

While attending the needs of a racially and ethnically diverse constituency, Mr. Williams has been a member of the New York City Council, representing the 41st Councilmanic District, since 1978. Prior to entering elective office, Mr. Williams served as the executive director of the Housing Development Corp. of the Council of Churches of New York City. He was also a community-organization specialist in the now-famous Youth-in-Action, Inc. anti-poverty agency, where he developed the skill of working with community groups, guiding them to create housing and employment in the innercity.

While making important strides in his role as a councilman, Enoch has managed to contribute to his community in other meaningful ways. Currently, he is the civilian director of the New York City region of the Selective Service System. He is a member of the American Institute of Housing Consultants, the Community Service Society, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Urban League, and the Unity Democratic Club. In addition, the councilman served as an elected delegate to the 1992 Democratic National Convention, having served in the same capacity in 1968 and 1972. He also served as Democratic district leader from 1986 to 1994.

As a veteran, Major General Williams has again proven his commitment to his country. He was appointed commander of the New York Guard in 1990. After serving as an enlisted member during World War II, General Williams earned his commission in 1950, and has enjoyed over 30 years of active service. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, both the Bronze and Silver, and Silver Selective Service System Meritorious Service Medals. He retired in June 1995 as commander of the New York Guard, with the rank of major general.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Councilman Enoch Williams for all of his years of faithful service to his country and to the 41st Councilmanic District of Brooklyn, NY.

TRIBUTE TO HELEN VINCENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to extend sincere congratulations to Mrs. Helen Vincent on her retirement from Teamsters Union Local 142 next month. Helen will be honored for her 38 years of dedicated service to the Teamsters at a dinner to be held this Friday, November 7, at the Patio restaurant in Merrillville, IN. Helen's family and colleagues will be attending this special event, where Rick Kenney, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 142, will speak in recognition of her outstanding service.

Helen began working as a secretary for Teamsters Local 142 in 1959. Founded in 1941 in Gary, IN, Teamsters Local 142 represents approximately 5,500 laborers in the trucking, warehousing, commercial services, municipalities, and manufacturing industries. Helen's responsibilities at Local 142 have included the preparation of contracts, personal secretarial work for the secretary-treasurer, bookkeeping, and related duties. Throughout

her career, Helen's coworkers have regarded her as a very reliable and efficient worker, who always goes above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to her outstanding career with the Teamsters, Helen and her husband of 39 years, Bob, successfully raised two fine sons, Robert and Mark.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Helen Vincent on her imminent retirement from Teamsters Local 142. In all aspects of her life, Helen has managed to put forth her best effort for a job well done. Helen's husband, children, and four wonderful grandchildren, Bobby, Megan, Sam, and Teresa, should be proud of her accomplishments, as she has been an invaluable source of guidance and support for both the Teamsters and her family.

COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE 106TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, permit me to take this opportunity to inform my colleagues that the 6th of November is the 106th anniversary of the Colombian National Police [CNP]. The CNP has been our longstanding partner in the war on drugs. The CNP's success has been orchestrated by its director general, Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano, and the fearless leader of the DANTI, their antinarcotics unit. Col. Leonardo Gallego.

Under the leadership of these two outstanding officers, the CNP has received worldwide recognition from the law enforcement community including FBI Director Freeh at a recent International Relations Committee hearing. Under their leadership, the CNP has broken the backs of the world's largest drug cartels in both Medellin and Cali. Their efforts should be duly recognized here today by Congress.

Regrettably, their success has had a price, the lives of more than 4,000 brave young CNP officers over the last 9 years. Their sacrifice cannot be underestimated, or go unnoticed. Their deaths were not in vain. Today, we honor their memories here in the House. Despite the tragedies of their deaths fighting drugs, the DANTI is world renowned for its record on human rights. This is a credit to their dedication to their mission, and a credit to their leaders, General Serrano and Colonel Gallego.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to include, at the conclusion of my remarks, a copy of the letter from myself, Mr. BURTON, Mr. HASTERT, and Mr. BALLENGER to General Serrano congratulating him on this occasion of the 106th anniversary of the CNP.

I know I echo the words of many of my colleagues here today. We thank the Colombian National Police for their outstanding, courageous efforts in the harshest of circumstances. We extend our heartfelt congratulations on their 106th anniversary and wish their continued success in all of their endeavors.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, November 5, 1997.

Gen. ROSSO JOSE SERRANO,
Director General, Colombian National Police.

DEAR GENERAL SERRANO: It is with great respect and admiration that we salute the

Colombian National Police on this, the 106th anniversary of its inception. The professionalism of your police force has been proven repeatedly under the most adverse challenges imaginable.

The sterling reputation of the Colombian National Police is one that is the envy of law enforcement organizations world-wide. The sacrifices of your policemen have made that reputation what it is today.

We applaud the Colombian National Police's loyalty and your dedication to the principles of law enforcement. We also encourage your adherence to human rights, and salute the DANTI's world-renowned human rights reputation. We salute your continued sacrifices for law and order in a democratic republic.

Finally, please tell your policemen that they are not forgotten.

With best wishes,

DAN BURTON,
Chairman, Govern-
ment Reform and
Oversight Commit-
tee.

BEN GILMAN,
Chairman, Inter-
national Relations
Committee.

J. DENNIS HASTERT
Chairman, National
Security Sub-
committee.

CASS BALLENGER
Vice Chairman,
Western Hemi-
sphere Subcommit-
tee.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1119, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA- TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my concerns about two provisions in the conference report on H.R. 1119, the Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998. Although I was a member of the conference, I was not a conferee for these provisions and was not aware of their final resolution until the completion of the conference report.

Sections 522 and 523 of H.R. 1119 mandates that the Secretary of Defense submit a plan to eliminate 4,350 non-dual status military technicians. These are Federal civilian employees working for the National Guard and the Army Reserve, often in administrative and administrative support positions, who would not be required to report with their reserve units during a deployment. The bill directs the Secretary to recommend ways to convert the status of these employees if it is determined that their positions can not be eliminated or filled by dual status technicians.

In many cases, these employees fill support positions which would be subject to high turnover if filled by dual status employees. Current non-dual status employees have provided stability to these positions, often at low rates of pay. This provision appears to prejudice the need to eliminate these employees before it has been established whether such a move will provide a savings to the Government, or will improve national security. Further, I am