

incrimination), and 14th amendment (equal protection under the law) issues;

Call for the swift prosecution of police officers and other law enforcement officials who engage in undeniable misconduct against civilians;

Engage in greater outreach and education to African Americans on their rights in dealing with law enforcement (e.g., Miranda rights) as well as how to file a complaint should they become the victim of misconduct at the hands of police. In addition to highlighting African American mistrust of the police, the 2007 NAACP opinion survey also shows that a third of black respondents do not know if their local police department has a review process by which it investigates allegations of police misconduct or excessive use of force. Additionally, more than a third of the respondents indicate that they would not know where to go or what to do to file a formal complaint concerning misconduct;

Call attention to cases where overcharging for an offense and disparate sentencing for the crime are clearly evident. Insist that local/state governmental entities and the academic community begin to collect data on these instances and produce more studies on overcharging and disparities in sentencing in order to highlight what is happening. The civil rights community can use this information to alert the public and force those within the justice system to explain these phenomena;

Call on the Ethics Commission of the American Bar Association in the states to investigate overzealous prosecutors and judges who seem to have a pattern of applying the law unevenly when it comes to minority and white defendants;

Advocate for greater diversity and sensitivity training in schools and in the workplace. Some of the perpetrators who have been held responsible for recent noose hangings have indicated that they did it as a "practical joke." Other perpetrators were clearly being malicious. Places of business and educational centers must do a better job of letting their employees and students know that such intolerance is unacceptable;

Advocates should push for tougher prosecution of hate crime laws by local and state officials. For example, the state senate in New York has passed a bill that makes it a felony to display a noose in a threatening manner.

A NOTE ON HATE CRIME LEGISLATION

Federal hate crime legislation permits federal prosecution of hate crimes committed on the basis of a person's race, color, religion, or nation origin when engaging in a federally protected activity. This includes the federal government being able to intervene in the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes if they occur on federal property or if the victim was participating in one of six specific activities such as voting. Legislation currently pending (H.R. 1592 Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act) would expand existing hate crime prevention laws and allow the federal government to assist local authorities in the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes regardless of what the victim was doing at the time of the crime. It would also expand the definition of a hate crime to include those motivated by the victim's disability, gender or sexual orientation and it would provide money to states to develop hate crime prevention programs. To date, 45 states and the District of Columbia have statutes criminalizing various types of bias-motivated violence or intimidation (the only states that do not are AR, GA, IN, SC, WY). Each of

these statutes covers bias on the basis of race, religion, and ethnicity. The federal government as well as 27 states and the District of Columbia have statutes requiring the collection of hate crime statistics.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH ROBERT MOSER FOR COACHING THE HILAND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Coach Robert Moser showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Robert Moser was a leader and mentor for the Hiland High School Girls' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Moser has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Robert Moser for leading the Hiland High School Girls' Basketball Team to winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007-2008 Basketball season.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY SCOTT MOON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor the distinguished career of Jeffrey Scott Moon and recognize his service to the city of Orange Beach, Alabama over the past 7 years.

The past 7 years for Orange Beach, as Charles Dickens would say, were the best of times and the worst of times. The city has experienced unprecedented economic growth, but in 2004, Hurricane Ivan struck and devastated the Alabama Gulf Coast. The steady hand of Jeff Moon helped guide the city through these ups and downs. His leadership and friendship will certainly be missed.

As city administrator, Jeff oversaw the planning and construction of 10 city facilities including the recreation center, aquatics center, tennis center, teen center, senior center, and fire station 2. He was instrumental in the planning and acquisition of properties for the city of Orange Beach, including the Orange Beach Golf Center, Medical Arts Complex, and Orange Beach Commerce Park. Jeff also helped guide the recovery and rebuilding efforts in Orange Beach following Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

He worked to establish a professional team of skilled employees who serve the city of Orange Beach, a staff that doubled in size from about 150 to 300 employees during his tenure.

Jeff's hard work doesn't end at the office. From coaching youth basketball, softball and soccer to teaching Sunday school classes for high school students at First Baptist Church Orange Beach to volunteering as a cook and a concession stand worker, Jeff is involved in all facets of life in Orange Beach.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. I know his family, his wife, Nancy; their children, Kayla, Cheyenne, and Chason; and his many friends join me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his service over the years on behalf of the city of Orange Beach and the state of Alabama.

On behalf of a grateful community, I wish him the best of luck as he heads to Woodstock, Georgia, to serve as the city manager.

MARIAM IBDAIWI

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mariam Ibdaiwi, who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Mariam Ibdaiwi is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mariam Ibdaiwi is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Mariam Ibdaiwi for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING A AND M EXCAVATING, INC.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend A and M Excavating, Inc. of Lewisville, Texas, for its involvement in the Texas Emissions Reduction Program (TERP). By participating in TERP, A and M Excavating was given the opportunity to replace four of its trucks.

A and M Excavating was awarded four rebates to upgrade its aging dump trucks to a modern, more efficient fleet. This constructive move by A and M will give it a competitive

edge among competitors while preventing 26.7542 tons of nitrogen oxides from polluting our North Texas skies over the next 7 years.

The Texas Emissions Reduction Program presents businesses with the opportunity to "go green" by trading in their vehicles for cleaner, more economical diesel engines. TERP provides rebates and grants to help replace aging diesel engines that consume more fuel and generate more pollution than newer models.

All together, North Texas businesses have accumulated more than \$3.3 million in savings and cut down pollution by nearly 353 tons to date. The rebates and grants offered by TERP set a positive example of the benefits of replacing and modifying older diesel engines for the Nation.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to represent such an environment-savvy and cost-conscious company in Texas' 26th Congressional District. I am certain that A and M Excavating's involvement in the Texas Emissions Reduction Program will encourage other area businesses to apply for the program in the future.

CAFÉ 2115—ANOTHER GREAT  
ADDITION TO HARLEM CUISINE

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I would like to introduce and recognize Café 2115 in my home community, an example of the dining and retail renaissance in Harlem, and to enter into the RECORD an article from New York CaribNews for the week ending March 4, 2008, "Harlem's Finest with African Flavor."

Café 2115, recently opened at 2115 Frederick Douglas Boulevard, blends traditional African dishes with American fare and other delicacies from around the world. The owner, Abe Fofanah is a native of Sierra Leone, who came to the United States in 1998.

People who live in Harlem now have multiple options for shopping and dining that do not require them to leave the community. This is but one example of the richness of new restaurants and retail outlets that are opening in the 15th Congressional District on a daily basis. There is a renaissance occurring in Harlem.

HONORING THE RETIRED AND  
SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM  
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 35 years of astounding community service provided by the citizen volunteers of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

RSVP was established for the purpose of creating opportunities for engagement, activity, and growth for older Americans. Through an amendment of the Older Americans Act, RSVP began as a nationwide program in 1969. The Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Chapter has been active since 1973.

With over 1,300 active volunteers assisting 300 non-profit organizations in Montgomery County, RSVP has become an invaluable resource. RSVP's volunteers serve to assist fellow citizens in a wide variety of activities. Their dedication to the community has greatly enhanced and contributed to an improved quality of life for thousands of citizens living in Montgomery County.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in thanking RSVP for their exemplary service to the citizens of Montgomery County. May their work be an inspiration to us all.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF MIDDLE-  
TOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DE-  
PARTMENT OFFICERS WILLIAM  
C. BEST, STANLEY MALINOSKI,  
BARRY GRIMM, RICHARD RAST,  
FRANK HOLDEN, AND GLENN  
MOREHEAD

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, earlier this year, six remarkable New Jersey public servants retired from the Middletown Township Police Department. Let me take a few moments to tell you a little bit about each of these men.

Lieutenant William C. Best joined the Middletown Township Police Department in June 1971. Bill spent 20 years in the Patrol Division, working daily to help keep his community safe, and moving up through the ranks in the department until becoming a Patrol Lieutenant in April 2006. After more than 36 years on the force, Bill decided it was time to spend more time with his wife of 43 years, Sandra, their children, Kim and Amanda, and their two grandchildren—Molly and Teddy. I should also note that Bill's service to his country included a stint in the Navy from November 1961 through November 1963. Bill was a witness to history during this time, as he served aboard the aircraft carrier *Saratoga* during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962.

Lieutenant Stanley Malinowski joined the department in December 1972, and over his nearly 36 year career he held multiple assignments in the Patrol Division and the Community Relations/DARE program. Like Lieutenant Best, Lieutenant Malinowski served his country in the Navy before joining the police department. Stanley is a Vietnam veteran, having served from 1965 to 1969. He spent three of his four years in the Navy aboard the guided missile destroyer USS *H.B. Wilson*, with multiple tours in Vietnam.

Detective First Class Barry Grimm joined the force in June 1971, and he held numerous assignments in the Patrol and Detective Divisions over the course of his more than 36 years with the department. Barry was one of

the department's arson investigation experts, and was an instructor at the National Fire Academy for more than 20 years. Barry has also been a member of the Middletown Township Fire Department since 1968 and served as its chief in 1999. Barry is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 36 years, Birgit Mosehach Grimm, their four children, Amy, Michael, Christopher and Shawn, his son-in-law Patrick and daughter-in-law Bethany, and his two grandchildren Owen and Sophie.

Detective First Class Richard Rast joined the force in November 1977. During his more than 30 years on the force, Detective Rast served in the Patrol Division, the Community Relations Division, the Traffic Division, and the Detective Division. Detective Rast is a member of the Eastern State Criminal Investigators Association and the New Jersey Vehicle Theft Investigators Association. Like Lieutenants Best and Malinowski, Detective Rast is a Navy veteran, having served during the Vietnam era between January 1969 and November 1971. Rich and his wife Gloria have been married 38 years. They have two children, Bonnie and Sarah, and four grandchildren—Rebecca, Julia, and Brooke.

Corporal Frank Holden joined the department in August 1987 and retired on December 31, 2007. During his 20 year career in the Patrol Division, Corporal Holden received numerous awards for his work, both from the department and from community groups, including the Women's Center of Monmouth County, the American Legion Post 338 of Middletown, and the Middletown Fraternal Order of Police. Corporal Holden has been extremely active in his community as a fundraiser for multiple charities, including The Rainbow Foundation, Jason's Dreams for Kids, The Special Olympics, The Lance Armstrong Foundation, and Victory Junction Gang Camp. Frank and his wife Carol have lived in the Locust section of Middletown for the past 16 years. They have three children—Jennifer, Sara, and Adam.

Corporal Glenn Morehead joined the department in December 1980 and retired in December 2007. He received multiple awards during his long career, and his commitment to his community extended well beyond his work as a police officer. Corporal Morehead served over 20 years each with Leonardo First Aid Company, the Lincroft Fire Company, and the Middletown Township Fire Academy. In July 2008, Corporal Morehead and his wife will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. The Moreheads also have a son, Matthew.

I think it's important for their neighbors and the citizens of their community to understand just how fortunate Middletown has been to have had these six men in public service for so long. For decades, they helped keep Middletown and its residents safe from criminals, fires, and disasters—both natural and man-made. Their involvement in the community has enriched lives and helped make Middletown the wonderful place to live that it is today. As each of these men and their families begin a new chapter in their lives, I want them to know that they have my sincere thanks for their long years of service and my best wishes for the future. Congratulations and well done.