

medical community with dozens of articles published in both English and Spanish medical journals. He has also shared his wealth of knowledge and tremendous insight with his peers by addressing numerous medical conventions on a wide variety of subjects.

Dr. Beato's dedication and support extends beyond the medical community and has long been a strong advocate for his community and activist for South Florida. Dr. Beato has also stood firm in the face of brutality and oppression as a staunch and vocal opponent of Fidel Castro and his tyrannical reign in Cuba.

I wish Dr. Beato an early happy 90th birthday and that he has many more happy returns. I would also like to offer many congratulations on his numerous accomplishments throughout his lifetime and his contribution and service to his community. I offer my best wishes to Dr. Beato in all his future endeavors and thank him for over 60 years of service to the medical community.

TRIBUTE TO SIMON GREEN  
WOODARD OF WASHINGTON, DC

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 28, 2006*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that Mr. RYAN of Ohio and I rise to pay tribute to the late Simon Green Woodard, a dedicated public servant devoted to his family, religion, community, and country. Mr. Woodard is the father of Kimberly Annette Woodard of Washington, DC. We mourn alongside Kimberly in this time of family sorrow.

Simon Green Woodard was born on March 3, 1943, to the late Charles and late Ida Harrington Woodard in Columbia, South Carolina. He was educated in the public schools of Richland County District One in Columbia, and after graduating from Booker T. Washington High School, he served in the United States Navy for 4 years.

Mr. Woodard moved to Washington, DC, in 1963. He received a B.A. in public management from the University of the District of Columbia. He began his 25 years of service in the Federal Government as an entry level contract specialist with the National Aeronautics Space Administration, NASA. Following his time at NASA, Simon worked for the National Science Foundation. At the time he retired from the Federal Government, Simon served as a Procurement Executive at the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps. Simon's "retirement" lasted less than a week and in April 2003 he joined the Washington Convention Center as manager of the Contracts and Procurement Services Department.

Mr. Woodard was a man of faith who dedicated his life to Jehovah's Witnesses. He attended the Ft. Chaplin Park North Congregation for more than 20 years and for the past 3 years, belonged to the Mt. Pleasant Congregation.

Mr. Woodard was the loyal and loving husband of Iris Woodard. They wed on September 23, 1972. Together they had one

daughter, Kimberly Annette Woodard; and two sons, Lamar Simon Woodard of Champaign, Illinois, and Mark Christopher Woodard of Washington, DC.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Woodard was loved and admired by his family and friends. He will be sorely missed. We offer our sincere condolences to his family and all who were touched by his kindness and service.

THE CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY RIGHT  
TO KNOW ACT

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 28, 2006*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, in March 2006 the Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act passed the House of Representatives as part of the College Access and Opportunity Act of 2006. This landmark legislation called for colleges and universities across the United States to report vital fire safety information to the U.S. Department of Education so that prospective students and their parents could make informed decisions regarding a fire-safe school based on criteria such as the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems, automatic fire alarm systems, fire prevention training, and other related factors.

The fact that this legislation passed the House of Representatives was due, in no small part, to the tremendous support provided by leading fire safety organizations. Each of these organizations works tirelessly every day to improve fire safety for our citizens, and their contribution to the passage of this bill was instrumental.

These organizations include: The Center for Campus Fire Safety, the Congressional Fire Services Institute, the International Fire Chiefs Association, the International Code Council, the International Fire Marshals Association, the National Association of State Fire Marshals, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, the National Fire Protection Association, the National Fire Sprinkler Association, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, and Underwriters Laboratories.

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to these associations for their hard work and dedication to the safety of the students of this Nation. They are to be commended for their commitment to the cause of fire safety and for their support in the passage of the Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act.

I also want to thank my friends on the Education and Workforce Committee who worked to make passage possible. My colleagues Representatives ROB ANDREWS, CAROLYN MCCARTHY, JOE WILSON, Chairman BUCK MCKEON, and former Chairman (and current Majority Leader) JOHN BOEHNER were immensely helpful in passing our amendment in Committee and I am eternally grateful for their support.

Mr. Speaker, I will not stop fighting to enact legislation to ensure a safe school environment for all college and university students. This is the least we can do for the young people of this nation. When we entrust our children to any institution, we expect that they will

be in a safe environment. And we have the right to expect that much.

TRIBUTE TO SHOSHANA SHOUBIN  
CARDIN

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 28, 2006*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Shoshana Shoubin Cardin, a remarkable woman and Baltimorean who will celebrate her 80th birthday on October 10.

Shoshana Cardin is known to many in this Chamber, and to many presidents and prime ministers throughout the world. She has been a tireless worker for human rights, women's rights, education, Jewish spirituality and culture, and the State of Israel.

As Chairwoman of the Maryland Commission for Women, Shoshana worked with Citicorp to help women understand their economic rights and to initiate the first women's credit "hotline." She also worked with the Maryland Senate to revise rape legislation, and convened the first state conference on battered women, leading to the opening of the House of Ruth, a safe haven for victims of domestic violence. She promoted volunteerism and helped to form and then chaired the Maryland Volunteer Network.

Shoshana was the first woman to become the Chair of the Board of the Associated Jewish Community of Baltimore, the first female President of the Council of Jewish Federations, the first woman Chair of the National Council of Soviet Jewry, NCSJ, the first female Chair of the Council of President of Major American Jewish Organizations, the first female President of the National Center for Learning and Leadership, CLAL, and the first woman to Chair the United Israel Appeal.

Using her position of leadership in the Jewish community, Shoshana brought her courage and wisdom to bear on many major national issues. As Chair of the NCSJ, she succeeded in convincing Soviet President Gorbachev to denounce anti-Semitism as negative antisocial behavior. She met with Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, Secretary of State James Baker, Prime Ministers of Israel Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin, Yitzhak Shamir and Ariel Sharon. She served as a Public Member of the U.S. delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Conference, as well as an NGO representative in numerous world conferences promoting human rights.

Currently, Shoshana serves as co-founder and chair of the Shoshana S. Cardin School, Baltimore's first trans-denominational Jewish high school.

I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Shoshana Cardin, a woman who has made a difference as a wife, mother, grandmother, volunteer, professional, activist, philanthropist and humanitarian. I hope you will join me in wishing Shoshana Shoubin Cardin the happiest of birthdays and wishes for many more.