

barbarism. This country, once an experiment unique in the world, is now the last best hope for the world."

That hope and responsibility rests firmly on our young American shoulders. We can either shrug it off or bear down and accept the daunting challenge to each do our part to make America—All That She Can Be!

Nikita Rodrigues, Somerset, Kentucky

TRIBUTE TO LEO SHERLOCK
HOLMES

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life, dedication and contributions of Mr. Leo Sherlock Holmes, who passed away on July 21, 2006.

Mr. Holmes served the U.S. Army as a member of the 99th Fighter Squadron of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, and in November 1965 he became the first African American to be elected to Chester City Council. Mr. Holmes served as an inspiration for many people. Because of his trail blazing, the impossible became possible and a reality.

Aside from his career on City Council, Mr. Holmes was also a City Treasurer, a math teacher at Frederick Douglass Junior High School, and a deacon at Bethany Baptist and, later, Calvary Baptist Church. It could never be said that Leo was not an active person. He loved people and lived under the motto that he would be a better person when he reached out to help others.

Mr. Holmes served as a Councilman for the City of Chester for 14 years. He then served as Personnel Director before retiring as City Treasurer on January 10, 1986. Believing and accepting that the people of Chester entrusted him in this position, Leo worked hard to address the issues and answer to the call of the people to the best of his ability. In September of 1990, Leo was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Chester Water Authority and served for 12 years before retiring due to increasing health problems.

Mr. Holmes was dedicated and devoted to the Masonic Order. His journey there started on December 3, 1955 until he his failing health forced him to leave his Masonic office in October of 1990. Upon his resignation the Grand Lodge unanimously voted that he be recognized as the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Throughout his career, Mr. Holmes has led by example and we all have benefited from his leadership, intellect and integrity. Mr. Holmes' passing represents the loss of a powerful and committed voice, and it is for these reasons I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to honor him.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN JUSTICE OF
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kevin Justice of Citrus County, Florida, an Army Chief Warrant Officer with More than twenty-four years of service.

Chief Warrant Officer Justice is a graduate of Hernando High School and the Florida Military Academy, where he attended Officer Candidate School. When he is not deployed overseas, Kevin attends the First United Methodist Church and tries to find time for a round of golf. During his many missions abroad, he sets up a web cam to keep in touch with his wife Shannan, his two children, Nickolus and Hillery and his parents Jay and Mary Justice.

One of the benefits of being in service for Kevin is the opportunity to travel to many countries, including the United Arab Emirates, England, Afghanistan, and the Netherlands. While serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, Kevin was awarded the Bronze Star for justifying the need for additional troops and rotating soldiers in the field.

As a member of the Florida National Guard, Kevin has been deployed for many of the hurricanes that have struck Florida's shores, including Andrew, Charlie, Jeanne and Ivan. Kevin served primarily as a liaison for military assistance and was the go to person to acquire supplies. He went to Oakley Fruit Company to request the use of their tankers to provide purified water to dialysis patients.

One of Kevin's highest honors is his membership in the Royal Order of Saint Barbara, an honorary military society of the United States Field Artillery. Both U.S. Marine and Army field artillery, along with their military and civilian supporters, are eligible for membership. The order links field artillerymen of the past and present in a brotherhood of professionalism, selfless service and sacrifice symbolized by Saint Barbara.

Mr. Speaker, it is soldiers like Kevin Justice who volunteer to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear to their hearts. While brave men and women like Kevin serve in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.

HONORING ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTIVIST DAVID HAHN-BAKER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, It is my distinct honor to recognize David Hahn-Baker as the 2006 recipient of the Paul MacClennan Environmental Citizen of the Year Award as presented by Eire County Environmental Education Institute. ECEEI has chosen to acknowledge Mr. Hahn-Baker's lifelong commit-

ment to environmental causes, which are deserving of acknowledgement before this chamber.

Mr. Hahn-Baker is the Founder and President of Inside/Out Political Consultants. An independent national consulting firm based in Buffalo, NY, Inside/Out works with national and local organizations across the country to address the intensifying environmental crisis.

Mr. Hahn-Baker's organization has worked with numerous local and national environmental organizations, including: Community Action Organization of Erie County; Earth Day Network; Buffalo Foundation; Tides Foundation; National Religious Partnership for the Environment; American Resources Information Network; EarthShare; League of Conservation Voters; National Wildlife Foundation; Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Greenpeace USA; Southern Organizing Committee.

Mr. Hahn-Baker has also taught graduate and undergraduate classes at the University of Michigan and George Washington University. Additionally, Mr. Hahn-Baker was instrumental in the development of the Environment Health Advisory Network at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Hahn-Baker who has dedicated his professional career to environmental preservation. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. David Hahn Baker whom is so richly deserving of this honor.

HONORING MR. ALEX TRUJILLO,
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR
THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE
AND MEDICAID SERVICES

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alex Trujillo, who has served for 35 years in the federal government, most recently as the Region VIII Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A personable, thoughtful and caring individual, Mr. Trujillo has worked closely with my office on numerous occasions to ensure that beneficiaries of Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Programs are receiving reliable information from which to base their healthcare decisions.

Under Mr. Trujillo's direction, nearly 92 percent of beneficiaries in Region VIII now have prescription drug coverage. This is a remarkable number of people receiving much needed healthcare coverage, especially in a time of rising prescription drug costs.

Over the past four decades, Medicare has grown to become a critical provider of healthcare services for millions of Americans. More often than not, recipients of Medicare are not fully aware of all of the advantages and health benefits to which they are entitled. Consequently, many beneficiaries pay a higher premium for their healthcare or do not understand where and how they can make savings. One of Alex Trujillo's accomplishments has been his leadership in improving public