

Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and my friend and colleague, Congressman JOHN LEWIS. Since 1996, Wade has led the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (later named The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights), and he has made it one of the most effective advocacy organizations for civil rights and human rights in America.

During my years in office, I have been proud to work with The Leadership Conference under Wade's leadership on many issues of mutual interest and concern. Under his tenure, The Leadership Conference has worked to secure the rights of women, communities of color, ex-offenders, people with disabilities, and the LGBTQ community. He has fought tirelessly to meet the needs of low-income people, recognizing that freedom from want is a human right. He believes and fights to make sure that everyone is included in the rights and benefits of our democracy, that all have a place at the table. So much of this is now possible today because of Wade, his commitment and dedication.

As the President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Wade has been a constant source of trusted leadership, an unending recipient of our admiration, and an enduring guide on our path toward making this a more just and equal nation for all. It is my honor today to recognize Wade Henderson for his dedication and skill and to thank him for all he has done on behalf of justice and on behalf of our nation. I thank him for his service, and I wish him nothing but the best in his well-deserved retirement.

IN CELEBRATION OF MAYOR
DAVID N. DINKINS 89TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 89th Birthday of Mayor David N. Dinkins. Let me congratulate my beloved Brother and partner in government and in life and colleague for his dedication and commitment to New York City and for all of his great accomplishments over the many years that I have known him. He has truly made a historic imprint on the city that we know and love today.

To speak of all his accomplishments and in recognition of his birthday on July 10, 2016, it is only right to begin with the day of his birth, on July 10, 1927, in Trenton, New Jersey. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Marine Corps at 18 and served briefly in World War II. My fellow veteran was the recipient of The Congressional Gold Medal for his service as a Montford Point Marine in the United States Marine Corps, during World War II. After the war, he attended Howard University, graduating with a B.A. in Mathematics in 1950. David then moved to New York City and received a law degree from the Brooklyn Law School in 1956.

My esteemed colleague's political career began when he joined the Carver Club headed by J. Raymond Jones, known as the Harlem Fox. At that time, David befriended three up and coming New York politicians: Basil Paterson, Sr., Percy Sutton, and me. We later became known as the "Gang of Four" and to-

gether we were able to significantly shape the African-American presence in New York's political landscape.

Along his professional journey, he won his first electoral office, a seat in the New York State Assembly in 1965. Shortly afterwards, David was offered the position of Deputy Mayor of New York by then Mayor Abraham Beam. He then secured the position of City Clerk which he held for ten years from 1975 to 1985. On his third run for the office, my cherished colleague was elected as Manhattan's Borough President in 1985. In 1989, David ran for Mayor of New York and became the 106th Mayor of the City of New York.

My valued friend was the first African-American Mayor of New York City. He was truly a peacekeeper amid the racial tensions that erupted throughout the city, testing his ability as a municipal leader. He presided over a decrease in crime in the city, balanced the city budget by turning a \$1.8 billion dollar deficit into a \$200 million surplus and maintained racial peace after the Rodney King verdict sparked rioting in a number of cities across the nation. Under his watch, New York City had many great successes including the historic New York City Tribute to Nelson Mandela—"Safe Streets, Safe City: Cops and Kids," the revitalization of Times Square, and the historic agreement which has kept the US Open Tennis Championship in New York City. His administration created Fashion Week, Restaurant Week, and Broadway on Broadway, which are events that New Yorkers and tourists continue to enjoy. In 2015, The Municipal Building was renamed in his honor to the David N. Dinkins Municipal Building.

My highly respected colleague's accomplishments lie not only in politics but also through his educational career. David accepted a professorship at Columbia University's Center for Urban Research and Policy at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs in 1994 after his role as Mayor. He serves on the school's advisory board and has hosted the David N. Dinkins Leadership & Public Policy Forum for nearly 20 years. In 2003, the David N. Dinkins Professorship Chair in the Practice of Urban & Public Affairs was established at Columbia University. The David Dinkins Archives & Oral History collection was opened by Columbia University Library in December 2015 in his honor. In 2013, he released his memoir *A Mayor's Life: Governing New York's Gorgeous Mosaic*, which chronicles the life of this devoted public servant as a New Yorker who remains in love with this city.

David, my fondest comrade and greatest supporter, is also involved with many organizations and a board member of several non-profit and charitable groups. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is a founding member of the Black & Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus of New York State, the Council of Black Elected Democrats of New York State and The One Hundred Black Men. He was also vice president of the United States Conference of Mayors, and is a member-at-large of the Black Leadership Forum. David serves as Chairman Emeritus of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and the Constituency for Africa (CFA), and serves on the steering committee of the Association for a Better New York and the New York Urban League Advisory Council. He is on the board of New York City Global Partners

and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the National Advisory Board of the International African American Museum.

It is noteworthy that David's birthday celebration will take place at Ellen's Stardust Diner, formerly Ellen's Cafe, which was located across from City Hall for over 20 years and was a popular gathering place for many NYC mayors. Ellen's started a ritual where the Mayors would come in on their birthdays and Ellen's would donate their favorite pie to charity. In honor of this long-standing charitable tradition, Stardust Diner owner Ellen Hart-Sturm will be donating pies to David's favorite charity The Association to Benefit Children.

Mr. Speaker, with great love and admiration for my brother loyal friend and outstanding public servant, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 89th Birthday of David Dinkins, in recognition of all of his accomplishments.

MARWAN ALTAWHEEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 7, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Marwan Altaweel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Marwan Altaweel is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Marwan Altaweel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Marwan Altaweel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5485) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of Congressman GRAYSON's amendment number 12 to the FY 2017 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations legislation. This pro-woman amendment would strike a long-standing and unfair policy rider from the underlying legislation that restricts abortion coverage for those insured under the Federal Employees Health Benefits