Students worked in hospitals as nurses' aides, ran errands for shut-in residents, supervised playground activities for younger children, and formed art classes to make posters for local events.

She retired from teaching in 1944 in order to care for her ailing mother. After getting involved with the California Retired Teachers Association, Dr. Andrus was shocked to realize that so many retired educators were financially struggling because of inadequate income and health care. She established the National Retired Teachers Association in 1947 to give them a national voice, and established the first nationwide group health insurance program for its members.

In 1958, she established the nonprofit, nonpartisan organization now known as AARP so that people at mid-life and older could enjoy independence, dignity and purpose as they aged. Since its founding, AARP's motto has been ''To serve, not to be served.'' Since its founding, AARP has grown to more than 39 million members with more than 3.3 million members in California alone.

Ethel Percy Andrus passed away in July, 1967, but her legacy lives on in countless ways. I am pleased that one very special way that she lives on will be in the songs and dances of the students at Abraham Lincoln High School. I have no doubt she will be checking in on their progress from time to time and rejoicing in their talents!

Abraham Lincoln once said, ''Whatever you are, be a good one.'' Ethel Percy Andrus embodied this clear bold statement and the students at this school carrying his name, and all of us, should also rise to this challenge. Each of us can make a difference.

I congratulate James Molina, principal of Abraham Lincoln High School, and the students and parents of this fine school, and commend AARP for giving students fresh opportunities to grow academically, creatively and personally—sharing their ''Lincoln spirit'' with a nation and a world that needs their intelligence, commitment and idealism.

IN HONOR OF DR. FRANK BROWN

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Frank Douglas Brown, a man who has given his life to serving others through his leadership in higher education.

Frank Douglas Brown graduated from Flomaton High School, in Flomaton, Alabama, a town of less than 2,000 people on the southern border of the state. He achieved an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Northwest Mississippi Community College and went on to the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned his Bachelor's in Business Administration. After working in private industry for several years, and meeting and marrying the former Jo Ann Nichols of Bessemer, Alabama, he went to the University of Alabama for his MBA.

He then went to work for IBM as a systems engineer and marketing representative. Eventually, he left and earned his Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Florida State University in 1974.

From there, Frank went to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education in Montgomery, Alabama, where he served as associate executive director. He stayed until 1978 and went to the University of Houston, University Park, in Texas. In 1981 Columbus College brought him to Columbus as the young college's new vice president for business and finance. Seven years later, on January 14, 1988, Dr. Frank D. Brown was appointed as the institution's third president.

Since his appointment, Frank has guided the college through unprecedented growth. Under his leadership, the college became Columbus State University, and now offers more than 50 undergraduate programs and more than 35 Master's or specialist programs. He leads a staff and faculty of more than 600, and a student body of 7,500.

Also during his tenure at CSU, the university has developed partnerships with the community, business and industry, education and governments that some say are stronger than any other university in the country.

The most recent indication of the university's level of respect may be the success of CSU's capital campaign, An Investment in People. When the campaign was first being considered in the late 1990s, many considered the originally proposed goal of about $35 million too ambitious. At its conclusion, the campaign exceeded $100 million.

Madam Speaker, Frank Brown has been a tireless volunteer, is active in many civic organizations, and is an enthusiastic advocate not only for Columbus State University, but for the area. I am honored to be able to call Dr. Brown a friend, I commend him for his many years of service, and wish him a happy, healthy, and blessed retirement. He will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, February 6, 2007 I missed rollcall votes 29, 30, and 31 due to inclement weather in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yea'' on all votes.

IN HONOR OF BILL LAMBERT IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today and pay tribute to Bill Lambert, an outstanding educator and passionate advocate for our students and teachers. Bill retired on January 2, 2008, after 45 years of exceptional service to the students of the Los Angeles Unified School District, LAUSD, and the educators of the United Teachers of Los Angeles, UTLA.

Uniquely, Bill is a product of the same school district to which he has committed his professional career. Bill is a proud alumnus of several schools in LAUSD and is a graduate of Fairfax High School. His public education served him well on the path toward achieving a bachelor of arts degree and teaching credential from the University of California at Los Angeles and a master's degree from California State University Los Angeles.

Bill has enjoyed a distinguished career as a teacher and as a union advocate, all along fighting for greater opportunities for students, teachers, better wages and expanded benefits. He began his career in 1955 as a teacher at Montague Elementary School and later continued educating students at Canterbury Elementary School. Following his early experiences as a teacher, Bill became active in a number of teachers' organizations including a stint as associate executive director of the Los Angeles Teachers' Association. In 1971, Bill played an instrumental role as one of the initial organizers of UTLA. Once UTLA was formed, he dedicated the next 36 years to advocating on behalf of teachers as the director of governmental affairs for UTLA. Today, UTLA represents 44,000 teachers, counselors, psychologists, and nurses in LAUSD.

According to a Latin proverb, ''By learning you will teach; by teaching you will learn.'' Bill Lambert certainly embodies these wise words. He spent his life in and out of classrooms learning and teaching, and then walked the halls of the United States Congress and the California State Legislature doing the same. His tireless advocacy on behalf of retired teachers and their pension and Social Security inequities is legendary. It's not an easy task to achieve well over 300 bipartisan co-sponsors on a bill, but through ''pounding the pavement,'' that is exactly what Bill has helped achieve. Learning and teaching, teaching and learning, when combined with Bill's unstoppable energy and enthusiasm, you have a powerful combination.

Bill's passionate belief that a public education can he used as a tool for upward mobility by students and communities throughout Los Angeles is also illustrated in his work as an advocate to improve the lives of working families. He has lent a strong, dedicated voice to the educators and students of Los Angeles as a champion for education and labor equity. Further, Los Angeles families are forever indebted to Bill for his instrumental role in addressing racial, ethnic and religious division in Los Angeles. His work organizing the ''Children of the Dream'' outreach program, which brought Israeli-Ethiopians to Los Angeles and took inner-city Los Angeles students to Israel, was successful in creating dialogue and understanding between various communities in Los Angeles.

Bill's retirement marks the final chapter in a distinguished career in education that began and ends in Los Angeles. He has always been respected and admired for his dogged commitment to improving the lives of working families throughout Los Angeles, and his wonderfully giving spirit. I wish Bill much luck and leisure in the days to come when he can enjoy his