

years of dedicated service at the First African Baptist Church in Sharon Hill, PA.

Reverend Dent, educated at Antioch College, Temple University, Cheyney State University, and Eastern Theological Seminary, has been the pastor of the First African Baptist Church for over 10 years. Not only does this spiritual man pastor his flock with compassion, humility, and love, he is always available to anyone in the community.

Reverend Dent has initiated many community outreach programs including the Community Health Program, the Holiday Feeding Program and the Emergency Food Cupboard. In Addition, Reverend Dent is responsible for the Project For The Homeless which provides food, toiletries, and clothing for the homeless in the city of Philadelphia.

Reverend Dent is also an educator. Since his retirement from teaching school, he has become an activist concerned about quality education. Reverend Dent has been the catalyst for many valuable programs such as the Community Tutorial Program and the Satellite Learning Center. Reverend Dent has also played a vital role in the initiation of the B.W. Watkins Scholarship which provides financial assistance to approximately 30 students in college and professional schools. He made available to students such institutions as the Mary E. Watkins Multi Media Purpose Center which consist of a library, computer lab, and modern technology.

I hope my colleagues will join me today in congratulating the Reverend Richard A. Denton for his many years of service with the Baptist Church and the Sharon Hill community. I wish the Reverend Richard A. Dent and the First African Baptist Church the very best as they continue their service to the Baptist community in Sharon Hill, PA.

PROTECTING JOBS IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY

HON. RICHARD J. DURBIN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, there has been some good news recently for the airline industry. After nearly \$13 billion in losses since 1990, the loss of nearly 120,000 jobs and millions of dollars in wage and benefit concessions, the airline industry is expected to earn a profit of more than \$1 billion this year.

Much of this improvement is due to the economic recovery under the Clinton administration. However, further congressional action is necessary to sustain this growth and to protect the jobs of airline employees. Growth in air travel has slowed in recent months. U.S. airlines face stiff competition from foreign carriers. In addition, U.S. airlines must spend an estimated \$75 billion over the next several years for new equipment—mostly new aircraft and engines—both to comply with Federal noise requirements and to increase their competitiveness.

At the same time, the airline industry faces an additional \$500 million in costs due to the expiration of the aviation jet fuel tax exemption. The costs of this tax will undermine the economic recovery of U.S. airlines and jeopardize thousands of jobs in the aviation industry.

As a cosponsor of legislation to make this exemption permanent, I believe this exemption is an investment in the economic vitality of the aviation industry and the jobs of thousands of airline employees and aircraft manufacturers.

HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to Fairfax County's Neighborhood Watch Program which will be celebrating its 16th anniversary on October 27, 1995.

In 1979, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Police Department embraced the concept of citizen participation through Neighborhood Watch and formally endorsed its acceptance and establishment throughout the county. From that beginning 16 years ago, an outstandingly effective community-based crime prevention program has developed.

The growth of Neighborhood Watch in the county has been phenomenal, with more than 250 programs in operation by mid-1982. Expansion has continued at a steady pace, with more than 911 communities organized throughout the county. The number of participating citizen volunteers has increased from several hundred in 1979 to a 1995 total of more than 40,000 neighbors who care.

Even more impressive than the growth of the program has been its impact on the occurrence of crime in Fairfax County. Property crimes, such as burglary, larceny, and vandalism, had been increasingly steadily through 1980, but with the advent of Neighborhood Watch on a widespread basis, such crimes began to decrease sharply, as much as 50 percent in cases of reported vandalism. This program has enabled the county to hold its own against crime, with actual numbers of offenses increasing at a far lower percentage than the growth of the county's population. Overall today, Fairfax County is the safest jurisdiction in the Nation for an entity of its size.

The program's overall success and myriad of accomplishments have brought Fairfax County national and international recognition, including formal citations by the President of the United States and visitors from throughout the Nation and around the world to observe first hand the results of this cooperative endeavor between a local police department and citizens it serves.

Mr. Speaker, we know that our colleagues join us in honoring Fairfax County's Neighborhood Watch for its 16 years of dedicated service and commitment to make Fairfax County a better place to live.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF HERMES LUCIANO CARABALLO

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of Hermes Luciano Caraballo, who still remains with us in spirit through the many people he touched and served.

Today his memory will be honored by his family, friends, and members of the community at the First Annual Dinner of the Caraballo Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Born in Yauco, Puerto Rico, Mr. Caraballo started serving the Christian community at the early age of 6 at The Four Square Church of Ponce. One year after his marriage to Ms. Isabel Olan, he came to New York City and became an active member of the Church of God 3:16. He excelled at this church as leader of the men's Ministry and was the Assistant District Commander of the Spanish Eastern District, A.G. of the Royal Rangers.

In 1964, Mr. Caraballo obtained the approbation of the Directorship and faculty of the Spanish American Bible Institute of New York after finishing 3 years in theological studies. Eighteen years later he served as an advisor at Glad Tidings Church and an elder of the Spanish Department. In 1995, he was founding trustee of Grace Tabernacle.

Mr. Caraballo's dedication to the well-being of the community was also evident through his involvement with many organizations including, Hunts Point Multi Service, Model Cities, Puerto Rican Community Development Project, "La Hermandad Yaucana Civica y Cultural, Inc.," "Hijos de las Piedras y la Fraternidad Isabelina," The Puerto Rican Day Parade, "La Federacion de los Pueblos," and "La Association del Niño Evangelico." In addition, he served as community liaison to Assemblywoman Carmen Arroyo.

A remarkable human being, Mr. Caraballo left a legacy of hope, encouragement, convictions, and joy. He was a father and a friend to those who needed him. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying homage to the life of this exceptional individual who was committed to the service of the most vulnerable and of those in need of encouragement and hope.

A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 1995

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring a certain document to the attention of the House. The document is entitled "A New Declaration of Independence" and was authored by Bill Zimmermann, a long-time constituent and friend. I think a careful reading of this work would serve all the members of this body quite well.

The document follows: