

where he continued to enjoy his good health, reading many fine books, watching the birds and squirrels, and penning scores of editorial letters to several local papers.

John was survived by his children Barry, David Harding, Doreen Elizabeth, and Ellen Judith, his brothers Sam and Peter and sisters Rosalee and Margot. His son John Rodgers and siblings Clarence, Jane, David and Thomas all preceded him in death.

The success of his children and grandchildren always gave John great pride often saying that they "did well because I didn't interfere." A highly decorated combat veteran, a talented and distinguished technician and a loving and caring father, John imparted his values and virtues on his large and wonderful family, the several communities he served and the many precious lives he touched so gently. He will be truly missed by all so fortunate to have been touched by his kindness.

A TRIBUTE TO VINCENT HOSANG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vincent HoSang, CEO and President of Caribbean Food Delights, a nationally and internationally renowned wholesale trade corporation that produces Caribbean delicacies.

HoSang was born in Springfield St. James, Jamaica to Mr. and Mrs. Henry HoSang, and was the eighth child of ten. As a child, HoSang had aspirations of becoming a medical doctor but halted his studies to help his uncle manage a family grocery store. However, it was this introduction to food services that placed HoSang on the road to founding a lucrative corporation.

In February of 1968, HoSang migrated to Bronx, NY where he saved enough money to buy a fast food store known as "Kingsbridge Delight," which sold fried chicken, shrimp, ribs, and French fries. In 1980, HoSang bought "Sunrise Bakery" on Dyre Avenue; HoSang changed its name to "Royal Caribbean Bakery" and expanded the corporation into a 20,000-sq ft. wholesale trade company in Mount Vernon, NY.

In 1993, HoSang bought 73,000 sq. ft. of land property in Tappan, New York where he founded Caribbean Food Delights, which produced various Jamaican cuisines. Since then, Caribbean Food Delights has expanded to become internationally recognized and received the Forbes award on February, 5, 2007. Along with his success, HoSang finds time to give back to the communities he's belonged to. Vincent HoSang Family Foundation, founded in 2003, and it contributed \$150,000 worth of scholarship money to business students at the University of the West Indies; this is just one example of the many ways HoSang attempts to serve others.

In closing, Vincent HoSang has dedicated his life to helping others through philanthropic giving and through food services.

HONORING SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT CHAPTER 703 OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, there are few organizations whose name is synonymous with compassion, care, and community service. The American Red Cross is one of those few. Today, in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut, South Central Connecticut Chapter 703 celebrates its 75th anniversary. Quite a remarkable milestone for this organization and our community. It is with the greatest pride that I rise today to pay tribute to this outstanding organization, its extraordinary membership, and the many invaluable contributions they have made to our community, our state, and our Nation.

Brought together by its first chairman, William Farnam, the South Central Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross was established in April 1906. The earliest records indicate that this group of volunteers were gathering supplies for Serbia as well as provisions for charitable groups throughout Greater New Haven. Shortly after our entrance into World War I, classes in home nursing were started as well as first aid programs, home services, and a corps charged with making surgical dressings. These were all volunteers—a remarkable achievement when you consider the demands brought on by the war. In fact, records from 1918 show that the Surgical Dressings department worked in an area that accommodated 1,200 workers and that in that same year, their fundraising drive included 4,000 women dressed in white, parading for the cause.

One of the greatest contributions of the South Central Connecticut Chapter was the role of one of their most distinguished members in the development and implementation of the present day statewide Blood Program. The National Red Cross pioneered the Blood Program in 1936 and during World War II the Army and Navy put out a call for donations. G. Gordon Copeland was the Chapter's assistant treasurer in 1942 and is credited with initiating the Regional Blood Program in 1950. He was chosen to represent the National Red Cross at the Centenary Congress in Geneva and served on Connecticut's Advisory Board for many years. He would certainly be proud that in Connecticut, where there are no commercial blood banks, is one of only 3 states in the Nation with an entirely free, entirely volunteer program.

In 1955, the Chapter had little chance to celebrate the purchase of the "Verdi House"—what would become their permanent home on Whitney Avenue—before the most disastrous flood in Connecticut's history came upon the State, paralyzing many communities. Always at the ready, the Chapter's offices were open 24 hours a day for 4 days and then for the following 2 weeks all personnel were on 24-hour call. Providing for 30,000 Connecticut residents, the Chapter moved 7 seaworthy boats

into service, and 1,000 disaster workers faced the challenge—gathering generators, short wave radio equipment, food, clothing, water, cots, blankets and medical equipment. Their quick action earned them the highest complement from then Governor Abraham Ribicoff when he described their endeavors as "a model of humanitarian relief."

Today, the South Central Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross boasts a volunteer base of more than 3,000 and its programs and services stretch far beyond the Blood Program and disaster relief efforts. They offer preventative programs such as swimming lessons for children, first aid and CPR training, and workshops that help parents identify dangers in the home. Our children are introduced to citizenry and community service through their Youth Program and the Social Service Department offers counsel and assistance to veterans, seniors, and those most in need. As they celebrate their 75th anniversary, the South Central Chapter of the American Red Cross not only reflects on past accomplishments but looks to what they can achieve in the future. This extraordinary volunteer organization has become an integral part of our community—their innumerable contributions touching countless lives. It is my privilege to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the organization and its many members, past and present, on this very special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS RICE

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate and pay tribute to Chris Rice upon receiving the title of Northwestern Michigan Spelling Bee Champion, and for his valiant representation of Michigan's fourth district in the Scripps National Spelling Bee Championship this spring.

Achieving previous high marks in the state level competition, it is not only Chris' exemplary study habits but his determination and focus that led him to the national competition in Washington, DC, this year. Chris' natural ability to spell became evident as a 4-year-old child when he began reading the news ticker displayed across the bottom of the television. After continuing to develop his love for spelling at school, Chris enlisted the help of his dedicated parents to begin practicing for spelling bee competitions.

As his Representative, I am proud of the great wealth of knowledge displayed by Chris while competing against 288 students from across the United States during the spelling bee. Chris' focus on spelling and reading makes him a true example and role model to his fellow students across Michigan.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I would like to extend my congratulations and thanks to Chris Rice for his educational achievements and leadership within Northwestern Michigan. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.