

At home, Joe was a constant figure throughout the community. He was intimately involved in bringing a public health center to Norristown and establishing the Center for Sustainable Communities at Temple University-Ambler. Additionally, he secured Federal funds for the Schuylkill Valley Metro, Title I education, river-front development in Norristown and Northeast Philadelphia, the Montgomery County Community College and the Abington Arts Center.

From his seat on the International Relations Committee, Joe also advocated for the United States to play an active role in international efforts to bring peace to the Middle East and throughout the world.

Joe's reputation as a hard-working legislator and an outspoken, progressive Democrat will not be forgotten. I know many of my colleagues continue to rely on Joe's guidance and advice and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of my colleagues here in Congress I again want to congratulate Joe Hoeffel on being recognized as Montgomery County's Democrat of the Year. Although his service in Congress has come to an end, I know Joe will continue to work on behalf of the people of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and our Nation for many years to come.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
VIVIAN MALONE JONES

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Vivian Malone Jones.

It is my generation's tragedy that so few of us knew the name of Vivian Malone Jones. It is a cruel twist of history that George Wallace's "stand in the schoolhouse door" is itself a vivid memory but that the protagonists of the event—the ones being stood against—were off site and out of view.

Vivian Malone Jones died too young last week at age 63. In prose, she was the first black American to earn a degree from the University of Alabama. In poetry, she was proof of the power of dignified commitment, and was a trailblazer to young black women my mother's age, whose own dreams seemed more attainable when they contemplated her boldness.

Part of Jones' current anonymity was based on the choice she made to forge a conventional career as a government employee, rather than as a traveling icon of the civil rights era. She did not frequent the reenactments, the marches, or the annual seminars revisiting the sixties, and I never recall her weighing in on whether the war in Iraq was unjust or whether a Supreme Court nominee should be confirmed.

But these choices of when and where to cast her influence were hers, and they were noble and worthy of respect. And the value Vivian Malone Jones put on respecting choices meant that I never heard her offer those facile denigrations of the caliber of this generation's African American leaders.

My last memory of Jones is the Newsweek cover the week she registered at the University of Alabama. The cover featured the

unattributed quote, "We owe them—and we owe ourselves—a better country." It was so true, for Jones and her cohorts, and it is so true, for the children of poverty and depressed schools, for the working poor who are losing ground, and for the anonymous challengers to glass ceilings who are themselves broken for trying to climb to higher altitudes. Blessed are those whose courage moves us to make the ultimate commitments.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF MARTIN
KENDZORA FOR WINNING THE
2005 PEACEKEEPER'S AWARD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Martin Kendzora and the St. Clairsville Police Department continue to assist the Tri-County Help Center combat domestic violence; and

Whereas, Martin Kendzora supports the Family Visitation Center and worked with the staff there to develop safety plans; and

Whereas, Martin Kendzora has been the consummate professional in dealing with the staff and clients of the Tri-County Help Center.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Chief Martin Kendzora for winning this prestigious award.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF MR. M.J. "MIKE" ARTS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and a fixture within the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. On Friday, October 21, 2005, after twenty years at the helm, Mike Arts retires as President of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. Throughout his tenure, Mike's leadership cut a path of economic growth and prosperity transforming his home community, Boca Raton.

In 1985, Mike took the reigns of the Chamber and faced an daunting task. The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce was dealing with the loss of 10,000 IBM jobs, an inactive membership and a fledgling downtown development plan.

Today, thanks to Mike's leadership, the Chamber enjoys a membership of 1,800 members, the largest business organization in Palm Beach and Broward counties. The success of the Boca Raton Chamber has been at the center of making the City of Boca Raton, the envy of municipalities throughout Florida.

Mike's involvement reaches far beyond Boca Raton. Mike has served as President of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Executives and as a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mike has also supported a regional business approach that has led South Florida to become a national and international leader in transportation and international trade. As a result of this progressive vision, Mike has

been called one of Palm Beach County's "movers and shakers."

I have had the privilege of representing the residents of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County since 1992. As a Member of Congress representing a new area, it was an easy transition the day I first met Mike. Mike took precious time introducing me around the Boca Raton business community.

The many relationships and support I have today is a direct result of Mike's support.

Every two years constituents of Florida's 22nd Congressional District travel to Washington and participate in my District Fly-In. The Fly-In provides my constituents with a first-hand look at the inner workings of the Congress and our federal government. I appreciate Mike's longstanding support of these events during the planning and implementation process. His assistance has made these Fly-In events a tremendous success.

Although Mike will step aside from leading the Boca Raton Chamber, we know his activities and commitment to Boca Raton and the South Florida business community remain a top priority.

I Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to call Mike Arts my friend. I wish Mike and his lovely wife, Catherine, much happiness and good health as they complete this chapter in their partnership and look for new challenges and opportunities in the future. I thank my colleagues for allowing me to bring to the attention of the House the outstanding service of Mike Arts.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JO ANN MITTENBERG,
NEW YORK STATE'S AMERICAN
STAR OF TEACHING HONOREE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Jo Ann Mittenberg, who was recognized in September by the U.S. Department of Education as the American Star of Teaching honoree from New York State. This exceptional honor goes annually to one exemplary teacher from each state.

Ms. Mittenberg has taught math for over 27 years and has been a teacher in the Farmingdale Union Free School district for over 14 years. Her colleagues describe her as a "gifted, caring, tireless, dedicated person with a superb mathematical background and extraordinary teaching skills."

Over the years, Ms. Mittenberg has taught Sequential I, II and III Mathematics, Grade 8 Math, Grade 8 Remedial Math, Regents Competency Math, Pre-Calculus Syracuse University Calculus Program and C.W. Post SCALE Calculus for college credit. Additionally, she has taught computer programming, computer literacy, SAT preparation, and GED preparation courses. One of Ms. Mittenberg's most impressive successes in the classroom has been helping ninth graders with disabilities pass state Regents exams with a 90 percent success rate.

Ms. Mittenberg's dedication to providing Long Island students with a strong math education doesn't end in the classroom. She works hard to ensure that her colleagues are