

The program that brought this young role model to our attention, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, was created by the Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. In only five years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with nearly 75,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Mr. Newman-Keane should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. I heartily applaud Mr. Newman-Keane for his initiative in seeking to make his community a better place to live, and for the positive impact he has had on the lives of others. He has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. His actions show that young Americans can, and do, play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARTHA
BURNS

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Martha Burns, a good friend and community leader who is planning to step down from her duties as a Member of the Board of Trustees, Co-Chair of the Parent/School/Youth Task Force, and Director of Parent Training with the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati. Martha has been invaluable to the Coalition.

In 1996, Martha attended a meeting at Sycamore High School regarding teenage drug abuse and efforts to get parents involved in a new organization being formed to address the problem—the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati. Martha went home that night and made the decision with her husband, Bruce Burns, to get involved in the effort to prevent teenage drug use in our community.

Martha has been the Coalition's hardest working volunteer. She and Bruce were trained as facilitators of our Parent-to-Parent program and began recruiting others to do the same. As the Director of Parent Training for the Coalition, Martha coordinated Parent-to-Parent training classes throughout Greater Cincinnati. To date, over 4,000 parents in 30 school districts have been trained in how to talk to their kids about the dangers of substance abuse and how to recognize signs that a child may be in trouble. Most recently, Martha has worked to bring the parent training classes into the workplace.

Martha's work and contributions to the community do not, however, end with the Coalition. She also volunteers at the local library, is Secretary of the local Boy Scout troop, teaches Bible classes, and is an Officer and Board

Member of the Sycamore High School Parent Teacher Organization.

Martha's efforts with the Coalition have helped literally thousands of local parents to learn more about how to keep their kids drug-free. And, it is not a stretch to say that her work has saved the lives of children in our area. Her selfless dedication to the cause of fighting drug use in our community makes her a true hero. We will miss Martha as a Board Member, Co-Chair of the Parent/School/Youth Task Force, and Director of Parent Training, but look forward to continuing to work with her as a Coalition volunteer in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MERRILL COOK

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 26, 27, and 28, I asked to be excused because of intestinal surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

TRIBUTE TO DAVID BRYON COLE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of a distinguished musician, David Bryon Cole of Passaic, New Jersey, who is being feted today because of his remarkable talents and legacy. It is only fitting that Passaic High School rename its music suite for David, for he epitomizes a strong spirit and never forgot from where he came.

David Bryon Cole was born to Sandra Cole-Turner on June 3, 1962 in Johnson City, Tennessee. He attended elementary there for a short while before his family moved to Passaic. Once in New Jersey he continued his education, and went on to graduate from Passaic High School in 1980. During high school, David's main pursuit was music. It was at this time that he proved himself to be a remarkable pianist, soloist, accompanist and arranger.

David, always an active and involved musician, learned much of his skill in the church. One of the most influential teachers in young David's life was the Reverend Roberts of the First Baptist Church in Nutley, New Jersey. David's nascent talents began to flourish under the Pastor's tutelage. The time spent working with Reverend Roberts instilled in David the attributes necessary for him to become a stellar force in the music industry. It was the small steps in the beginning of his career that taught him the fundamentals that would make him a role model to scores upon scores of people worldwide.

David Cole has had a varied career, which has taken him to the top of the charts. His professional career included working with the group Two Puerto Ricans, a Black Man, and a Dominican. David was also the accompanist

for the Weather Girls. In addition, David performed as a dance club keyboardist and it was in a club in New York where he met his future partner Robert Clivilles.

David and Robert combined their talents and dreams to establish C+C Music Factory. This productive union spawned many other groups including Seduction, Soul System and Trilogy. In addition to contributing to C+C Music Factory, David completed many projects for some of the largest and most influential recording companies in America. He was known to be one of the best producers, and his skills were widely sought after.

This native of Tennessee, who later moved to New Jersey, found fame and fortune around the world. C+C Music Factory worked with London's famed Ministry of Sound and produced projects in Japan.

David continually made his mark on the music world by writing and producing songs for some of the best-known recording artists of our time. These legendary artists include Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Chaka Khan, Luther Vandross, Donna Summer along with many others.

In 1993, David and his partner Robert received a Grammy for Album of the Year. They received the award for their contributions as producers of one of best-selling soundtrack albums of all time, "The Bodyguard." In total, C+C Music Factory won twenty-eight awards including five American Music Awards, five Billboard Awards and two MTV Video Music Awards. The world lost a truly remarkable man when David passed away on January 24, 1995.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Passaic, David's family, his friends and me, in recognizing the outstanding achievements in the areas of music and production of David Bryon Cole.

HONORING TANYA EWING OF
JUNEAU, ALASKA

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate and honor a young Alaska student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Tanya Ewing of Juneau, Alaska has just been named one of my state's top honorees in The 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Ms. Tanya Ewing is being recognized for her hard work and dedication in implementing Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) program. She has volunteered over four years of her time in educating young people on the dangers of smoking and helping to reduce the rate of teen smoking in Alaska.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has