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HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in commemorating the 46th year of the first edition of TEMAS magazine, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations for the wonderful job that for these more than four decades TEMAS has performed for Spanish-speaking communities throughout the United States.

TEMAS' philosophy, under expert supervision and with the collaboration of a distinguished staff, has always contributed to social peace in our communities, progress and brotherhood within our diverse society. People of all ethnic backgrounds invariably find an effective and honest fighter for their rights in TEMAS.

For all this, and much more, I would like to publicly congratulate TEMAS and pledge my continued support for their efforts. I wish Ana Perera, her staff, and TEMAS continued success and good fortune.

IN HONOR OF THE MARY T. NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to three outstanding citizens: Martha Lewin, Yvonne Bryant, and Joan Doherty Lovero. These women will be honored for their invaluable contributions to their community with the Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award on September 16, 1996 at the Meadowlands Hilton.

Ms. Martha Lewis has a long record of service in Hudson County, NJ. Since 1974, she has been part of the senior management for the YWCA of Hudson County, a unique provider of counseling, guidance, and support for more than 1,000 Hudson County families. Ms. Lewis also acts as a voice for her Jersey City community as a member of the executive and advocacy committees of the Non Profit Affordable Housing Network of Corporations, the York Street Project Board, and the Hudson County Coalition of Non Profit Corporations. For 30 years, Ms. Martha Lewis has worked to make a difference in her community.

Ms. Yvonne Bryant has led a life dedicated to serving others. She has worked for the Social Security Administration in the Philadelphia area and today acts as the district manager for the Social Security Administration in Hudson County. She served as the chairperson of the New York Region's Women's Committee as well as a volunteer in various community organizations.

Ms. Joan Doherty Lovero holds a true love for learning and has shared that love with the

residents of Hudson County for many years. She has worked for the Jersey City Public Library for 25 years, and is very much involved with adapting the library to new technologies in order to make it as beneficial as possible to the community. Ms. Lovero's love for Hudson County is evinced in her 1986 book, "Hudson County: The Left Bank." A longtime admirer of Hudson County's first Congresswoman, Mary T. Norton, she continues to write various articles on the late Congresswoman and Hudson County.

It is an honor to have these three exceptional individuals residing in my district. I ask my colleagues to join me in the recognition of Martha Lewin, Yvonne Bryant, and Joan Doherty Lovero's lifelong commitment to their community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Antonia Pantoja who will be honored today by President Bill Clinton with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Dr. Pantoja is the first Puerto Rican woman to receive this Presidential award. She is being honored for her lifetime achievements in the creation and development of numerous organizations to serve the Puerto Rican community.

Dr. Pantoja was born in San Juan, PR. She lived with her grandfather, a cigar maker, in the workers' neighborhood of Barrio Obrero. From her grandparents she learned the value of workers' unions and their ability to achieve common goals. She witnessed first hand a successful strike of cigar makers that helped improve working conditions.

Pantoja's parents taught her the importance of education. Young Pantoja completed a 2-year degree at the University of Puerto Rico and soon afterward she started teaching in the rural neighborhoods of Puerto Rico. Although she loved teaching, the pay was very low.

In 1944, she came to New York City in search of a better economic future for her family. She moved to the Bronx and started working as a welder in a factory. Soon she witnessed the struggles of the Puerto Rican community and the lack of opportunities to improve their economic conditions.

She found a job at a community center, which enabled her to attend Hunter College and complete her bachelor's degree in social work. Full of aspirations for her Puerto Rican community, Pantoja founded the Puerto Rican Forum, an organization that would assist in the creation of Puerto Rican institutions.

The Puerto Rican Forum led to the creation of ASPIRA, an agency to help Puerto Rican youth focus in their studies and obtain higher education. Under Pantoja's leadership,

ASPIRA grew fast and is now one of the most influential organizations helping the Hispanic community. Currently, ASPIRA has chapters in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

Pantoja's work was just starting. She went to teach at the Columbia University School of Social Work as an associate professor. Later on she worked on her doctorate project, the establishment of a university in Washington, DC, to serve Puerto Rican students in the United States. Universidad Boricua served as a repository of information on Puerto Rican studies—its history, culture, and the community itself. Most recently, Dr. Pantoja established the organization Producir to help in the community development of the workers' neighborhoods or barrios in Puerto Rico.

Her desire to serve the community is demonstrated in many committees and boards on which she has served throughout her career. Dr. Pantoja was a member at large of the Constitutional Convention of New York State. At the convention, she was the chairperson of the subcommittee that wrote the article on education opportunities and the article on job economic development. She also worked on the decentralization of New York City schools.

Among many other memberships, Dr. Pantoja also served as a commissioner for the Study Commission for Undergraduate Education and the Education of Teachers. She was a member of the Evaluation Committee of the National Endowment for the Arts and of the National Endowment for the Humanities. She was awarded a doctorate degree, Honoris Causa, from the City University of New York, Queens College School of Law.

Dr. Pantoja has been honored with the Ellis Island Medal of Liberty, the National Puerto Rican Coalition Life Achievement Award, the Hispanic Heritage Award, the U.S. Hispanic Congress Hero Award, and the John W. Gardner Leadership Award from Independent Sector, among other awards.

Dr. Pantoja has dedicated her life to the advancement of the Puerto Rican community, to education and the betterment of community relations. Her extraordinary life is an example of achievement through leadership, perseverance, and faith in your own abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Antonia Pantoja, for her life of achievements helping our Puerto Rican community, New York, and the Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO CLIFFORD JONES— LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Clifford Jones who will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the B'nai B'rith Foundation of the United States on September 10, 1996.

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