

wife adopted two children in 2000—Monica, now 12, and Carlos, 11.

He left the Tribune in 2000 and moved to Washington, DC, to return to work for the St. Petersburg Times before moving to the newspaper's Tampa bureau.

A jazz music fan, Mr. de la Garza made an annual pilgrimage to the New Orleans jazz fest with a group of acquaintances. One of those festivals stood out for friends and family: the 2003 version, when loved ones converged from around the country to celebrate Mr. de la Garza's having beaten Hodgkin's lymphoma.

In addition to his wife and children, Mr. de la Garza is survived by his mother, Jesusa, two brothers and a sister. Services are pending.

TRIBUTE TO TANYA RAND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Tanya Rand, a distinguished citizen of Brooklyn, New York. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding woman and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive service.

Born to Natalie and Caesar Campbell in Brooklyn, New York, Tanya Rand remains a part of the Clinton Hill community today. Ms. Rand is a product of the New York public school system and currently attends New York Technical College where she is working towards a Bachelor's degree in Technology.

In 1992, Ms. Rand joined the Health and Hospital Corporation as a part-time receptionist/clerk at one of Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center's off sites. While with the Health and Hospital Corporation, Ms. Rand has enjoyed numerous promotions. She has worked in the Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center Chemical Dependency Department, the Office of the Director of Community Affairs, and the North Brooklyn Health Network Community. Ms. Rand's many talents did not go unnoticed. In 2004, Tanya was asked to manage the Community Affairs Office and became the liaison to both the Community Advisory Board and Auxiliary Board for Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center.

Ms. Rand is the proud mother of two children, Lindsey Marie, age 17, and Jassiem Jahi, age 13. Although Ms. Rand was busy with her job and raising two children, she also found time to be active in her children's education and her community. She was PTA President for the District 13 PTA Council and was recognized as a "Parent on the Move". The Board of Education changed and her children moved on to different schools, but Ms. Rand still found time to help parents that were in need of support. She also helps in the political arena. Most Brooklyn elected officials know they can count on Ms. Rand whenever they call on her.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the work of Tanya Rand. Her deep commitment to her family and community makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

TRIBUTE TO HECTOR B. FERNANDEZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Hector B. Fernandez, an accomplished professional and model citizen of New York. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding man and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive service.

Hector B. Fernandez was born in the Dominican Republic to Mercedes and Benjamin Fernandez. At the age of 7, his family immigrated to the United States and settled in the borough of Manhattan, New York. He was reared in a traditional Latino home where hard work and education is valued and rigorously enforced.

Mr. Fernandez received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Metropolitan College of New York and has over 25 years of professional experience with the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation and local not-for-profit organizations. He has dedicated the past 20 years of his life to serving individuals and their families afflicted with the illness of addiction. His strong convictions and compassionate nature serves him well in supporting those individuals that are less fortunate.

As the Addiction Program Administrator for Chemical Dependency Services in the Department of Psychiatry at the North Brooklyn Health Network, Mr. Fernandez is responsible for planning, creating and delivering innovative programs and initiatives. He is driven by the affirmations of the successes and accomplishments of those he serves. One of his strongest attributes is his ability to build and sustain relationships with key stakeholders to increase the quality of services and resources at Woodhull Medical Center. His determination to succeed is supported by his team of staff as they collectively develop ideas and strategies for the clients and the community at large.

Mr. Fernandez is a certified New York State Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor, and he has been recognized for his exemplary work ethic by the North Brooklyn Health Network Department of Social Work. His success is built on a strong family nucleus consisting of his wife Nancy, and three children of whom he is very proud: Jeremy, Natalie and Xavier.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the work of Hector B. Fernandez. His deep commitment to family and community makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY BOLUS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Henry Bolus, a model citizen of Brooklyn, New York. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding American and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive service.

Henry Bolus voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Army, proudly serving our country during the

Korean Conflict as a Paratrooper with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. He is a product of the New York City public school system and later enrolled at New York City's Kingsborough Community College for undergraduate studies. His success at Kingsborough Community College earned him Presidential level membership in the National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Phi.

Mr. Bolus recently reached a personal milestone by becoming the president of Brooklyn's renowned Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club. He was also elected delegate to the New York State Judicial Convention. Mr. Bolus is an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus. He is also an active member of Canarsie's Shrine Church of St. Jude, where he serves as an usher and member of the finance committee.

Mr. Bolus has been the loving husband of Josephine Bolus since 1954 and is the proud father of Sabrina Jo Bolus and Michael Henry Bolus.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the work of Henry Bolus. His deep commitment to his family and community makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK WILLIAMS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patricia Williams, a community leader and entrepreneur. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding woman and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive service.

Born to the Honorable Kathryn Williams and the late James Williams, Patricia Williams credits living and growing up in evolving neighborhoods like Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant and East New York as an inspiration to work for social and economical change.

Ms. Williams knows hard work is an investment. She currently is the President/CEO of Ecotech Enterprises, Inc., a firm she established to provide consultant services to government agencies, private sector corporations, and small, minority-owned business enterprises. In the past, Ms. Williams provided community outreach and event planning for the Brooklyn Museum of Art Construction Project. She has delivered bottom line services such as marketing and sales to well known small businesses and she provides fundraising and workshop development assistance to several non-profits. Ms. Williams has been called upon as a panelist and guest speaker on numerous occasions and is considered an authority on business development.

Prior to starting her own consulting firm, Ms. Williams was executive Director of the Minority Business Opportunity Center under the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency where she provided business services to more than 70,000 minority/women-owned and small businesses. As senior Administrator of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity for Morse Diesel International, she successfully implemented policies to ensure 100 million dollars of contracting opportunities for minority-owned and

small businesses where she exceeded labor force and contracting goals set for women and minority skilled workers at JFK Airport's Terminal 4 construction project. She was Senior Employment Specialist and Career Development Instructor for Non-Traditional Community College, Operations Manager for Madison Avenue firm Durham Temporaries Inc., and has

several years of experience at the U.S. Small Business Administration, Finance Division.

Ms. Williams attended John Jay College where she majored in Criminal Justice and Labor Law. Her work has not gone unnoticed. Ms. Williams has been recognized by several government agencies and community organizations. She is also the recipient of the Co-

lumbia University Non-Profit Executive Management Scholarship. Ms. Williams is the proud mother of two, Leah and John.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the work of Patricia Williams. Her deep commitment to her community makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 15

11 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Alex A. Beehler, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

SC-4, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the current situation and U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219.

SH-216

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the December 2005 report from the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's status.

SD-106

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center construction.

SD-138

3 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine current challenges and new ideas to safeguard consumers relating to food safety.

SD-430

NOVEMBER 16

Time to be announced

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider proposed Iraq Reconstruction Accountability

Act of 2006, the nominations of James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, and Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Dan G. Blair, to be Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, and Stephen Thomas Conboy, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Room to be announced

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense business systems modernization and financial management accountability efforts.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Pipeline Safety Program.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability).

SD-366

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine proposals to improve drug safety and innovation.

SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine Department of Defense travel policies and practices, focusing on the cost benefit analysis of the Defense Travel System.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters.

SH-219

2 p.m.

Finance

Health Care Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the States' perspective of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 3636, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality economic development in Washington County, Utah, and S. 3772, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, im-

prove public land, and provide for high quality development in White Pine County, Nevada.

SD-366

DECEMBER 6

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine implementation of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (Public Law 109-8).

SD-226

POSTPONEMENTS

NOVEMBER 15

4 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 2475, to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community, to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, DC, S. 2645, to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, S. 2822 and H.R. 5057, bills to authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion, S. 3805, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Monroe County, Michigan, relating to the Battles of the River Raisin during the War of 1812, and H.R. 323, to redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library".

SD-366

NOVEMBER 16

10:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold a closed briefing on the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Report of events from November 2005 in the Iraqi town of Haditha and on the probe by Army Major General Eldon Bargewell on how the chain of command handled the initial reporting of the incidents.

SR-222