

Ferragosto is powered by small businesses, many family-owned, and has built a reputation for generosity to its patrons and authenticity to its cultural source. The Festival is made possible with the support of many people and institutions, perhaps none more so however than the Belmont Business Improvement District, which deserves special recognition for its efforts.

One of the landmark attractions of the Festival, and indeed a cultural touchstone for the entire city, is the Arthur Avenue Retail Market, known popularly as simply "The Market." Owned by the City of New York and located in the Belmont Community of the Bronx, The Market has a history and symbolism that is distinctly New York. Back in the 1940s, through the efforts of Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, pushcart vendors, who were largely immigrants, were taken off the streets and relocated into buildings and shelters throughout the five boroughs. The Arthur Avenue Retail Market in the Bronx was one such creation, with purveyors of Italian food, craft and specialty items. It retains today the cooperative vendor model and "old world feel" from so many years ago, endearing it to all who visit.

Importantly, The Market is currently undergoing important renovations that will ensure its stairways, halls and storage spaces will stand up to merchant demands in the new century. The goal of the project is to comprehensively renovate and modernize The Market, while maintaining the atmosphere which has made it so well-known and well-loved.

Madam Speaker, one of our most distinguishing qualities as a nation is the passion with which we celebrate our cultural diversity. At the most basic level, festivals like Ferragosto and institutions like the Arthur Avenue Retail Market are expressions of pride and honor. They are part of an exchange of history and ideas and values that link past and future generations together. I will always be a participant and supporter of such festivals and such markets, as I view them as a reminder that no matter where we come from as New Yorkers, we are all here now, together. I ask that my colleagues join me paying tribute to Ferragosto 2010, in Belmont's Little Italy of the Bronx.

TRIBUTE TO TONY BELL

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Tony Bell. Tony was a businessman, a passionate follower of both the local and national political scenes, a lover of music and gadgets, and most importantly a loving husband and proud father.

Tony was the co-owner and operator of Tomorrow's Child Learning Center in Blytheville, Arkansas—a facility dedicated to helping young children with development and learning problems. When not working, Tony dedicated his time to others through volunteer work and community organizations. He was a member of the Lions Club, a Mason, and served on the board of the Boys and Girls Club.

Tony was never one to stay still for too long. In his free time, you could find him tinkering with electronics or listening to music. Friends sought his help if ever they needed something repaired; always willing to help, Tony would oblige.

Although never a politician himself, Tony was always immersed in the local political scene and never far from the stump. Through fundraising, civil debate with fellow residents and a general enthusiasm for the democratic process Tony served as a light for others interested in politics and a great example of what it means to be an actively engaged citizen.

To Tony's family I extend my deepest condolences, and have only fond memories to tell of Tony. He was a man that found happiness in helping others, and I ask my colleagues to join me now in recognizing a life devoted to community, family and politics—and my friend, Mr. Tony Bell.

IN HONOR OF MAURICE RUSSELL ANDERSON

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a constituent and a true American hero.

United States Army Specialist Maurice Russell Anderson, from Willingboro, New Jersey, recently returned home from combat on August 28th, 2010. While assigned to the 1st Squadron 89th Cavalry based in Fort Drum, New York, Specialist Anderson was deployed to Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Along with his fellow unit members, he served with honor to protect our nation. Specialist Anderson was shot and wounded in combat while conducting intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations.

Specialist Anderson's devotion to his country during his combat time in Iraq is an example of true patriotism. I want to take this time to recognize his unwavering dedication to our nation and, on behalf of the United States Congress, thank him for his selfless service on the frontlines in Iraq and for his honorable contributions to our country.

HONORING ROY JOHN SPENCER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roy John Spencer. Roy Spencer is a veteran of World War II and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star medals. Roy was killed in action, at the age of 26, on January 12, 1945 in the Battle of the Bulge.

Roy Spencer was born in 1918 and he enlisted in the United States Army on January 12, 1945. He went on to serve as a member

of the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and fought in several battles in Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge.

In January 1945, Private Spencer and his company were attacked by German forces in the woods outside of the Belgium town of Flamizoulle. As Private Spencer and his bazooka team advanced forward, they were confronted by counterattacks from German tanks. Roy's bazooka was struck by pieces of flying shrapnel which resulted in holes being torn in the weapon's tube. Private Spencer and his teammate knew that the tanks must be stopped, despite the danger of using a faulty weapon. Without a thought for personal safety, they fired the bazooka in an attempt to stop the tanks. The weapon exploded and both men were killed instantly.

The bravery and heroism of Private Spencer inspired his company to successfully repulse the German counterattack. Private Spencer was laid to rest in the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial in Hamm, Luxembourg. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Queen Spencer.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Roy John Spencer for his service to our country, for his gallantry and for the sacrifice he made to protect his fellow soldiers. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Private Roy John Spencer.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT VINCENT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARGATE, FLORIDA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 50th anniversary of Saint Vincent's Catholic Church in Margate, Florida. Since 1960, St. Vincent's has been a leader in charity and community service, providing trilingual religious services to Margate and the entire South Florida community.

Founded with modest beginnings, St. Vincent's first Mass was celebrated under a donated tent. However, through the hard work of their parishioners, they dedicated their first church in 1961 and eventually as the parish grew, dedicated their current church in 1980.

St. Vincent's has long been a leader in community services towards the elderly, veterans, disabled, and youth of the South Florida community. They have provided Eucharistic services in hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted-living facilities and provide prayer ministries for the sick in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. St. Vincent's continues to serve its members with daily Mass and Novena ministries, and St. Vincent's is home to a thriving religious education center which provides free religious guidance to all members of the community.

During these past 50 years, St. Vincent's Catholic Church has shown its spirit and caring for the community, and I wish the Church and all of its parishioners a happy Golden Jubilee. Congratulations on this joyous occasion and thank you for your many years of service in our South Florida community.

HONORING VONETTA MCGEE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Vonetta McGee, a trailblazing actress and local Bay Area community member. Known for her fearlessness, elegance and mastery of her craft, she was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Vonetta McGee will be remembered for her warm and vivacious presence in daily life, as well as her myriad film roles, acting beside screen legends such as Jean-Louis Trintignant, Klaus Kinski, Clint Eastwood and Sidney Poitier. With Ms. McGee's passing on July 9, 2010, we are reminded of her life's journey and the joyful legacy she inspired.

Named for her father, Lawrence Vonetta McGee was born on January 14, 1945 in San Francisco, California. She graduated from San Francisco Polytechnic High School, and briefly studied law at San Francisco State University before moving to 1960s Rome, Italy to pursue her passion for acting at Cinecittà film studios.

With the emerging popularity of Spaghetti Westerns, Ms. McGee was cast in "The Great Silence," which opened in Italy in 1967, and "Faustina," a comedy directed by Luigi Magni in 1968. She returned to the United States to appear with Sidney Poitier in "The Lost Man" (1969). And, in the early 1970s, she appeared in a string of blaxploitation pictures which made her famous, including "Blacula," "Melinda," "Hammer," and "The Big Bust-Out" in 1972, and "Shaft in Africa" in 1973.

These popular genre pictures starring African-American actors are a contested, yet important, part of cinematic history. Ms. McGee, believing that the "blaxploitation" label was a misnomer, imbued all of her characters with strength, grace and pride. She was a true professional who well knew the value and variety of entertainment. Her cast members, crew and directors often noted her kind approachability and her commitment to excellence.

In 1974, she starred in "Thomasine & Bushrod" and landed a role in Clint Eastwood's "The Eiger Sanction" the following year. In 1977, she starred opposite Bernie Casey and Ron O'Neal in the film, "Brothers." Her later movies included "Repo Man" in 1984 and "To Sleep with Anger" in 1990, followed by an increasing amount of episodic television work.

In the mid 1980s, Vonetta McGee met and married the love of her life, actor Carl Lumbly, when she was cast as his detective character's wife in a Cagney & Lacey episode. They had a son, Brandon, and enjoyed many years together as soul mates. Vonetta is survived by her devoted husband, son, mother, three brothers and her sister.

I was always inspired by Vonetta's positive attitude, her clear thinking, her politics and her love for humankind. I still remember her genuine friendship and her gracious hospitality when she welcomed me and my family into her beautiful Berkeley home. She was a friend and an amazing talent who will be deeply missed.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors a wonderful human being, Ms. Lawrence Vonetta McGee. The contributions she made to others throughout her life are countless and precious. My thoughts are with Mr. Carl Lumbly, his family, and Vonetta's extended group of loved ones as we celebrate her incredible life. May her soul rest in peace.

HONORING DAVID WILLIAMS

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Williams on his retirement as the Itasca Village Administrator. Over the past 10 years, Mr. Williams has generously served the Village of Itasca.

Prior to becoming Village Administrator, Mr. Williams worked for the Illinois State Police for thirty years. Under his skilled direction and leadership, Itasca has undergone a great transformation. The Village of Itasca has witnessed the design and completion of a new village hall, police department, and construction has recently begun on the Itasca Riverwalk. Mr. Williams also serves on the board of directors and several committees for the DuPage Mayors and Mangers Conference. His coordination and guidance for the community was one of the reasons Itasca was named one of the "150 Great Places in Illinois" by the American Institute of Architects.

Madam Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Williams for his remarkable career and wishing him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF MAJOR DARREN R. BALDWIN FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SERVICE IN IRAQ

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Darren Baldwin for his bravery, patriotism, and courage while serving in Task Force Falcon and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Major Baldwin is a true testament to the remarkable and courageous service that our soldiers provide our nation.

Major Darren R. Baldwin grew up in Worthington, Ohio. After graduating from high school, Major Baldwin attended West Point and dedicated his life to the service of his country. His first assignment was as a Field Artillery Officer to Giessen, Germany during which he was sent into combat in Kosovo as part of Task Force Falcon. Returning from his deployment, Major Baldwin continued his military training in the Special Forces Officer Qualification School in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His next tour of duty took him to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Over the next two years, he served three tours of duty.

Major Baldwin continues the tradition of excellence and service exhibited by the Green Berets and other special service members. Major Baldwin is not only a great soldier, but also a great son, husband, brother, friend, and community member. His heroic efforts to help fight the war on terror have helped to keep his country and community safe.

During his tour in Iraq on March 9 and 18, 2005, Major Baldwin was wounded by two improvised explosive devices, and suffered a traumatic brain injury. Currently, Major Baldwin is on medical convalescent leave receiving physical and neurological therapeutic treatment. The service he performed for his country, at great personal cost, has been recognized with a Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, a Meritorious Service Medal, as well as being commended by the Ohio Secretary of State.

Major Baldwin and other wounded soldiers are our country's greatest heroes. On September 11, 2010, the Green Beret Foundation honored Major Darren R. Baldwin at Purple Heart Commemorative Event for his courageous service in Iraq. In addition to recognizing Major Baldwin, this event in Worthington, Ohio honored all of our dedicated American soldiers and wounded warriors by raising money for the Green Beret foundation. I commend Major Baldwin on his courage, bravery, and unwavering commitment to his country and I am proud to recognize him for his service and patriotism.

HONORING RICHARD CORDELL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on August 27, 2010 the Rotary Club of Flint, Michigan paid tribute to Richard Cordell for 47 years of service to the club. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Flint from 1963 to 2010.

Richard Cordell has served the Rotary Club of Flint as its president from 1974-1976, club secretary/treasurer from 1980 to 2008, and club secretary/treasurer emeritus from 2008 to August, 2010. He was District Governor of Rotary International District 6330 from 1984-1985. He served as a club ambassador attending numerous Rotary events and international conventions.

In addition to his service to the Rotary Club of Flint, Richard is the past-president of the Greater Flint YMCA, a leader of First Presbyterian Church of Flint, and as ambassador to Flint's sister city Togliatti Russia. A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, Richard served our country during World War II as a Lieutenant Colonel as a B-26 pilot flying 62 missions including two on D-Day.

Richard will turn 93 years old on September 30th and will soon be leaving Flint to join his son Richard, daughter-in-law Anita and two granddaughters Chelsea and Katie in California.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the contributions of Richard Cordell to the Rotary Club of Flint, and the greater Flint community. He has spent his life serving with enthusiasm,