

But for now, WARL will join others across the country to raise awareness of the world's companion animal overpopulation crisis by participating in National Homeless Animals' Day on August 20th and spearheading the first event of its kind in our Nation's Capital.

Every day, WARL works to end the plight of homeless dogs and cats. We can all make a difference by promoting responsible guardianship and by adopting our pets from a local animal shelter, instead of a breeder or pet store, and by preventing the exponential increase of homeless animals by spaying and neutering our pets.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PLANTING  
FIELDS ARBORETUM STATE  
HISTORIC PARK IN OYSTER BAY,  
NEW YORK

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 28, 2005*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, located in Oyster Bay, New York. The park's 409 acres on the beautiful North Shore of Long Island provide a unique opportunity to educate, enrich, and entertain the visiting public.

The "Gold Coast" of Long Island is known around the world from F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel, *The Great Gatsby*. The Planting Fields Arboretum is a remarkable public garden that provides the public with the chance to experience the beauty and tranquility of this legendary part of America's geography.

The Planting Fields Arboretum is entering the final stage of construction of a new facility, the Hoffman Visitor Center. This enriching addition, due to open in the summer of 2006, will function as an educational center and will serve as a permanent home for the historical records of all Long Island parks.

Visitors to the Hoffman Visitor Center will be able to participate in interactive exhibits, which will acquaint them with the history and culture of the Planting Fields Arboretum. A 3-dimensional topographical map, featuring fiber optic light-up paths surrounded by educational panels, will introduce the visitors to the many attractions and specialty walks that the Planting Fields Arboretum has to offer.

Individuals interested in learning about Long Island's storied history will be able to peruse the archives, which will contain more than 85,000 images, schematics, blueprints, and plans from Robert Moses' Long Island National Park System.

The Planting Fields Arboretum will also showcase a new rooftop garden, complete with a pergola filled with hanging baskets of seasonal flowers to attract butterflies and birds. This relaxing area will be the perfect spot to sit and picnic with family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in commending the Planting Fields Arboretum of Oyster Bay, New York for the construction of the Hoffman Visitor Center, a facility that will only add luster to one of Nassau County and New York's brightest cultural gems.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR  
GEORGE PABEY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 28, 2005*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mayor George Pabey for being honored as 2005 East Chicagoan of the Year. For sixteen years, Twin City Community Services in East Chicago, Indiana, has awarded this title to prominent members of the community who have greatly contributed to the city and people of East Chicago. This year's festivities will take place on Friday, August 5, 2005, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in East Chicago.

George is a native of East Chicago, Indiana. At a young age his parents taught him the importance of hard work, accountability, and community service. His strong family values set the tone for his life and career. These values paved the way for George's decision to serve the people of East Chicago. In 1972, he decided to become a police officer with the East Chicago Police Department. George quickly rose through the ranks and his hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed. He served in the Narcotics Unit and was instrumental in developing the city's Gang Unit. In 1990, he was appointed Chief of Police. After he retired from the East Chicago Police Department in 1997, he was appointed Director of Security for a nationally known casino located in East Chicago, Indiana.

George's political career began in 1999. After campaigning on a platform of providing safer streets, reinvigorating neighborhoods and empowering people, George was elected to East Chicago's Common Council. Throughout his career, he earned praise for his leadership and integrity. On October 26, 2004, George made history and became the first Hispanic democrat to rise to the standing of Democratic nominee for Mayor of the City of East Chicago.

The Knights of Columbus Hall will be filled Friday night with friends and family who have been blessed with the opportunity to know and work with George and who wish to celebrate with him as he receives his award. George's hard work and dedication, which have earned him the East Chicagoan of the Year award, have been improving the community and the lives of East Chicagoans for over twenty years. Though he is dedicated to his career and the community of East Chicago, he has never limited his time and love for his family. George and his wife, Hilda, have two children, Maria Lisete and Anthony, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mayor George Pabey on being recognized as East Chicagoan of the Year. It is my privilege to extend my personal thanks to Mayor Pabey for his lifelong dedication to the citizens of the First Congressional District of Indiana.

THE PRIZE ACT OF 2005

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 28, 2005*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I reintroduce the Promoting Responsible Interrogation Standards Enforcement Act. I am disappointed that it is necessary to do so, but over a year after the first pictures of abuse Abu Ghraib were leaked, there has still been no command responsibility for those who condoned the atrocious behavior. And recent news reports tell us that even more pictures of even worse treatment will soon be released.

Over the past year, we have come to learn that the abuse of detainees in American custody is not the work of a few bad apples in a single Iraqi prison, but a common occurrence throughout our military controlled detention centers. From Afghanistan to Guantanamo, at our hands or at the hands of well-known sponsors of torture, we have abused, tortured, and even killed those who we have captured or detained in the war on terror.

We clearly cannot leave the Administration to its own devices to prevent this abuse from happening again. After ten so-called "investigations," we are no closer to discovering just how high in the Administration the approval of torture tactics went. Every day we learn of more abuse, each allegation more horrific than the next. How much longer can we pretend it was all an accident?

That's why I am introducing this bill to clarify that torture at the hands of our personnel, or upon their request, is not allowed under any circumstance. It also clarifies that our responsibilities in the U.N. Convention Against Torture, unlike what the Attorney General is claiming, apply to everyone in our custody, regardless of where they are kept or which country they come from.

Intelligence obtained through torture is notoriously unreliable, and is therefore bad policy in the first place. But perhaps most importantly, our use of torture only encourages other nations to torture our own captured personnel. We cannot continue to put our own fighting men and women in danger.

I ask my colleagues to join me in support of both this bill, and H.R. 952, Congressman MARKEY's bill banning the outsourcing torture. Together, they will clarify that this Congress will no longer tolerate the inhumane treatment of those we capture or detain, and will hopefully start our country down the road to repairing its now tarnished reputation as the world's most preeminent human rights leader.

STATEMENT ON THE BAKASSI  
PENINSULA DISPUTE

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 28, 2005*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues an international dilemma that has been brought to my attention. There is a disturbing situation taking place that is seriously affecting the relations between the African nations of Cameroon and Nigeria. President Olusegun