

Study of Workers' Compensation and medical benefits. In addition, Jack has been co-host of the Union Voice Radio Program and has been a legal advisor to the Valley Labor Political Education Counsel. Furthermore, he has amassed an impressive community service record which includes active membership on both the Red Cross and Cerebral Palsy Association's Board of Directors. He has assumed leadership roles in organizations such as the Men's Guild, San Fernando Valley Child Guidance Clinic where he served as President.

It is our distinct pleasure to ask our colleagues to join with us in saluting Jack Koszdzin for his outstanding achievements, and to congratulate him for receiving the prestigious honors granted him by DPSFV.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MOZELL H.W.
ISAAC

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Mozell H.W. Isaac, who celebrated her 70th birthday on March 4, 2000.

A life-long resident of Lee County, South Carolina, Mrs. Isaac has served her community for over fifty years in numerous ways. Through the Clemson Extension Service, the public school system and other civic, religious, and fraternal organizations, Mozell H.W. Isaac has been an advocate for Lee County and its residents. Mrs. Mozell H.W. Isaac was not only an active citizen in the community, but also a mother of four, all of whom maintained close ties with the community and its affairs. One of her sons served two terms on the County Council, another works with youth correction programs in New York, one daughter works with the Guardian Ad Litem program for the county, and another is a paralegal in Columbia. She also is the proud grandmother of six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an individual who has been a lifelong public servant, and shown tireless dedication to her community. I wish Mrs. Mozell H.W. Isaac a Happy 70th Birthday and many more returns.

IN HONOR OF MR. JAMES BERGIN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to James Bergin. Mr. Bergin is an honorable citizen who has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for countless New Yorkers.

Mr. Bergin is an invaluable community leader of the Upper East Side. While Mr. Bergin seeks no praise for himself for what he does, he deserves our gratitude for his years of service to the community. James Bergin has distributed over one million pounds of govern-

ment surplus food to the poor in his community and has found apartments for veterans and seniors in difficult times.

Mr. Bergin has participated in efforts to reduce crime in his neighborhood through Community Patrol programs, on foot and in his wheelchair. He has met with gangs and succeeded in significantly reducing gang activities in his neighborhood.

Among Mr. Bergin's many contributions to the health and well-being of New York City residents, Mr. Bergin has solicited funds from local store owners to give 15 scholarships to children to continue their education. He has solicited city funds to build two playgrounds for children, one for ages two to five and one for ages six to eleven.

Mr. Bergin's efforts to solicit money for charitable causes is never ending. He has an annual holiday party for children in low income neighborhoods and makes sure they all have a present to open and an opportunity to visit Santa and enjoy ice cream soda and Christmas candy.

Mr. Bergin recently filmed a video on the proper way to handle a 911 call that involves armed intruders in residences. Mr. Bergin was asked to sign a release for possible distribution of his video. Mr. Bergin has attended every Manhattan North Community Picnic and interacted with the Manhattan North Community. Mr. Bergin's work in the community has helped in reducing drug traffic by 30% on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life and work of Mr. James Bergin and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing Mr. Bergin's contributions to the New York community.

TUNISIA INDEPENDENCE

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Government and the people of Tunisia on the occasion of their 44th Anniversary of Independence. While Tunisia gained its independence from France just 43 years ago, the country has a rich and treasured history, dating back to ancient Carthage.

Last year I had an opportunity to visit Tunisia, where I met with top government officials. My visit was personally enriching, and allowed me to engage in meaningful discussions on how to increase cooperation and exchange between the United States and Tunisia.

The relationship between the United States and Tunisia is much older than the 44th National Day celebration may suggest. In fact, America first signed a treaty of peace and friendship with Tunisia in 1797. While our country was struggling with the Civil War, Tunisia supported the anti-slavery movement here and consistently spoke out on the significance of human dignity. During World War II, Tunisia's nationalist leaders suspended their struggle against France in order to support the Allied cause. In 1956, the United States was the first world power to recognize Tunisia's independence.

Tunisia has been one of the primary countries of interest in Northern Africa for a trade partnership, as our country recognizes the significance of greater trade with Africa. In addition to promoting economic growth and stability in the region, Tunisia has also been a valuable participant in efforts to broker lasting peace in the Middle East, the Mediterranean, and throughout the continent of Africa.

Mr. Speaker, I hope all my colleagues will join with me in congratulating Tunisia on its 44th Independence Anniversary, and honor a great friend and partner.

ORANGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL CHOSEN AS GRAMMY SIGNATURE SCHOOL

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Orange Park High School for being named as a GRAMMY Signature School by the GRAMMY Foundation. Orange Park High School happens to be in my Congressional District and it has a fine reputation as a public school of education. However, I believe the Orange Park High School's receipt of this most recent honor should be given the recognition it deserves for this great achievement. It was won through a rigorous competition that was held throughout the nation.

This honor was achieved by the school for its outstanding music education program and makes Orange Park High School one of 100 schools to be chosen to receive a certificate of recognition based on its great level of commitment to music education.

The GRAMMY Foundation began the selection process last September when it mailed out over 18,000 applications to high school across the country requesting information about the schools' music programs. These applications were then submitted to an independent data compilation firm for processing. Some schools were asked to submit additional documentation such as recordings of school concerts, sample concert programs, music curriculum and repertoire that was reviewed by an independent screening committee.

The GRAMMY Signature School advisory committee is comprised of members of the American Federation of Musicians, ASCAP, the Berklee College of Music, BMI, Crossroads School, Music Educators National Conference, Thelonius Monk Institute, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, National Association of Music Merchandisers, National Music Council, Music Performance Trust Funds, University of Southern California-Thornton School of Music, and the Cherokee Nation.

The GRAMMY Foundation is a non-profit arm of the Recording Academy and it is dedicated to advancing music and arts-based education throughout the entire country thereby ensuring access to America's rich cultural legacy. The Foundation aims to strengthen our educational system through cultural, professional and educational initiatives.