

HONORING THE PRINCE WILLIAM  
COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 19, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today to recognize an outstanding group of public servants in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Prince William County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

It is with great pride that I submit into the RECORD the names of the recipients of the 2009 Valor Awards serving in the Prince William County Police Department.

Recipient of the Lifesaving Award: Officer Stephen Mercer

Recipients of the Merit Award: Officer Cottrell Derrick, Officer Jessica Tacha

Recipients of the Hillary Robinette Award: Detective Liam Burke, Detective Todd Troutner

Recipients of the Bronze Valor Award: Henry DeGeneste, Officer Jeanne West

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the men and women who serve in the Prince William County Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of

the citizens of Prince William County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding these remarkable individuals.

A TRIBUTE TO BETTY J. GIBBS

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 19, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Betty J. Gibbs, a nurturing presence who has been working with the children of Brooklyn for 40 years.

Ms. Betty J. Gibbs, lovingly known to her students as Ms. G and "Granny" to her "grandbabies," has been an influential figure in the lives of so many people. Ms. Gibbs began her work with students in January of 1968 as a paraprofessional with the NYC Board of Education. She held this position until 1998. She provided general supervision and instruction to small groups of children from grades one through six in math and reading.

In June of 1979, Ms. Gibbs became Site Supervisor for St. Christopher's Group Home. There, Ms. Gibbs was responsible for overseeing the home and the care of the girls that comprised the home, ensuring all the neces-

sities and personal needs are met. She remained a positive inspiration in their lives until August of 1988.

Ms. Betty Gibbs obtained a position as the After School Program Director for Junior High School 275. There, she managed all aspects of the program. She held that position from March 1987, until June of 1988.

Throughout this time, Ms. Gibbs managed to go to school for herself obtaining an A.A.S. from New York Community College in 1973 and a B.A. of Education from Medgar Evers College in 1988.

In 1981, Ms. Gibbs became the Site Supervisor for the Jackie Robinson Center for Physical Culture. For the following 12 years she directed the ten components that comprised the program, as well as developed a multitude of events to help unify the community surrounding the center.

In June of 2003, Ms. Gibbs began working with the Soul Tigers Marching Band, Inc., as Assistant Band Director. There, she is like a second mother to the children. All the students love her and appreciate her nurturing presence in their lives.

She has won a number of awards in her life including: *Unsung Hero* (1996), *Diamond Award* (1993), and awards from The Joint Board of Ushers (1983), the United Community Baptist Church (1982) and Junior Glee Choir St. Marks Church (1976).