

the Nuclear Arms Race. Rev. Moore served as Steering Committee Chair of the NJ Nuclear Weapons Freeze Referendum in 1982 and was instrumental in its successful passage by two-thirds of New Jersey voters.

As the Cold War drew to an end in the late 1980's, the Coalition's goals expanded to include the related goals of reaping a major peace dividend—a peace economy—and halting weapons trafficking, both internationally and domestically. In 1993, to reflect this broader agenda, the members voted to change the name of the organization to the Coalition for Peace Action. As other peace-seeking organizations have come into existence and faded away over the years, the Coalition for Peace Action has remained vibrant because Rev. Moore has created an organization that is relevant, well informed, committed and practical.

Rev. Moore has been instrumental in the Coalition's efforts to motivate and mobilize peace and non-violence activists. As an example, in the late 1980's, the Coalition's "Target Congress" project recruited and trained over 500 citizen letter-writers to regularly write to US Representatives. Those contacted showed significant movement toward pro-peace voting records.

Rev. Moore co-chaired the NJ Coalition Against War in the Middle East in 1990–1991, opposing the first Persian Gulf War, and later the N.J. Coalition Against War in Iraq from 2002 to the present. Under his direction, the Coalition successfully lobbied Congress, as part of a national effort, to stop funding for U.S. nuclear weapons testing. Despite an initiative engineered by the National Rifle Association to rescind the New Jersey ban on assault weapons, the law was preserved by an intensive lobbying effort led by the Coalition. In 1995 the first Peace Voter campaign in the country distributed tens of thousands of voter guides comparing candidates on peace and gun violence issues. In 2000, the Coalition provided the first-in-the-nation "NonPartisan Candidate Briefings" to five of six major party candidates in New Jersey's U.S. Senate primary, and to 3 of 4 major party candidates in two House races.

Rev. Moore is hailed nationally for his ability to educate and mobilize citizens in the name of peace and disarmament. He is an outstanding example of a committed citizen taking action for what he believes. Rev. Moore is a teacher, advisor, and motivator.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Reverend Robert Moore on his twenty-fifth anniversary with the Coalition for Peace Action.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN LANE
EVANS: A GREAT MAN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to join with Congressman COSTELLO and all of my colleagues in honoring a truly great man—Congressman LANE EVANS of Illinois, who will be leaving Congress after a quarter-century of service to our country.

When I was a freshman Member of Congress, and a new member of the House

Armed Services Committee, LANE EVANS, a veteran himself, a senior member of Congress and the ranking Member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, learned of my interest in veteran's issues and took the time to show me ways to improve my service to veterans in my District and in our state. They were lessons from a master, and they have left an indelible impression on me.

His expertise is legendary. He knows the needs of veterans; their programs, history, problems and concerns. He forged alliances across the aisle and put together coalitions to pass legislation to keep this Nation's promise to our veterans. As a Vietnam Veteran himself, he never forgot what it meant to serve this country in the military. His ability is so great that he can even make those who have never served also understand the military and its culture.

I will also never forget the fun we had when Mr. EVANS managed our Congressional basketball team. We played games to help raise funds for charity, and even though he was stricken with Parkinson's disease, which prevented him from participating, it was obvious how much he loved the team and the good-natured competition. He is a joy to be around, and an inspiration.

Mr. Speaker, we need only look at the walls of the Speaker's Lobby or our committee rooms to appreciate that the House of Representatives will continue on long after we are gone, and there is a certain comfort in the realization that this great institution, in which it is our honor to serve, will endure.

However, I want Mr. EVANS to know how much he has touched me and the other Members of this Congress; to thank him for his friendship, his leadership and for his service to our Nation; and to let him know of our commitment to build on the foundation that he laid down over his 24 years in Congress.

HONORING THOMAS PRITZKER

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Pritzker on being named Chairman of the Art Institute of Chicago, and to honor him on his many years of service to the people of Chicago.

For more than a century, Chicago's Art Institute has served as one of America's premier centers for art education and exhibition, nurturing the abilities of talented young artists, and bringing important works of art to the people of Chicago and the nation.

This great Chicago institution has been home to great American artists such as Grant Wood, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Orson Welles. I have no doubt that under Mr. Pritzker's lead, it will continue to contribute profoundly to the American cultural landscape.

A lifelong Chicagoan, and graduate of The University of Chicago's Schools of Law and Business, Mr. Pritzker has tirelessly supported the city's institutions of higher learning throughout his career.

Mr. Pritzker's dedicated service includes years of philanthropic work with The University of Chicago, where he sits on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, and 18 years as a Board Trustee for the Art Institute.

Mr. Pritzker's important philanthropic gifts have enabled The University of Chicago and The Art Institute of Chicago to consistently operate at a high degree of excellence, and remain at the forefront of education and innovation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I congratulate Thomas Pritzker on his new title of Board Chairman of The Art Institute of Chicago, and thank him for his many outstanding contributions to the city of Chicago.

A TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSIONAL
BLACK CAUCUS LEADERSHIP

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, in the past I have often had the delight of saluting my departing colleagues with a tribute in Rap poetry. At this point, however, circumstances have been reversed and I am departing. As I leave, it will be my pleasure to offer some brief portraits in words describing the very able women and men I leave behind.

Today I would like to highlight three outstanding members—EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, DONALD PAYNE, and MAXINE WATERS—who have served as President of the Congressional Black Caucus, CBC. The continually improving effectiveness of the CBC is due to the fact that it is able to benefit from the talent and know-how of a pool of very dedicated and competent leaders. They also have unique personalities that can be appreciated with a few light-hearted verses, see three attached RAP poems.

TEXAS MONA LISA

Power and mystery
In generous portions mated;
Fair time she allots
For any issue debated
But her moods are rapidly rotated
Her anger can be swiftly escalated;
Mess with Eddie Bernice's pride
And she'll quickly invite you outside.
Once great goddess of reapportionment,
Her lines drawn in stone would stay,
Through ten years would never fray,
Untouched by rustler Tom DeLay.
Slow sly smile
Magnetic style
Great resource of charm and stealth
But on the side also some Texas wealth.
Struggle focused credo uniquely excited,
Power and mystery tightly united,
Beneath the strict no nonsense fashion
Run deep wells of cosmic compassion.

SPECIAL ENVOY PAYNE

Female agents fondly remember his name—
Tireless globetrotting fearless Don Payne.
Stealth master across the globe
Always on the probe;
Quiet in his command
But tightly holds leader's lives
In the palm of his cool hand.
When Donald says move
Charles Taylor hops into the groove;
Liberia from Jersey must learn
To let rule from Newark
Take its empire turn.
Don travels
With the proud and brave,
Somalia he single-handedly
Sought to save.
Always on the probe