

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and many others. But to all of San Antonio, Reverend Black was so much more than the associate of great men; he was a great man and a great friend.

After graduating from the Andover Newton Theological School, Reverend Black spent eight years ministering to congregations in Massachusetts and Corpus Christi before returning to San Antonio to become the minister of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church in 1949. He would lead the congregation as its pastor for the next 49 years and as pastor emeritus until his death. Under Reverend Black's leadership, Mount Zion would become a cornerstone of San Antonio, providing day care, senior citizen services, and, since 1966, a church-owned Credit Union.

Reverend Black was a leading voice in San Antonio's civil rights movement, protesting segregation and bigotry in the face of threats and assaults on himself and his family. When arsonists burned Mount Zion to the ground in 1974, Reverend Black began the process of rebuilding while the ashes were still warm, telling the city council that, while the building might be gone, his church lived on.

As a member of San Antonio's City Council from 1973 to 1978, Reverend Black was the city's first black mayor pro-tem. He left the Council so that he might dedicate more of his time to other projects and to provide opportunities for the next generation of leaders to make their mark in the City's government.

And that was the kind of man Reverend Black was: indefatigable in working for the causes in which he believed, yet always conscious of the roles that others might play and ready to encourage their involvement. Generations of San Antonians have benefited from his work and his tutelage. While Reverend Black himself is now gone, the foundation he laid down will serve our community for generations more.

A TRIBUTE TO LIBBY NARDO

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Libby Nardo of Burbank, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Nardo as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

When Libby moved to Burbank with her family 55 years ago, her eldest son started school and she started a lifetime of community service. Having begun with Boy & Girl Scouts, Little League, and general church maintenance and bookkeeping, she is now a city-appointed representative of the Senior Citizens' Board of Burbank, co-leader of St. Finbar Catholic Church's venerable service group, the Italian Catholic Federation, and an essential member of the Joslyn Senior Center's leadership team. Libby's ubiquitous presence is astounding: she serves on numerous boards and committees, volunteers with substance abuse

prevention and youth literacy programs, and is a dependable and approachable community leader.

Libby is known for her willingness to take on any task, from chairing the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for over 200 poor and elderly Burbank residents to distributing refreshments at the yearly Senior Prom. Four mornings a week Libby becomes her own travelling food bank. After a quick stop at the nearby market, she sorts and distributes baked goods to local aid and senior centers, churches, and the Salvation Army.

With such an exhaustive catalog of community commitments, it is no wonder Libby is known among her peers as a model of volunteerism. She has previously been honored with both a 20-year service award and a Presidential Lifetime Service Award, and I am pleased to applaud her today.

Libby's steadfast dedication and selfless service are an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Libby Nardo.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CURES CAN BE FOUND ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Cures Can Be Found Act. This legislation promotes medical research by providing a tax credit for investments and donations to promote adult and umbilical cord blood stem cell research, and provides a \$2,000 tax credit to new parents for the donation of umbilical cord blood that can be used to extract stem cells.

Mr. Speaker, stem cell research has the potential to revolutionize medicine. Stem cells could hold the keys to curing many diseases afflicting millions of Americans, such as diabetes and Alzheimer's. Umbilical cord blood stem cells have already been used to treat over 70 diseases, including sickle cell disease, leukemia, and osteoporosis. Umbilical cord blood stem cells have also proven useful in treating spinal cord injuries and certain neurological disorders. Adult stem cells have shown promise in treating a wide variety of diseases ranging from brain, breast, testicular, and other types of cancers to multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, heart damage, and rheumatoid arthritis.

By providing tax incentives for adult and umbilical cord blood stem cell research, the Cures Can Be Found Act will ensure greater resources are devoted to this valuable research. The tax credit for donations of umbilical cord blood will ensure that medical science has a continuous supply of stem cells. Thus, this bill will help scientists discover new cures using stem cells and, hopefully, make routine the use of stem cells to treat formerly incurable diseases.

By encouraging private medical research, the Cures Can Be Found Act enhances a tra-

dition of private medical research that is responsible for many medical breakthroughs. For example, Jonas Salk, discoverer of the polio vaccine, did not receive one dollar from the federal government for his efforts. I urge my colleagues to help the American people support the efforts of future Jonas Salks by cosponsoring the Cures Can Be Found Act.

RECOGNIZING ROGER POOLE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTING BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTRICT NO. 9, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Roger E. Poole and congratulating him on his retirement as Directing Business Representative of District No. 9, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (I.A.M.A.W.).

Roger Poole has been a 41-year member of Automotive Lodge 313, joining the Machinists Union in 1967. He was elected Business Representative in 1979 before being elected to the offices of Vice President and President. In representing his Local, Roger served on an impressive list of labor councils. These included: the Belleville Union Labor Council, Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council, Greater Madison County Federation of Labor, District Lodge 9, Illinois State Council of Machinists, Mid-West States Conference of Machinists, and the Illinois State AFL-CIO. Roger also served as a delegate to every IAM Convention since 1972.

Roger's contributions to the labor movement have brought him well-deserved accolades. He was named Labor Man of the Year by the Southwestern Illinois Central Labor Council and Community Services Labor Man of the Year by the St. Louis Labor Council.

Always active in representing the working men and women of our area, Roger expanded his involvement to civic, political and community organizations. He has been a member of the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League National Planning Committee, President of the Mid-West States Council of Machinists, President of the 12th Congressional District C.O.P.E. AFL-CIO, Vice President of both the Illinois and Missouri State AFL-CIO, Executive Board Member of the St. Louis Labor Council and the United Way of Greater St. Louis. He also found time to serve as Democratic Precinct Committeeman.

Roger and his wife, Rosalie, have two sons, Brian and Jason, and two grandchildren, Darby and Cody.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation and congratulations to Mr. Roger E. Poole, a true champion of organized labor, and to wish him all the best in his retirement.