

formed. By the end of the first year, over 21,000 units of blood were collected and the unit was serving 17 counties and 56 hospitals.

In 1979, the facility moved to its current location in Hanover Industrial Estates and expanded service to 19 counties in Pennsylvania and 2 counties in New York. Expansion continued when Bloodmobile Buses were included, taking the collection effort throughout the district. By 1999, the program included two bloodmobile units.

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that the American Red Cross is one of our nation's finest and most dedicated institutions, helping millions of people through disaster and difficulty. The blood program is a vital part of that effort. Currently the local chapter serves 1.5 million people, and in 1999, collected an unprecedented 87,600 units of blood.

Blood collection assists in the care of the critically ill, premature newborns, accident victims, surgery patients, and burn victims. Over 10,000 volunteers assist the staff of 200 professionals, currently led by Ms. Chris Rogers. The agency supplies blood to 41 hospitals in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania. In addition to collecting blood, the Blood Center offers blood testing, including typing and HIV testing.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring this milestone anniversary of the American Red Cross Blood Program of Northeastern Pennsylvania to the attention of my colleagues. I send these dedicated people my sincere gratitude for a "job well done" and best wishes for continued success.

CONGRATULATING TIM AND LINDA RUPLI ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, TIMOTHY RICHARD RUPLI, JR.

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Tim and Linda Rupli celebrated the birth of their son, Timothy Rupli, Jr. on February 19th, 2000. Timothy was born at 12:22 AM and weighed 7.1 lbs and was 19.5 inches long.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the birth of Timothy Richard Rupli, Jr. I am sure that his birth will bring a bundle of love and enjoyment to their lives. I send the three of them my best wishes.

IN RECOGNITION OF EVELYN G. SUMTER

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2000

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincerest congratulations to Missionary Life Member, Evelyn G. Sumter of Bushwick, Brooklyn, who on March 11, 2000, will be Honored at the New York Annual Lay Organization Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," Matthew 28:19 speaks volumes for the work and contributions, Mrs. Sumter has made to her community. As a member of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Harlem, New York, Mrs. Sumter has also given valuable love and tireless energy as a mother, grandmother, and care giver to 52 foster children in Brooklyn and Harlem.

In dedicating her life to community service work, Mrs. Sumter has served as the Housing Chairperson of the Community Corporation; Director of the Young People and Children's Division of her church; Chairperson of the New York Lay Organization's Social Action Committee; New York HIV/AIDS Program; Operator of her own private day care center; Director of the Bushwick Neighborhood Coordinating Day Care Center; Director of the Bushwick Family Life and Education Project Counseling Services; Parliamentarian of Woodhull Medical and Mental Hospital Advisory Board; Director of the Bushwick Youth Community Support Program; and Family Counselor for the Horace E. Green Day Care Center.

Currently she is the Director of the Palmetto Garden Senior Center; Member of the Together With Love Food For Survival Program; 1st Vice Chairperson of the Bushwick Community Action Association, Inc.; and Board Member of the Bushwick Community Service Society.

Mrs. Sumter holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Antioch University in Yellow Springs, Ohio and a Master's in Social Work with credits in Special Education from Adelphi University in Garden City, New York.

In 1951, Mrs. Sumter became the first Lay delegate of the New York Conference to the biennial Convention Tulsa, Oklahoma. And a year later, she became the President of the Rosa B. Williams Women's Missionary; and Dean of the Manhattan Area Institute.

As President John F. Kennedy once said "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." I believe Evelyn G. Sumter understands that which is why she has been such an inspirational figure in her community, and has dedicated her time and spirit in enhancing the lives of others. I am proud to offer my congratulations to Evelyn today and to personally thank her for all her contributions to society.

EULOGY OF GENERAL LEONARD F. CHAPMAN

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 6, 2000

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, General Chapman was one of the finest Commandants of the Marine Corps and General Mundy's comments, which follow, are an outstanding tribute to him.

EULOGY

(By General Carl Mundy)

The son of a Methodist minister, Leonard Chapman came up from his birthplace in Key West, to Deland, Florida where he grew up.

He graduated from the University of Florida, and was commissioned a lieutenant of Marines in 1935, eight days before I was born. Fifty-six years later, he administered the oath that made me the thirtieth Commandant. Leonard Chapman never outgrew his Southern roots. His Grandfather was a young Confederate soldier from Tennessee who lost a leg in the War. In order to maintain his farm, and to get about comfortably, he trained his horses to a gait we know as the Tennessee walking horse. General Chapman never abandoned that family homestead, keeping the 1790 tavern on the Natchez Trace—today a National Historic Landmark—as a farmhouse in the hands of a caretaker. He stayed there a couple of months each year, usually in June and July. A call on the telephone to him would get an answer from Miss Ella, the caretaker's wife. "Yallow!", she would answer, and after you had identified yourself as wanting to speak with "The General", came "Hold on a minute", followed by the sound of a squeaking screen door, and a loud call: "Fielding; there's a fellow wants to talk to you on the telephone over here!". Grass roots.

General Chapman's heroes were Robert E. Lee, and "Lee's Lieutenants". He read voraciously, re-reading several times Douglas Southall Freeman's volumes on the soldier-leaders of the Confederacy. He won the hand of a Southern Belle—Miss Emily Walton Ford, of the Birmingham Fords. Had this grand lady not become a Marine wife, it's likely she would have claimed the role of Scarlet O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind". As it was, she brought the elegance and graciousness of the "Old South" into the Corps with her, and eventually to the Home of the Commandants. Leonard's love affair with Emily was life-long, and his quiet devotion and attentiveness to her during her prolonged illness before death were an inspiration to all of us who knew them. He lost his first son, Len—a Marine—to a tragic accident, and became to his daughter-in-law, Gayle, and his granddaughter, Danielle, the

Working their way through Duke in the early sixties enroute to the Corps, as their Officer Selection Officer, I can recall judging whether the Chapman boys had been, or were headed home for a visit, by the length of their hair! In more recent years, how excited, and filled with pride your dad's voice would become when he would announce that he was "... going up to Massachusetts for a few days to help Walt clear a little timber!" His pride in each member of his family, his joy in your accomplishments, and his devotion to, and love for you were palpable and inspirational.

I met General Chapman when I was a first lieutenant, and he, a brand new Brigadier General. We were in the field at Camp Lejeune, and I recall thinking that this was the sharpest Marine officer I had ever seen. My opinion never changed. His early years of sea-duty at the outset of world War II left him with a spit and polish that never left. On the day he retired, he was still the sharpest Marine officer I've ever known. Others must have had the same opinion, like General Lemuel Shepherd, our 20th Commandant, who ordered him to the Marine Barracks in Washington, where among his lasting legacies is the spit and polish precision and the unexcelled spirit and professionalism he created in the Evening Parades at the Barracks, and the Marine Corps War Memorial. Leonard Chapman's manner, his demeanor, and his character matched the perfection of his deportment and appearance. He was a gentleman in all respects. At the outset of his