

Upon her return to Brooklyn, her first employment opportunity was for the Health Insurance Plan (HIP) of New York working as a Medical Assistant. During her time at HIP serving in the Women's Health Division, she learned early the power of engaging women in caring for their health which ultimately could shape the health outcomes of the entire family. It was also during this time that she saw the necessity to have health care providers who could relate to a vulnerable population—those who often put other priorities ahead of their own health—women. As the HIV epidemic and the spread of STDs began to take its toll on the African American community, being able to communicate without judgment was the key to the center's success.

In 1991, she joined the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation at Metropolitan Hospital Center in New York and began a journey that would span 19 years in increasing administrative capacities. One of her most rewarding times was spent at Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn where she met her mentor who would guide her career and allow her to spread her administrative wings. The seasoning of her experience at Woodhull prepared her for her most challenging opportunity to date. In June 2009, she was recruited to lead the oldest public hospital psychiatric program at Bellevue Hospital Center. Currently, Ms. Foster is the Senior Associate Executive Director of the Psychiatry and Child/Adolescent Psychiatry departments, which includes a 339 bed inpatient unit and multiple mental health ambulatory care services. She is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Ms. Foster is most proud of being the mother of two beautiful children, Maya, 13 and Myles, 9; both of whom attend independent schools in NYC. Ms. Foster finds time to be a class representative at her daughters' school, serve in the Parents' Association, mentor young women at the Lenox Road Baptist Church, where she is a member, and participate in community service projects. She continues to live in Brooklyn with her husband of fifteen years, Ray Foster, and her children.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ann-Marie K. Foster.

TRIBUTE TO FERNANDO A.
GUERRA, MD, MPH, FAAP

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has spent his whole life pursuing the well-being of others, especially that of children, through his medical practice, education, and leadership. After many years of service to his community, Dr. Fernando A. Guerra, a long time practicing pediatrician and a dear friend of mine, is now retiring from his post as Director of Health at the San Antonio Metro Health District.

Having received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Texas in Austin, his

medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and a master's of public health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health where he was a Kellogg Fellow, it comes as no surprise that Dr. Guerra has been recognized as a leading contributor to medical research and literature. We are forever grateful for Dr. Guerra's work in numerous areas, including immunizations, community health, and health disparities, as his work and leadership have made a difference for the people of our Nation's seventh largest city and its surrounding areas.

Over the years, Dr. Guerra has offered his expertise to many boards and committees, and he will continue to serve in this capacity in retirement. One of Dr. Guerra's greatest passions is educating and mentoring the next generation of public and private health professionals. As the Director of Health at the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, he has mentored physicians in training from both the public and private sectors, including the Residents in Aerospace Medicine, RAMS, program. Through the RAMS, he has been able to give back to the military he served in as a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War, for which he received both the Bronze Star and the U.S. Army Commendation Medal with "V" distinction.

In light of all that Dr. Guerra has accomplished in his long and prosperous career, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this extraordinary man of scholarship and public service for all that he has done for the people of Bexar County and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 584, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,834,918,581,977.03.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,196,492,835,638.20 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

A TRIBUTE TO JOYCE MARIE
CANNADY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joyce Marie Cannady.

Joyce Marie Cannady was born in Franklin, Virginia, to Sallie Irene and Jasper Williams. She has lived a life of service to others and continues to do so even as a retiree today.

Ms. Cannady began her work career as a Secretary for the Department of Social Services as a member of the executive staff team. During her tenure there, she excelled at meeting the day-to-day operation needs of the department. Always a good listener, she was tasked with the assignment of addressing complaints of the office.

In 1971, a co-worker informed her about a Medgar Evers College opening in Brooklyn. She accepted a position as the first Secretary in the Nursing Program, which began with sixteen students. Joyce helped set the tone and pace for the Nursing Program. She excelled in her position and received increasing levels of responsibilities over the years. In her role as Administrative Assistant to the Nursing Program Director, she was responsible for hiring and supervising support staff, scheduling student consultations and managing the on-going administrative operations.

Ms. Cannady retired after dedicating 30 years of service to an institution that continues to educate students by supporting its motto: "Creating success one student at a time." She has also worked with the AmeriCorps program, serving as a reading and writing tutor for first and second grade students at P.S. 57 in Queens.

In her spare time, she dedicates her experience and talent to others. Her community activism began in the early 1980s, when she created the United Neighborhood Block Association in Queens and became its first President. The association was designed to increase the sense of community within the neighborhood. She also became a member of the Queens Village Civic Association, Queens Democratic Club, Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club, Women's Caucus for Congressman Towns and AmeriCorps Alumni. She has served as a leader for other service committees. She was the Executive Secretary, District Council 37 Women's Committee and President of the Youth Department of Black Trade Unionists. As a member of the Retirees Committee, she continues to live a life of service and currently serves as the Executive Secretary for the Church of God In Christ Jesus, N.D. Inc. She is also proud to have been ordained as a Minister by her Bishop, W.H. Amos in 2008.

Ms. Cannady's contributions to others have not gone unnoticed. Over the years she has been awarded the Medgar Evers College Secretary of the Year Award, U.S. Air Force Special Presidential Citation, Administrative Assistant of the Year Award, DC 37 People Merit Award and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Youth Department Award.

She has been married for fifty years to Ivory; they are the proud parents of three adult