

This tribute extends to include officers of all stripes for the hard work and sacrifices they make throughout the country. Far too often their presence is taken for granted and the risks that they take for our security are not fully comprehended. I hope that this award can serve as a symbol of our gratitude for all law enforcement officers who fulfill a much-needed task.

HONORING MR. ROBERT SNYDER

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Mr. Robert Snyder on the occasion of his promotion from the United Parcel Service (UPS) Public Affairs office in Washington, DC to the company's Corporate E-Ventures division in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Snyder began his career with UPS 20 years ago as a project engineer in the southeast region of the United States. In 1997, he was promoted to the public affairs office in Washington, DC where he was responsible for working with Members of Congress on legislative priorities that would affect the freight industry. At the same time, he oversaw UPS's worldwide environmental program and the development of more than 20 facilities across the country. In this capacity, he helped engineer the industry's first recyclable envelope, a product providing economic benefit to UPS and an environmental benefit to the world community.

Part of UPS's global network of trade includes the use of Ontario International Airport in Ontario, California, part of the district I represent. With Mr. Snyder's leadership, the company has expanded its use of the facility, transforming it to the company's western gateway to the world.

Mr. Snyder has been a good friend to many in Washington, DC, including my office. Today, I acknowledge his commitment and achievements and sincerely wish him and his family prosperity and success in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE LOW-INCOME WIDOWS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2000

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Representative ERNIE FLETCHER in introducing the Low-Income Widows Assistance Act of 2000.

You may be as amazed as I was to discover that if a senior has a dramatic drop in income, whether do to the loss of a spouse or other reason, no one in government alerts the senior that they may be eligible for assistance with their Medicare premiums and co-pays.

This means the 82-year-old senior who just lost a spouse and is now responsible, many times for the first time, for taking on the tasks of paying the bills on a drastically lower in-

come may not know they can get much needed help with medical expenses.

It just makes sense to me that Federal Government should seek to aid such seniors when they need the help the most. Especially when the Social Security Administration presently has the ability to identify those who may qualify for assistance.

Since 1988, Congress has provided financial assistance to qualified low-income seniors in covering costs under the Medicare program. Despite the growing number of elderly taking advantage of the assistance, reports have shown some are being left out because they are not aware of the programs.

The Social Security Administration reports that 40 percent of non-married women (a category that includes women) rely on Social Security benefits for 90 percent of their income in comparison to only 18 percent of married couples. Amazingly, one-fourth of non-married women relies on Social Security retirement benefits as their sole source of income.

This legislation seeks to make these seniors aware of the additional benefits they may be entitled to because of their income by directing the Social Security Administration to mail a notification to Social Security recipients it identifies as possibly being eligible. This notification will instruct the beneficiary on whom they can contact to determine whether they qualify for assistance.

It further directs the Social Security Administration to provide the states with a list annually of names it has identified to aid the states in enrolling these deserving seniors.

I hope my colleagues will join with me in making the government more consumer friendly to our seniors who need our help by cosponsoring this legislation. It will be a great comfort to our seniors, many of who are widows, to know they can receive assistance with important and often expensive medical costs.

IN MEMORY OF DWIGHT T. REED

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Dwight Reed, of Jefferson City, MO. He was 85.

He was born on March 13, 1915, in St. Paul, MN, and was the son of Dwight and Ora Woods Reed. Coach Reed grew up in St. Paul and was a football, basketball, and track star at George Washington High School. He attended college at the University of Minnesota, where he received his bachelors and masters degrees and was an All-American member of three national championship football teams. In addition, he was an intramural light-heavyweight boxing champion.

After 3 years of coaching three sports at the high school level, Coach Reed played semi-pro basketball for the Galloping Gophers. Following his basketball career, Reed served a four-year tour of duty in the Army during World War II. He was involved in combat in Italy.

In 1949, Coach Reed moved to Jefferson City and began his coaching career at Lincoln

University. Reed was LU's football coach for 23 years and posted a career record of 135-75-6. Reed also served as the athletic director, eight years as women's track coach and three years as men's basketball coach. Among his accomplishments as a football coach were two undefeated seasons in 1952 and 1953 and four league championships. In addition, he produced two NFL All-Pro stars which include current Lincoln assistant Lemar Parrish, and Canadian Football Hall of Famer Leo Lewis. As a tribute to Coach Reed's career, the Lincoln University football stadium and track were named in his honor in 1985. Coach Reed's hard work and dedication throughout his career has impacted the lives of many.

Mr. Speaker, Dwight Reed will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I know the members of the House will join me in extending my heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife of 58 years, Hiawatha; one son, Kenneth L. Reed; one stepson, Marvin Reed, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

HONORING COLVIN W. GRANNUM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor and celebrate the achievements of Colvin W. Grannum, the founding director and the chief executive officer of Bridge Street Development Corporation. Bridge Street Development Corporation is a faith based non-profit organization, affiliated with Bridge Street African Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, NY.

Mr. Grannum's motto is "Building on Community Strength." His vision is to restore Bedford Stuyvesant to the ranks of the most desirable communities for parenting and doing business. Under Mr. Grannum's leadership, BSDC has grown to over a \$2 million operation with 300 units of housing in the development pipeline in only its first four years of experience. BSDC also has obtained preliminary approval for \$2 million in start up financing for two locally-owned businesses. Finally, to help begin to close the digital divide, Mr. Grannum has used BSDC to establish a community computer lab and Internet access facility.

In addition to being a community leader, Mr. Grannum has also practiced law for 17 years as a litigation attorney. He started his legal career as a law clerk to a judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He also has held a variety of positions with the United States Department of Justice, the New York State Attorney General, the NYNEX Corporation, and the New York City Corporation Counsel. During his legal practice, Mr. Grannum was responsible for handling and supervising complex litigation, including trials, appeals, and regulatory proceedings. As a law student, he taught a legal writing and research course at Georgetown University Law Center.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Colvin W. Grannum for his selfless service to the community of Brooklyn. Also, please join me in wishing him the best in his future endeavors on "Building on community strength."