

Ivy Catherwood was born in the Roxbury section of Boston, MA, on July 29, 1915. Her parents, Louise and Claude, both of West Indian descent, moved shortly after her birth back to Jamaica in the West Indies. She attended elementary and high school in the West Indies. She returned to the United States and worked for several years in Boston as a saleslady. In the mid 1950's, she came to New York City and attended Hunter College for 2 years studying liberal arts at night. She also held several jobs—one as a clerk at Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan. She was hired by the New York City Police Department in November, 1960, and worked for 34 years until April, 1995. She has two brothers, one deceased. She also has 1 nephew, 1 grand nephew, and 1 grand niece.

Her extended family consists of the many organizations of which she is a member: NYPD Guardians Association—was the secretary for 6 years and civilian trustee for approximately 10 years, Vanguard Independent Democratic Association, 100 Women for Major Owens, the Federation of African-American Civil Servants—served as a delegate from the Guardians Association, the Federation of Black Trade Unionists, DC-37, Local 1549—served as a delegate from the NYPD, CBTU, and CLU.

Ivy is an outstanding example of loyalty and dependability. She can be counted on to make the phone calls for the union or political candidates and assist with voter registration or other assigned tasks. Ivy has been an outstanding financial supporter of elected officials and community-based organizations. She fully understands the concept of political and economic empowerment. Her activism is wit-

nessed by her colleagues and many friends because she teaches by example. We pause to salute Ivy Catherwood on the occasion of her birthday and retirement after 34 years of service with the New York City Police Department.

Ivy Catherwood's great Point-of-Light shines behind the achievement of many Brooklyn and New York City leaders. Through several decades, Ivy has been there for the causes that mattered most. As a model for her generation and for our youth, we proudly salute Ivy Catherwood as a great Point-of-Light.

HONORING DR. LINCOLN J.
RAGSDALE, SR.

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 1995

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a great man, a distinguished citizen, and a dear personal friend, Dr. Lincoln J. Ragsdale, Sr.

Born on July 27, 1926, Dr. Ragsdale's accomplishments began early in his life. After serving in World War II, he graduated from the Prestigious Tuskegee Flying School in 1945 as a commissioned second lieutenant. In what would later shape much of his life, Dr. Ragsdale became the first black pilot at Luke Air Force Base in Litchfield Park, AZ.

Following his military career, he continued his education with great success. He graduated magna cum laude from the California College of Mortuary Science in Los Angeles,

CA. Continuing his education, he received an associate of arts degree from Phoenix College and bachelor of science degree from Arizona State University. Additionally, he held an honorary doctor of law degree from Shorter College and earned a doctor of philosophy degree in business administration from Union Graduate School in Cincinnati, OH.

This was only the beginning. Dr. Ragsdale became a successful entrepreneur and a community activist. His accomplishments too numerous to mention, Dr. Ragsdale will always be remembered for his efforts as a civil rights leader.

Having endured racism, discrimination, and injustice throughout much of his life, Dr. Ragsdale never forgot his roots. Many times, at the expense of his business endeavors, he devoted himself to fighting the racial barriers he had faced. In the 1950's and 1960's, he fought to end segregation in Phoenix and secure a better life for all men and women. He did this with passion and without fear of the consequences. The love and support of his family and strong belief in God served as his sources of strength.

Dr. Lincoln Ragsdale's life and accomplishments embody the true values—love of family, nation, and God—that have made this a great country. A man of vision, he served as a source of inspiration and hope for many of us who have followed his steps in our struggle for equality and justice for all citizens. May his deeds and actions serve us all as a guiding light to lead our efforts in pursuit of a better tomorrow for generations to come.