

Councilwoman Audrey J. King, an accomplished professional and tireless community activist, who died Friday, September 30, 2005.

A longtime community leader and an integral part of the incorporation movement for the City of Miami Gardens, Councilwoman King was elected as the first representative of City Council Seat 3 in July 2003 and served in that capacity until her passing. Prior to the incorporation of the City, Councilwoman King was twice elected to the Miami-Dade County Community Council 3, where she served as chairwoman and vice-chairwoman from 1996 to 2002. She also served as vice-chair of the North Dade Community Development Task Force, volunteered in numerous charity activities and was honored throughout her career for her dedication to the people of our community.

She was a life member of the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP, serving for several years as the Political Action Chair. Councilwoman King was also a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; the First Baptist Church of Bunche Park; and a founding member of UP-PAC, Unrepresented Peoples Positive Action Council.

She leaves behind a legacy of achievement and inspiration, for she was an example of what genuine caring and unrelenting commitment can accomplish. Councilwoman King gave tirelessly of herself for the benefit of those around her and will be sorely missed. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, October 8th at First Baptist Church of Bunche Park.

HONORING TWO NAVY VETERANS
FROM COLORADO

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two veterans I know personally from my hometown of Fort Morgan, Colorado. Bob "Pete" Hobbs and Dominick Cardoza. I admire these two gentlemen for their service in the Navy, and their devotion to their families and community.

For 2 years, from 1954 to 1956, Pete and Dominick served together in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS *Badoeng Strait*, CVE 116. Both were assigned to the Second Division. Pete was on the deck and Dominick was in the Captain's Gig. It was during this time their friendship was forged, spending time at sea and taking part in a variety of military exercises.

They were also assigned to a gun crew that carried the responsibility of frequent firing exercises on a 40 mm gun. Because of these drills Dominick and Pete both suffer from tinnitus.

The most noteworthy of drills took place in 1956 while the *Badoeng Strait* operated around the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific during Operation Redwing. During these operations, Pete and Dominick were part of the crew that remained on the ship's deck during "Test Series of Atomic Weapons Devices." In the distance, H-bombs were exploded and this ship and the crew were subjected to the long range effects of the blasts, on numerous occasions.

The sailors were simply told not to look at the blast and to turn their backs. They were exposed to ionizing radiation. Afterwards the crew was checked for radiation and required to take a salt water bath. They were required to remove their clothes before entering the lower decks of the boat, and their garments were destroyed because of the radiation. The ship itself was scrubbed with Tide detergent.

They were told that the worst possible effect of the radiation was sterilization, nothing else!

In 1957, the *Badoeng Strait* was put out of commission in Bremerton, Washington. During the decommissioning process, Dominick and Pete were assigned to the lower deck for maintenance. They used air hammers to chip the paint from the decks and bulkheads. They were given no ear protection and, as a result, they both suffer from hearing loss. They were also exposed to asbestos, which covered much of the ship.

Afterwards, Dominick Cardoza was assigned to the USS *Lexington*, CVA 16, an aircraft carrier. Pete Hobbs was assigned to the USS *Vega*, AF 59, a supply ship.

I am touched by the story of Pete's and Dominick's service and sacrifice. As a direct result of the elements they were exposed to, both men are suffering from serious health complications. Pete has thyroid cancer and Dominick has other personal health problems.

Despite their enormous personal challenges, I find these men to be very uplifting and encouraging. They remain good friends today and live in Fort Morgan, Colorado. In addition, their wives Chris Hobbs and Sue Cardoza deserve respect and admiration for supporting their husbands.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor these two veterans who served our country with such distinctions. They are heroes that walk among us. I ask my colleagues in Congress to recognize their work and their sacrifices on behalf of our Nation, as well as the joy for life they have to this day.

May God bless all of our precious veterans and may he continue to bless this great Nation.

HONORING RICHARD E. GUERIN,
PRINCIPAL OF SAINT BEDE THE
VENERABLE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Guerin, Principal of Saint Bede the Venerable and recipient of the 2005 National Distinguished Principal Award.

The National Distinguished Principals Program was established in 1984 as an annual event to honor exemplary elementary school principals who set the pace, character, and quality of the education children receive during their early school years. One principal is chosen from each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia, and this year Richard Guerin has been selected as a National Distinguished Principal.

St. Bede the Venerable is a Catholic School that serves the parish community and is both an expression of and a witness to the faith of its people. The school's main responsibility is in the area of Catholic education—preschool through eighth grade.

Believing that a child's development best occurs within the framework of a positive and structured environment, St. Bede School offers innovative educational programs of high quality. The aim of these programs is to challenge each student while teaching basic skills, within a Christian atmosphere where mutual respect, order, and values are a high priority. The core of our curriculum is religious education, both content and practice. Christian attitudes and values are the foundation of this developmental process.

Richard Guerin has been serving and teaching in the Archdiocese of Chicago for 34 years, 28 of those spent as principal of St. Bede. Before coming to St. Bede, he taught at Worth Junior High and Christ the King School. However, he fell in love with the job and the people at St. Bede where he has touched countless lives and been influenced by many lives in the community.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Richard Guerin who serves as an example of one of the best in PreK-8 school leadership and helps to foster a greater understanding of the principal's key role in meeting the challenging responsibility of educating children.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE GREATER
MILWAUKEE CHAPTER OF THE
UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO COMBAT
GLOBAL POVERTY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud an alliance of dedicated residents of the Fourth Congressional District for their passionate pursuit of peace and justice. On October 8, members of the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the United Nations Association, together with an array of partner organizations, will host a Call to Action and Celebration of the Global Campaign to Make Poverty History.

This effort is extremely timely. Poverty has a devastating effect on the lives of those in developing countries, and creates structural problems for the global economy that ultimately harm our own economic well-being. The U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals call for progress in eight key sectors, including education, healthcare, environmental sustainability and gender equity. Taken together, these goals comprise a comprehensive strategy for reducing poverty and hunger.

In reality, addressing global poverty requires us to confront the impact of debt on developing countries' ability to invest in the infrastructure and social services needed to improve the quality of their citizens' lives. The weight of the international debt that many developing countries carry poses an enormous obstacle to real progress toward eradicating poverty. Debt payments to international creditors inhibit many countries' efforts to recover from natural disasters, or establish healthcare, education and clean water programs. Impoverished countries in Africa pay on average \$14 per person in debt service payments to international financial institutions, but spend only \$5 per person on healthcare.

In recognition of this fact, I cosponsored the JUBILEE Act, which directs the Secretary of