

## TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 26, 2005*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, in February of 1913, an extraordinary lady was born and 42 years later she refused to give her seat up on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Her actions had an extraordinarily positive impact on America and on focusing Americans' attention on the fact that they were, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said, not fulfilling our Nation's promise of equality and justice. And so we note the passing of Rosa Parks at the age of 92. She made an extraordinary contribution, not just to our country, but to the concept of equality and dignity of human beings around the world.

Rosa Parks was a civil rights icon and a national treasure. Her simple, dignified act nearly half a century ago—defiance of a racist law that denied her humanity—helped galvanize the civil rights movement and delivered a moral body blow to segregationist laws that stain our Nation's history.

Ms. Parks' life is a testament to the truth that one person with courage and an unshakable will can change a Nation and begin to right wrongs. Her legacy will endure not only through her personal acts of courage and strength, but also through the thousands of activists who were inspired by her.

Ms. Parks risked everything, including her life, for a cause that she knew in her heart was right. We are a better Nation today as the result of her courage and vision. And, we should honor her memory by continuing the fight for equality, decency and basic human rights.

HIAWTHI WILLIAMS—SALUTE TO  
HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 27, 2005*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man, his company and his donation. Hiawthi Williams, the owner of Williams Chicken donated 200 pieces of chicken for volunteers during hurricane Katrina.

Williams Chicken was first opened in 1987 and has rapidly grown since. Today, with over 50 stores in operation, the company continues to grow. Notwithstanding the market research, the chain admits the real secret to the company's success is staying true to their philosophy, "To Serve, Grow and Give Back to the Community."

I stand here today to sincerely thank Hiawthi Williams for his donation. It is people like him

that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

HONORING HERMAN WOLF FOR  
HIS LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 27, 2005*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable life and legacy of a dear friend, Herman Wolf. In a career that spanned eight decades, his influence on State and national politics garnered him a respected reputation with Democrats and Republicans alike. At the age of 93, Herman passed away this past week, marking the end of an era in Connecticut politics.

A gifted public relations guru and a talented political strategist, Herman spent a lifetime working to improve the quality of life for all people. His dedication and commitment to social justice never wavered—in fact he never stopped, working up until the time of his passing. Herman was an activist, advocate and leader who provided a strong voice to those most in need.

In his earliest years in Connecticut, Herman was best known as a top advisor to Governors Abe Ribicoff, John Dempsey, and Ella T. Grasso. He served as an executive aide to then Governor Ribicoff and was an integral part of his successful election to the United States Senate. In addition to his involvement with local campaigns, Herman was also an advisor to State and National Democratic Party Chairman John Bailey. Working with some of our State's most powerful modern political leaders, Herman helped to shape decades of public policy.

In addition to his role as a political strategist, Herman also ran a successful public relations firm, Herman Wolf Associates. He represented over 100 clients including prominent labor unions like the AFL-CIO, businesses such as United Technologies and Guinness Stout, and non-profit organizations such as the Ford Foundation, the NAACP, and the American Shakespeare Festival. Herman would later become executive vice-president of the Design Science Institute of Washington, DC, a group dedicated to furthering the work of inventor and philosopher R. Buckminster Fuller. Local projects also received the attention of Herman. He was involved with a number of projects in the Bridgeport area including several at Action for Bridgeport Community Development where he had been working up until the time of his passing.

For Herman, his work was about more than promoting an agenda. He had deep convictions and indisputable integrity. His work reflected his strong belief in leveling the playing field for all Americans. He firmly believed that the government had a responsibility to provide for our most vulnerable citizens and ensure that their needs received the same attention as those more fortunate. Herman's energy, enthusiasm, and excitement not only made him a success but inspired others to greatness as well. He left an indelible mark on our communities, the State of Connecticut, and our

Nation—a legacy that will undoubtedly be remembered by history.

I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Monica; his children, David, Bill, Fay, and Louise; and their families. Herman Wolf was an extraordinary individual with a unique dedication to public service that touched the lives of many. Though he will be missed, his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. N. RAO  
CHAVA**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 27, 2005*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. N. Rao Chava of Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Chava is a highly accomplished medical doctor and administrator, and will soon be retiring as Director of the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System hospital in Macon County.

In 1974, Dr. Chava began his career with the Department of Veterans Affairs as an internal medicine resident. As a naturalized United States citizen, he has devoted himself to VA Medical Centers in both West Virginia and Alabama. Dr. Chava was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and received a Certificate for Added Qualifications in Geriatric Medicine. He is also a Fellow for the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Geriatrics Society, the American College of Physician Executives, and the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Our nation's veterans deserve the highest quality care available, and I know Dr. Chava has spent much of his career caring for their needs. He will be missed. I congratulate Dr. Chava for his many accomplishments over the years, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF HISPANIC  
LEADERS AND IN COMMEMORATION  
OF HISPANIC HERITAGE  
MONTH**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 27, 2005*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage month to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of remarkable leaders of the Hispanic community. I am honored to acknowledge the wonderful contributions of Margarita Rosa Esq., Frances Lucerna, Dr. Maria Montes, Elizabeth C. Yeampierre and Rev. Jorge L. Roa, Jr. These individuals have been a true inspiration, working tirelessly to better the lives of New Yorkers and the Hispanic community by making a positive impact in our community.

Through devotion and commitment, these enthusiastic role models have excelled in their strong community service and diligent work to improve the quality of life in many disenfranchised neighborhoods, encouraging