

Athletic Union championships in 1956, Wilma placed first in the 300 yard dash, second in the 100 yard dash, and fourth in the 75 yard dash. Despite suffering from a severe ankle sprain, she was the first woman to win not one, but three gold medals in a single Olympiad. Her gold medals were in the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash, and the 400 meter relay at the 1960 Olympics.

Wilma Rudolph was not one, however, to rest upon the laurels that the celebrity of winning Olympic gold medals brought to her. Upon her return to Clarksville, TN, in 1960 Wilma Rudolph demanded, and received, the first integrated parade in the city of Clarksville. She continued her education, graduating from Tennessee State University. She became a successful businessperson, coach, teacher, and mother. The effort and example of Wilma Rudolph helped to blaze the trail that resulted in Title IX today. The opportunities of Title IX has allowed for lucrative careers in business for women, and the opportunity for women to enjoy, like men, to be able to afford the life as a professional athlete. Although Wilma Rudolph passed away on November 12, 1994, her legacy continues to inspire men and women, able-bodied and physically challenged, to overcome odds. Her life truly embodies the American values of hard work, determination, and love of humanity. I am honored that so many of my colleagues, through their co-sponsorship of this bill, recognize the broad talents and contributions of my heroine and friend, Wilma G. Rudolph.

Original co-sponsors of the bill are Representatives ROD BLAGOJEVICH, EARL BLUMENAUER, Minority Whip DAVID BONIOR, WALTER H. CAPPS, JULIA CARSON, DONNA CHRISTIAN-GREEN, BOB CLEMENT, JAMES E. CLYBURN, JOHN CONYERS, Jr., DANNY K. DAVIS, ROSA DELAURO, RONALD V. DELLUMS, ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA, BOB FILNER, HAROLD E. FORD, Jr., BARNEY FRANK, MARTIN FROST, BART GORDON, EARL F. HILLIARD, JESSE L. JACKSON, Jr., SHEILA JACKSON-LEE, ZOE LOFGREN, WILLIAM L. JENKINS, EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, TOM LANTOS, CYNTHIA MCKINNEY, CARRIE MEEK, ROBERT MENENDEZ, JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD, PATSY T. MINK, JAMES L. OBERSTAR, GLENN POSHARD, LYNN RIVERS, BOBBY RUSH, MAX SANDLIN, DEBBIE STABENOW, FORTNEY PETE STARK, BENNIE G. THOMPSON, MAXINE WATERS, J.C. WATTS, LYNN C. WOOLSEY, and ALBERT R. WYNN.

RED RIBBON DRUG AWARENESS
WEEK, OCTOBER 23-30, 1997

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 23, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today marks the beginning of Red Ribbon Week, an important drug awareness effort in our Nation to ensure that we do not lose generation after generation to the scourge of illicit drugs.

To those of us long familiar with the struggle against illicit drugs, Red Ribbon Week has a special meaning. It grew out of the gruesome murder of a courageous and dedicated DEA agent killed in the line of duty in 1985 fighting drugs in Mexico. The first red ribbon was worn in his memory back then, and the tradition has continued in an important drug awareness effort in our Nation.

I ask that a letter from our outstanding DEA Administrator Tom Constantine to me on the historical background and importance of Red Ribbon Week be included in the RECORD. I am also providing to both cloakrooms red ribbon lapel pins that Members can wear in the days ahead to help promote this worthy effort to prevent the spread of drugs, especially among our youth.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC, October 22, 1997.

Hon. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN GILMAN: October 23, 1997, marks the beginning of Red Ribbon Week. As you know, the red ribbon became a symbol of the fight against drugs after Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was kidnapped, tortured and murdered in Mexico in 1985. The ribbon was first worn in memory of Special Agent Camarena, and later evolved into a nationwide drug awareness campaign.

DEA Headquarters was honored to have Andrea Mazzenza, a student at Clarkstown South High School in Nanuet, New York, perform at our Red Ribbon Kick-Off Rally. Andrea sang "Hands Across the Universe," a song composed by another Nanuet resident, Jordan Spivak. The song extolled the virtues of being drug-free.

The DEA would greatly appreciate it, Congressman Gilman, if you would submit a statement into the Congressional Record about the fact that October 23 to 30, 1997, is National Red Ribbon Week. The DEA urges everyone to wear a red ribbon in support of a drug-free nation. In 1986, 80 million children in all 50 states celebrated Red Ribbon Week and made the choice to be drug-free.

We have enclosed approximately 450 red ribbon lapel pins for you to distribute on the House floor. The people of the United States look up to their Congressional leaders. We believe that if members of Congress were to wear red ribbons, it would inspire the nation to reflect on the sacrifices that agents such as Kiki Camarena have made and also to concentrate on making the positive choice to be drug-free.

The DEA appreciates all the support you have given our agency and the drug effort throughout your career. We hope we can count on you to introduce Red Ribbon Week into the Congressional Record. If you need more information about Red Ribbon Week, feel free to call Robert D. Dey, Chief of DEA's Demand Reduction Section, at 202-307-7936.

Thank you again for all your support throughout the years.

Sincerely,

THOMAS A. CONSTANTINE,
Administrator.

COMMENDING PASTOR JAMES ANDERSON ON HIS RETIREMENT AND 39TH ANNIVERSARY AS A PASTOR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 23, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to commend Pastor James Alexander Anderson on the momentous occasion of his retirement and 39th anniversary as a pastor. A week-long retirement and anniversary celebration for Pastor Anderson, given by the

Washington Street Church of God parishioners, will take place from October 26, 1997 to November 2, 1997. The celebration will include a program of revival ministers throughout the week, who will offer remarks on Pastor Anderson's distinguished career. The festivities will conclude with a banquet at Marquette Park Pavilion in Gary, IN, on Sunday, November 2, 1997.

Pastor Anderson received his calling in 1947, upon returning to Gary, IN, from his service with the U.S. Army. During a revival meeting, without hesitation, he accepted his summons with a resolute commitment to fulfill and carry out his mission to preach. Although Pastor Anderson had initially planned to attend college and pursue a medical career, he fully embraced his new challenges as a spiritual healer and guide. His first pastorate was in Muncie, IN, where he remained for over a year. In 1957, Pastor Anderson was selected as pastor of the Washington Street Church of God, where he has faithfully served in this capacity since then. Throughout his career, Pastor Anderson has demonstrated his commitment to being an effective and instrumental leader through his diligent pursuit of a greater understanding of scripture and the ministry. Over the years, Pastor Anderson attended such institutions as Anderson College and Anderson College Seminary in Anderson, IN, and the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL.

Over the years, Pastor Anderson has made numerous contributions to his congregation, as well as to the surrounding community. Perhaps his most noteworthy accomplishment was his founding of a homeless shelter in 1984. Pastor Anderson led the Washington Street Church of God congregation in undertaking the challenging task of renovating a church-owned building into the Brother's Keeper Homeless Shelter. Had it not been for Pastor Anderson's leadership and ambition, many individuals in the city of Gary would be left without lodging over an extended period of time. Pastor Anderson has also devoted much of his time to assisting various church-affiliated organizations. For 13 years, he served as a member of the missionary board of the Church of God in Anderson, IN. He was also a member of the Interfaith Clergy Council of Gary and vicinity, and the credentials and ordination committee in Indianapolis, IN. Pastor Anderson is also the former dean of the Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers Council of Gary, and for 10 years, he was treasurer of the General Ministerial Assembly of the National Association of the Church of God in West Middlesex, PA.

Pastor Anderson's retirement and anniversary is of special importance to the Washington Street Church of God family, as the occasion serves as a unique opportunity to celebrate the valiant leadership, commitment, and selflessness that have characterized his service to the congregation and to the community at-large. During this special time, the congregation will remember Pastor Anderson's steadfast will and determination to complete his mission, which motivated him to successfully recover from a severe stroke in 1988. Above all, Pastor Anderson will be remembered for doing many good things for a wide variety of people, without seeking credit for his accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating James Alexander Anderson on the event