron, Communications-Computer Staff Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the Commander, and Commander of the Georgia Air

National Guard. His professional military education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff Course, and the National Security Management Course. His military decorations consist of the Air Force Meritorious Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Combat Readiness Medal, the Georgia Meritorious Service Medal and the Georgia Commendation Medal.

As a civilian, Walter is President of Corish and Company, a successful independent insurance agency. He served as an Alderman for the City of Savannah, President of the National Guard Association of Georgia, member of the Savannah Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Committee, plus many other church, civic and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Speaker, General Corish is a shining example of what is best about the National Guard. He epitomizes the great admiration many of my colleagues here in Congress have for the men women who serve our nation while maintaining their occupational and family responsibilities.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to get to know Walter on a personal basis. As a citizen soldier, he embodies virtues of duty, honor, and love of country. Furthermore, he is a man of courage, dignity, enthusiasm, and impeccable morality. His devotion to church, family, the Guard, business, and his community goes beyond the highest level. I am personally grateful for what Walter and his family have sacrificed over the years, a sacrifice so many of us take for granted.

I am happy and proud to join Walter's wife, Patty, his two children, Trey and Kathy, other family, friends, and the National Guard on this special occasion. On behalf of millions of grateful Americans everywhere, and especially on behalf of the people of the First District of Georgia, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Walter for the many years of service rendered to a grateful nation.

A TRIBUTE TO EVELYN "TESSIE" WILLIAMS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a dedicated city employee, Evelyn "Tessie" Williams.

"Tessie", as she is affectionately known to all her friends and co-workers, was born in Salisbury, North Carolina. Her family moved to the Fort Greene neighborhood in Brooklyn when she was 7 years old. Tessie is the mother of five children and grandmother of 13. She developed an interest in better quality education for children in the New York City school system and served as the P.T.A. President at P.S. 46 in Community School District 13 for four years.

Her volunteer service led to employment as one of the first para-professionals in the City, enabling her to resume her education at New York City Community College and Richmond

College (presently The College of Staten Island), as a student of early childhood education. Tessie then enrolled at John Jay College of Criminal Justice to study Government and Public Administration.

In 1979, Tessie became District Manager of Community Board #2. She brought her skills and talents acquired during her five years in the private sector as a program coordinator of the NY/NJ Minority Purchasing Council. Her varied abilities and new position reaffirmed an earlier awareness that true change in government begins when one becomes involved and gains knowledge of how the system works. As District Manager, she shares that knowledge and is truly committed to making a difference in the community she grew up in and now represents.

Tessie was the co-founder of the Better Education Committee, Community of Business Labor, Educational Services (CABLE), and the Brooklyn Women's Political Caucus. She is also on several boards, is an affiliate with many organizations and the recipient of numerous honors. Please join me in recognizing the contributions of one of Brooklyn's most respected city employees, Evelyn "Tessie" Williams.

NEW JERSEY SUPPORTS THE  
UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the United Negro College Fund, and to call attention to its annual campaign celebration that will occur on March 2, 2000, in Trenton, NJ.

For nearly six decades, the United Negro College Fund has had a long and rich history of helping students in New Jersey and nationwide obtain a higher education.

In 1943, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, wrote an open letter which appeared in the Pittsburgh Courier newspaper, which called on the presidents of the nation's private black colleges to join with him to "pool their small monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience." His words became the guiding principle for what was to become one of the world's leading education assistance organizations. One year later, on April 25 1994, the United Negro College Fund was incorporated with 27 member colleges and a combined enrollment of just 14,000 students.

Fifty-six years later, UNCF has grown to become one of our nation's oldest and most-respected educational organizations. Today, the UNCF is a strong consortium of 39 private, accredited, four-year historically black colleges and universities.

In recent years, UNCF has broadened its focus by offering programs designed to enhance educational quality, provide financial assistance to deserving students, raise funds for member colleges and universities, and supply technical assistance to member institutions.

More than 300,000 men and women have obtained an education with the support they

received from the United Negro College Fund. In communities from central New Jersey to central California and every place in between, UNCF graduates are working to build a stronger nation as community leaders in every walk of life.

On Thursday, March 2, 2000, the United Negro College Fund will kick off its yearly events with a ceremony held in Trenton, New Jersey. Through its hard work and the commitment of community leaders, including Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, and citizens, the UNCF was able to offer scholarships to several students last year, and campaign organizers hope to double their efforts in the year ahead.

Mr. Speaker, education is the admission ticket to opportunity on today's economy. The efforts and commitment of organizations like the United Negro College Fund, which have made a positive difference in the lives of so many young Americans, are to be commended and recognized.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to the efforts of the United Negro College Fund in central New Jersey and nationwide.

PRESENTING CONGRESSIONAL  
GOLD MEDAL TO JOHN CAR-  
DINAL O'CONNOR

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 15, 2000*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this legislation, and I applaud my colleague from New York City [Mr. FOSSELLA] for his work in bringing it to the floor today. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this bill honoring a great man and a great New Yorker.

I rise too, to celebrate John Cardinal O'Connor's eighty years and his more than fifteen years of service as the Archbishop of New York. Cardinal O'Connor was not only a spiritual leader, but a secular leader as well. He spoke softly—and sometimes not so softly—about our most pressing problems: homelessness, the AIDS crisis, and condition of the poor, and he worked with others on concrete plans and strategies to address them. Former Governor Mario Cuomo recently cited Cardinal O'Connor's efforts as paving the way for the City's aggressive response to AIDS.

Cardinal O'Connor was a great leader and a friend of all leaders in our city. More than one mayor told me they often consulted with him on how to handle their work and to respond to the challenges of leading the City. He received almost every award his Church and City could bestow on him, although he once told me once that the only award that impressed his mother was the time he was named Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Cardinal O'Connor was a permanent fixture at many of our City's major events. I remember him at every parade, coming out to greet the people. In addition, he was an outstanding pastor, taking care of individual needs, and

putting the most personal of touches into his sermons.

Cardinal O'Connor will be retiring later this year, and will be solely missed by all residents of the City. Whoever is selected as his successor will face a great challenge—to bring together a diverse population, and to serve—as Cardinal O'Connor did—as a beacon and an inspiration to the less fortunate and to all residents of the City.

In light of his years of public service and his devotion to people of all walks of life, it is only fitting that we give him this honor today. I applaud Cardinal O'Connor for his leadership, and for his service to the people of New York and to Catholics around the world. I thank my colleague from New York for introducing this legislation, and I urge all my colleagues to support this bill to pay a fitting tribute to a genuine humanitarian and a great leader.

HONORING THE 1999 FAIRFAX CENTRAL  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD WIN-  
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**HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 1, 2000*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to rise and bring to the attention of my colleagues some very special public safety personnel in Fairfax City, in the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia. Every year the Fairfax Central Chamber of Commerce honors police officers and fire fighters who have shown the highest level of dedication to their noble duties. These individuals who are role models to others in their profession were honored on February 24, 2000 at the 1999 Public Safety Awards Luncheon.

The 1999 awards recipients are:

Career Fire Fighter of the Year: Technician James B. Jeckell: Technician Jeckell is recognized with this prestigious award for his diligent efforts, exceptional work, and commitment to the Fire Department. Technician Jeckell's attention to detail and quality is exceptional, and as the protective clothing representative, he consistently obtains the best available protective gear presently made to meet the needs of our station personnel. He also handles equipment procurement and necessary repairs needed on the Department's small equipment. Technician Jeckell serves on the Department's training committee, and is consistently methodical, goal oriented, and focused on performing his duties with the highest standards of excellence during emergency incidents.

Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year: Hana F. Brilliant: Fire Fighter Brilliant is recognized for her tremendous commitment to the fire department in volunteering an extensive number of overtime/recall hours. She has covered shift vacancies with little or no notice, and consistently and promptly responds to requests for staffing assistance. During calendar year 1999, she volunteered 582 minimum staffing hours. In addition to her service in operational staffing roles, she is dedicated to training, and