

Police Officer of the Year: Officer Patricia Harman: Officer Harman has given not only her official time, but her private time helping the people of her community become educated in safety.

Fire Fighter of the Year. Howard Coleman. Mr. Coleman has been a member of the Dale City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department since 1991. Mr. Coleman has always displayed an eagerness to help his fellow citizens and their quality of life.

Emergency Medical Services Award: Anthony Hool. Mr. Hool has been a member of the Dale City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department for the past 18 years. During this time Mr. Hool has been responsible for developing the EMS system in Dale City. He is also one of the most respected EMS providers in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Elementary School Teacher of the Year: Carolyn Harrington. Ms. Harrington is a second grade teacher at Neabsco Elementary School in Dale City. Her dedication and love of her work is reflected in the children of the community.

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Vernice Turner. Ms. Turner is a seventh grade lan-

guage arts teacher at Mills E. Godwin Middle School. She is one who gives generously of her time and demonstrates the highest level of professionalism and competence.

High School Teacher of the Year. Jim Sivells. Mr. Sivells is a social studies teacher at Cecil D. Hylton High School. His dedication to his work truly makes government come alive for his students and is reflected in their admiration for him.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join with me in congratulating these outstanding citizens for their tireless efforts to make Dale City, VA, a better place to live.

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TRIBUTE TO KWEISI MFUME

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 31, 1996*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in honoring our colleague, Congressman KWEISI MFUME, as he prepares to

leave Congress to take over the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [NAACP].

I have had the privilege of serving with KWEISI for many years, and can testify to the fact that he has had an enormously positive impact on the U.S. House of Representatives. He has well represented his constituents in Baltimore, and has been an aggressive advocate for the causes of human rights and urban development.

As the former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, KWEISI was successful in raising the profile of the caucus agenda, and speaking for millions of African-Americans who look to the caucus for leadership. By becoming chief executive officer of the NAACP, KWEISI will continue those efforts and represent that organization with the same vigor and competence as he represented his constituents in Maryland's Seventh District.

Mr. Speaker, I know many of my colleagues join me in bidding KWEISI best wishes on his new challenge, and will be working closely with him on issues of concern to all of us in the future.