

Hurston for all of her achievements and for putting women's literary accomplishments on the map.

I am not the only one to applaud Zora for all that she achieved, for her writings have also been instrumental in inspiring the Zora Neale Hurston Festival which has boasted an attendance rate of 60,000 in the past, and is expected to grow to a rate of 100,000 this year. Past attendees have included literary great and Pulitzer Prize winner Alice Walker, in addition to other international visitors from as far as New Zealand, Japan, Italy, and Australia.

Zora Neale Hurston, we applaud you for your commitment and dedication to literature and for your influence on some of America's future great writers. The boys and girls who are so proud to attend the school that bears your name join me in spirit—in celebrating your legacy.

And I thank my dear Florida colleague,  
CORRINE BROWN.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF KPMG  
PEAT MARWICK LLP

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 30, 1997*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to call attention to an historic American success story. On August 2, 1997, KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, the accounting and consulting firm, headquartered in Montvale, NJ, celebrates 100 years in business in the United States. Founded by two Scotsmen who became naturalized citizens of this country, KPMG Peat Marwick is a private enterprise that has grown from two employees to 20,000 during a century of tremendous change. The firm's expansion on U.S. soil and around the world is a testament to the pioneering spirit and vision of James Marwick and Roger Mitchell, who identified the need for independent accounting review of companies big and small, and who met that need by conducting certified, independent audits.

These two accountants saw the extent to which participants in an open and free market rely on accurate financial information to make important business decisions—decisions that affect thousands of employees, investors, and consumers. They took seriously their charge as independent auditors, acknowledging the public trust they held when rendering audit opinions for clients that include some of the corporate giants in our Nation's history. When the needs of their clients expanded or varied, so did the services and capabilities of this firm. As the United States and the world embark on the frontier of the information age, this now-worldwide firm stands as a proud reminder of past accomplishment and a beacon of future advancement.

KPMG Peat Marwick has preserved and enhanced another great tradition during its first 100 years—that of community involvement. Indeed, the centerpiece of the firm's 100th anniversary celebration is its World of Spirit Day—a full day of giving back to the communities that have helped it to prosper. On September 22, 1997, KPMG will close the doors of every U.S. office for the day as 20,000 partners and employees band together to volunteer their

time and talents. From Minneapolis to Miami, from New York to San Francisco, KPMG people will collectively spend 160,000 hours in service to their communities and those in need. At the end of the day, various offices will have done the following: built at least two residential homes; refurbished and painted public schools in multiple cities; taught and interacted with children in schools and child development centers; fed the hungry and homeless; landscaped youth camps; and cleaned local parks, rivers, and zoos. What a difference this day will make.

KPMG's mammoth commitment to community service was one reason it was the only professional service firm chosen to participate in the President's Summit for America's Future. It is my hope that their fine example proves to be a catalyst for other companies to make similar commitments.

Mr. Speaker, we are proud to have such a good corporate neighbor in our community. Let me congratulate the partners and employees of KPMG Peat Marwick on their firm's achievement of 100 years in business.

Over the course of a century, this company has advanced from verifying basic financial information in thick ledgers to providing complex assurance and consulting services at the dawn of a knowledge revolution. KPMG has proven it can evolve and thrive as time marches on. May its endurance and prosperity serve as positive lessons to future generations of enterprising Americans.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REVITALIZATION AND SELF-GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1997

**HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 30, 1997*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, over 2 years ago the District of Columbia faced a spending and management challenge of epic proportions. We began in the 104th Congress a critically important process to address serious issues in a truly bipartisan way. I am grateful to Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON for working with me then and now in such a constructive manner.

With patience and perseverance the control board we created is having the intended effect. The control board has begun to instill much-needed fiscal discipline into the city's budget process. The city's return to the private financial markets is solid evidence that what Congress did is finally producing more credible numbers and better performance.

Without the control board the President's proposals are unlikely to have been made. I commend President Clinton for directing his administration to work with Congress as we now move into the next phase of our quest to revitalize the Nation's Capital. I also commend Speaker GINGRICH and the congressional leadership in both Houses for the extraordinary leadership, time, and attention they have given to the District of Columbia.

We have seized this rare opportunity to restructure and improve the complex relationship between the Federal Government and the Nation's Capital. Such improvement, which will more substantially involve the private sector, benefits the entire region. I have proceeded in

the assumption, forged by years of service in local government, that we are all stakeholders in the Nation's Capital.

Clearly, this is a moment of truth. We are lightyears away from where we were 2 years ago, and we are now building on that momentum.

We have used the President's proposals as a starting point, enhanced by the memorandum of understanding between the city and the White House. No one ever expected Congress to rubberstamp these proposals, and we have not done so. We are substantially enhancing many aspects of the President's plan.

This is a historic accomplishment. We have moved beyond visionary mission statements and are commencing now the practical process of passing legislation that will be signed by the President. That effort will result in a more stable District of Columbia and a more efficient local government. These measures provide a roadmap for growth in the city, as well as in the entire region. It is more than my hope, it is my intention that at the end of the day we will succeed together.

The District of Columbia Subcommittee has invested considerable time and effort preparing for this hour. We have held six hearings, from February 20 to May 22. The subcommittee and its staff has worked diligently with local and Federal officials, along with many other stakeholders. The matter before us reflects the input we have received, enhanced by our vision for the District of Columbia.

This bill seeks to renew the economic and fiscal strength of the Nation's Capital. Its essential elements include Federal assumption of some government functions normally performed by state governments, and necessary incentives for economic development and private sector jobs. Authorization of funds is conditional on the District making specific budget and management improvements.

Our approach will reduce the District's financial burdens through cost avoidance of the fastest growing parts of its budget, such as Medicaid and its criminal justice system. The Federal Government will be making significant investments in these areas, along with other key areas. It is my firm belief that this enactment will realize the bipartisan vision for the Nation's Capital that has been so often expressed. That vision must now become a blueprint for progress, a renaissance in the Nation's Capital that will serve residents of this region, visitors, and the country as a whole.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER MARIA DOLORES BORJA, SISTER MARY ROBERTA TAITAMO, SISTER MARY DAMIEN, AND SISTER TRINI PANGELINAN

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 30, 1997*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor four truly outstanding women from Guam on the occasion of their 50th and silver anniversaries as Religious Sisters of Mercy. Sister Maria Dolores Borja, Sister Mary Roberta Taitano, Sister Mary Damien, and Sister Trini Pangelinan have demonstrated through a lifetime of service to the community the meaning of good citizenship and selfless