

years. Mr. Davis is a veteran, a former school teacher, and the recipient of two honorary doctorates.

The Velvettes are one of only three all original Motown groups from the late 1960's and one of the few girl groups still performing today. This group is composed of four women: Flint natives Norma Barbee-Fairhurst and her cousin, Bertha Barbee-McNeal; and two Kalamazoo natives, Mildred Gill-Arbor and her sister, Carolyn Gill-Street. They had a number of successful hit records, including the top ten song, "Needle in a Haystack." All four women are very active in community projects, seeking to better their cities and neighborhoods.

Creative Expressions Dance Studio has operated under the city of Flint's Parks and Recreation Department since 1990. Under the leadership of Director Sheila Miller-Graham and tap dance instructor Alfred Bruce Bradley, Creative Expressions has competed at the local and national levels every year since its inception. The first professional dance troupe from Flint, Creative Expressions entered its first dance competition during its very first year of existence, making an impressive showing by winning two of the nine trophies for the Junior Division in that region. Creative Expressions continues to represent Flint, and to help its citizens develop their talents, skills, and confidence levels.

Mr. Mario J. Daniels is the founding director of Mario J. Daniels & Associates, P.C., the first African-American certified public accounting firm in Flint. A graduate of Flint Northern High School and Albion College, Mr. Daniels is very active in the United Way, NAACP, United Negro College Fund, and mentoring programs. He also has served as president of the National Association of Black Accountants.

Mr. Michael Shumpert founded WOVE radio, the only African-American-owned and operated FM radio station in the Flint/Saginaw area, in 1991. Mr. Shumpert also is an award-winning sales executive in marketing research and advertising sales. He also has produced a documentary film for the Michigan Genealogy Society, produced the Miss Black America pageant for television, and developed media scripts for a number of political campaigns.

Mr. Gregory Jackson is a highly successful General Motors dealer and owner of several businesses in the Flint area. He earned an accounting degree from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, GA, one of the historically black colleges under the United Negro College Fund. He holds an M.B.A. in business administration and Finance from Atlanta University School of Business. Mr. Jackson also is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Beta Gamma Sigma—National Graduate Business Honor Society, and the National Association of black M.B.A.'s.

Dr. Charlie Roberts is the first African-American to be appointed vice president at Mott Community College.

Dr. Roberts holds a Ph.D. in vocational-technical education from Michigan State University. He earned his masters degree in education from Wayne State University and his bachelor of science degree in industrial education and electronics from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, VA. In 1984 he was made dean of vocational-technical education at Mott; four years later he was promoted to dean of the School of Business Technology and Vocational Technical Education. From July 1993 to July 1994 he served as executive dean for continuing education and external affairs. Within a year he was promoted to his current position as vice president for institutional advancement and outreach.

Mr. President, all of these people have made significant contributions to their communities. Their accomplishments deserve the notice they are receiving from the Forum magazine. I congratulate them for being named recipients of the African-American Pioneer Award.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LESLIANNE SHEDD

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today with great sadness to commemorate the life of an outstanding individual from our State of Washington. Leslianne Shedd, a member of the United States Foreign Service Corps and a 1990 graduate of the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, was killed when an Ethiopian Airlines plane crashed in the Indian Ocean last November.

A resident of Washington State since the age of two, Leslianne graduated with honor from Puyallup High School in 1986. According to family and friends, Leslianne's lifelong dream was to tour the world. To achieve this goal, she learned four languages, traveled in Europe, Africa, North America, and Thailand, and pursued a career in Foreign Service.

Leslianne was traveling from her post at the United States Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to Nairobi, Kenya to celebrate Thanksgiving with friends when her plane was hijacked and then crashed. A commercial officer in the foreign service, she provided assistance to American companies doing business in the region. Before working in Ethiopia, she spent 2 years in the Ivory Coast in West Africa as a United States vice consul there.

It is no surprise that a young woman who touched so many lives around the globe has been described by her junior high English teacher as "a little ray of light." Her life provides inspiration to all of us by serving as an example of a forward-looking, intellectually curious, and selfless individual.

My thoughts are with Leslianne's parents Bob and Mickey Shedd, her brother Darin and sister Corinne, her friends, and all those touched by her warmth and kindness. Her work and accomplishments remind us all of the

importance of public service, international awareness, and generosity. Our Nation and our world are better places because of her. I am certain Leslianne Shedd's legacy of service will be remembered for years to come.

#### THE DEATH OF PANAMANIAN STATESMAN GABRIEL LEWIS GALINDO

● Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to call attention to the recent death of Gabriel Lewis Galindo, a noted statesman from Panama and friend of the United States of America.

Gabriel Lewis is perhaps best known for his efforts to conclude the Panama Canal Treaty. As Panama's envoy to the United States on this issue he worked closely with the Carter administration to this end. In the process he gained the respect of many people in our Government.

Mr. Lewis continually sought to restore democratic principles to Panama and used the Panamanian-United States negotiations regarding the canal to press Panama's dictator, Omar Torrijos, to move in a more democratic direction. Mr. Lewis' hard work was rewarded as Omar Torrijos eventually granted more freedom to the media and political parties in Panama.

When Gen. Manuel Noriega rose to power in Panama 2 years after the death of Omar Torrijos, he undertook measures to reverse those democratic gains which had been achieved. Gabriel Lewis became an outspoken opponent of Manuel Noriega, a strategy which eventually forced him to leave Panama after he unsuccessfully sought Noriega's removal from power.

Gabriel Lewis was both pragmatic and visionary. He understood the need for a close and productive relationship between the United States and Panama based on respect, dignity, and shared ideals of democracy. Mr. Lewis fought to make this happen. He will be missed.●

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—NOMINATION OF WILLIAM DALEY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, the Senate proceed to executive session for consideration of the nomination of William Daley to be Secretary of Commerce. I further ask unanimous consent there be 30 minutes of debate on the nomination, equally divided between the chairman and the ranking member, and immediately following the expiration or yielding back of debate time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the confirmation of the nomination.

I finally ask unanimous consent that following the vote on this issue, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.