

General T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, 18th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, an exemplary patriot and extraordinary leader, who, on July 9, 2008, completed 37 years of distinguished service to our Nation.

General Moseley began his accomplished career at Texas A&M and Webb AFB, where he earned his wings in 1973. He proceeded to a series of demanding assignments as flight instructor, test pilot and mission commander. His peerless operational skills were honed by the most prestigious positions, to include command at every level—most notably the Air Force Fighter Weapons School, the 9th Air Force, and the U.S. Central Command Air Forces. General Moseley led airmen in peace, crisis, and war—from Operation Southern Watch, through the harrowing days in the wake of September 11, 2001, to engaging the Taliban in Operation Enduring Freedom and the destruction of Saddam Hussein's war machine in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The breadth of General Moseley's assignments and the professionalism with which he has carried them out, reflect a keen intellect and unrivaled grasp of national security policies and air power's role in implementing them. Equally impressive, has been General Moseley's staunch, consistent advocacy of inter-Service and international cooperation as the most effective way of assuring allies, dissuading and deterring adversaries, and defeating implacable foes.

A brilliant speaker with a sharp wit and endearing style, General Moseley has frequently testified before the Congress on a wide variety of issues critical to the Air Force's—and the Nation's—readiness to face an uncertain future. However controversial the topic or pointed the questioning, he has always been a most poised, eloquent proponent of balancing current exigencies with future requirements. His focus has remained unwavering: assure that USAF remains America's asymmetric advantage—our Nation's multidimensional, global maneuver force—the force of first and last resort.

As the 18th Chief of Staff and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from September 2005 to August 2008, General Moseley has been a trusted advisor on all aspects of airpower and its key role in promoting and defending America's interests at home and abroad. His 37 years of distinguished service epitomize bold leadership, strategic vision, intellectual flexibility, innovation, honor, integrity, dignity and selfless devotion.

His exceptional grasp of war-fighters' needs, born of his own combatant experience, has enabled the Air Force to provide unprecedented Global Reach, Global Vigilance and Global Power for both traditional and non-traditional missions. Under his leadership, the Air Force spread its wings over America's cities, delivered relief to victims of tsunamis and hurricanes, expanded international ties to reassure allies and deter enemies—all while flying and fighting as an indispensable part of the Joint force in Iraq, Afghanistan and other theaters of the Global War on Terror.

His commitment to his Airmen has been peerless. In a constrained fiscal environment—and with lives in the balance—General Moseley's uncommon courage, expertise and foresight have forged a set of transformational

initiatives designed to spark an intellectual renaissance while recapitalizing an aging air fleet, worn down by 18 years of continuous combat. He has sought to provide his Airmen with the quality of life they deserve, while seeing to their training, education and leadership. He has refocused the Service on a single core mission: bolstering warrior ethos and fostering joint and combined synergies.

He has worked tirelessly to reinvigorate the innovation, flexibility, and creative, strategic thinking that have been Airmen's hallmarks since the dawn of aviation. In the context of this conceptual, organizational and technological transformation, General Moseley has redefined the Air Force for the 21st Century, ensuring that America's guardians will continue to fly, fight and win in both today's battles and in tomorrow's crucibles.

While many distinguished awards and decorations adorn his uniform—from his own grateful Nation as well as from such staunch allies as Britain, France, Korea, Brazil, Singapore, and the UAE—what stands out most and what we honor him for today is his unflinching commitment to the cause of freedom and justice. General T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley has earned the deepest respect from all whom he has served during his illustrious career—most notably this Congress and a grateful Nation.

PROMINENT CARIBBEAN AMERICANS RECOGNIZED DURING CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the profiles of four prominent members of the Caribbean Diaspora during Caribbean-American Heritage Month that were featured in a special section of *CaribNews*, a New York based publication that serves as the voice of the Caribbean Diaspora community.

Jamaican American, Beryl Levi, is the President of a successful frozen food company. Mrs. Levi and her husband started the company with high hopes and countless well-wishers. Today, Tower Isle Frozen Foods is considered "the pioneer Jamaican food processing company in the U.S."

Rosemonde Pierre-Louis is a Haitian American and the Deputy Borough President of Manhattan. Ms. Pierre-Louis completed her undergraduate studies at Tufts University in Massachusetts and obtained her law degree from Case Western University School of Law.

Justice Sylvia Hinds-Radix sits on the Supreme Court of New York and is the first Barbados national to serve in that capacity. Justice Hinds-Radix has been an advocate for the poor since the beginning of her career. She credits her family for her success and for her motivation to be a voice to the voiceless in her community.

Michael Flanigan is the Community Relations Director for Citi Bank in the Brooklyn and Staten Island region and serves on several boards of directors. Mr. Flanigan started his education at Jamaica College and went on to

earn a masters in finance and marketing from New York University. Mr. Flanigan believes that "hard times shouldn't dissuade us from our goals" and wants to help others achieve their goals by becoming more involved in philanthropy.

Many more Caribbean Americans have contributed to the American fabric than those that were mentioned today. I would like us as a nation to recognize the struggles and victories of the Caribbean community and how important their work is to the history and continued triumph of America. I would like to take this opportunity during Caribbean-American Heritage Month to celebrate the contributions of all Caribbean Americans to our Nation.

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HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Price, a Syracuse broadcasting legend, as he retires after 46 years at NewsChannel 9 WSYR.

Mike began his career with Channel 9, then WIXT-TV, on September 2, 1962 just before the station went on air for the very first time. He quickly grew to earn a reputation for being an honest and good natured broadcaster who treated all people with deep respect. Mike rose to fame through his portrayal of the character "Baron Daemon," a vampire that hosted late night horror shows. His character became so popular that the station added a late afternoon show titled "Barron and his Buddies." Additionally, Mike recorded a popular single called "The Transylvania Twist," which is played every Halloween. For 25 years, Mike was the anchor of "Good News" on NewsChannel 9, which recognized community happenings and school groups across the Syracuse area. Mike's hard work and dedication to NewsChannel 9 helped the station to reach the number one spot in local ratings.

Mike Price valiantly served his country for 30 years as a Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, serving in the Persian Gulf War in 1991. He went on to produce a documentary about his experiences during this time that received several awards. Mike is a Syracuse native, attending Onondaga Valley Academy and Syracuse University. Additionally, he is the recipient of the Syracuse Press Club's Career Achievement Award. After undergoing open-heart surgery in 2001 and sharing his recovery with viewers, Mike has been an inspiration and a valuable resource to many who undergo the same treatment.

On behalf of the people of the 25th District of New York, I congratulate Mike on a wonderful career and wish him the best as he retires. I thank him for his many decades of serving the Syracuse community.