

having performed surgeries at numerous Nashville area hospitals. These include Vanderbilt, Baptist, St. Thomas, Donelson, University Medical Center, Nashville General Hospital, Humana Hospital McFarland, Williamson County Medical Center, and Summit Medical Center.

Every endeavor undertaken by Dr. Robert Carver Bone is met with enthusiasm and excellence. His educational influence and expertise has impacted both Vanderbilt and Cumberland over the years, as he has continually shared his experience with students pursuing the medical field, both as an instructor and professor. In 1982, he published techniques in Surgery with the Vanderbilt Surgical Faculty, through Vanderbilt University Press.

Dr. Bone's involvement in his community is renowned. In 1985, he represented Wilson County in Tokyo, Japan, on a mission to recruit a Toyota plant to Tennessee. Also that year, he represented the National Association of Independent Business on a mission sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce, to promote the export of U.S. products to the Far East in Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan.

In 1987, Bone represented Cumberland University to establish exchange relationships at the faculty level between Cumberland and Armidale College in New South Wales, Australia. He also negotiated with the Soviets and British over freeing a Zanbari dental student from Moscow to Prague, Cairo, Nairobi, and Zanzibar.

Further, he has served as President of the Wilson County Medical Society, and as a member of the Board of Health, Public Health Department of Wilson County.

Because of Dr. Bone's outstanding contributions to the university, the community, and the state Tennessee throughout his lifetime—we honor him today.

HONORING STANLEY ROGERS ON  
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2001*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to a man who has been active in the New Haven community for nearly 50 years. Today, I am pleased to join family, friends, and colleagues in wishing Stanley Rogers the very best as he celebrates his retirement.

A lifelong New Haven resident, Stanley has served his community in a variety of ways throughout his life. For forty-two years, he worked at G&O, a manufacturing company which made automotive parts. During his tenure at G&O, Stanley became the first African-American to serve as President of the United Auto Workers in Connecticut—fighting for better wages, more comprehensive health benefits, and safer work environments for his membership. In addition to his career with G&O, Stanley also served on the Redevelopment Agency with former Mayor Richard Lee in a time when New Haven underwent one of its

most sweeping economic redevelopment periods. It was also during this time that Stanley presented the first affirmative action plan for minority hiring in the building trades to the Redevelopment Agency. His actions went a long way in assuring good jobs for New Haven's minority communities.

Stanley has also been involved with the local municipal government for nearly 20 years. He was first elected to New Haven's Board of Alderman in 1981 where he served as its president Pro Tempore from 1992 to 1994 and for 3 years as the chairman of the Board's Black and Hispanic Caucus. His dedication and commitment to New Haven's 22nd Ward made a real difference in the lives of so many. After his tenure on the Board of Alderman, Stanley served three terms as the city/town clerk—a position from which he retired earlier this year.

Stanley's involvement with the New Haven community stretches far beyond his professional and political career. His participation in a number of local civic and service organizations reflect his personal commitment to enriching the lives of our fellow citizens. The United Way, the Private Industry Council, and the Dixwell Community Development Corporation are just a few who have benefitted from his time and efforts.

I am pleased to rise today to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Stanley Rogers for his invaluable contributions to our community and my very best wishes as he enjoys his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO POLK CREEK  
ELEMENTARY

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2001*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Polk Creek Elementary in recognition of their achievement as an "Exemplary" school.

Polk Creek Elementary has been selected as one of the top 50 schools in West Virginia. "Exemplary" status is based on Stanford Achievement Test results, attendance, drop out rates, and writing exam scores.

I commend the leadership and faculty on their dedication to the children that walk through their doors each day. They have set an incredible example for the other 817 schools in West Virginia.

I equally commend the students and parents of Polk Creek Elementary for their commitment to a quality education and a bright future.

Efforts to bring superior education of all of West Virginia and America are among our top priorities. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Polk Creek Elementary.

HONORING TEXAS LEGISLATIVE  
BLACK CAUCUS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2001*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the legacy of representation and positive activism that has been fostered by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. Since its inception, this fearless and focused group of State leaders has consistently fought to ensure that the policy priorities of Texas reflect the best interests of all of our citizens. The education, economic, civil and human rights initiative have revolutionized State services and have helped ensure that all Texans are empowered to achieve the American dream.

The Caucus will host its statewide conference from March 14–16, 2001. This year's topic, "Excellence and Achievement for the Millennium," is particularly poignant. As Texas prepares to lead the Nation in the technology driven, global economy of today and tomorrow, it is critical that its leaders devise ways to ensure that everyone is included. No organization in the State is better prepared or has a better track record of holding those in power accountable for the tools given to Texas families to improve their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the U.S. Congress join me in paying honor and tribute to the Texas Legislative Black Caucus as they continue their critical fight for all Texas families.

TRIBUTE TO PICKENS SCHOOL

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 13, 2001*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Pickens School in recognition of their achievement as an "exemplary" school.

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HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2001*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, we could do better than this bill. We should do