

Dean Street. Where else could you find such a collector of precious items willing to offer her home as a meeting hall and site for political fundraisers? Few galleries in Brooklyn are as fascinating as the Nottage home, but you don't have to pay a fee or purchase a painting there.

Because of what I experienced in my relationship with Ruby over the past sixteen years, nothing surprises me about her record of accomplishments before I met her: That she traveled to Farmville, Virginia during the Civil Rights struggle to provide service to schools that had been closed is one more example of her being willing to place herself at risk on the firing line. Despite her appreciation of the finer comforts of life she also braved the inconveniences and hardships of Haiti to help set up day care centers for children. It is not surprising that as a responsible, professional resident she served for fifteen years as a member of the Board of the Brooklyn YWCA. It is also consistent with her unique duality that she was a founder of an independent Democratic club, Partners for Progress. Moving from participation in an established national institution to an almost revolutionary grassroots base was not a difficult transition for Ruby. The common touch didn't stop her from walking with kings and vice versa.

In all that she did Ruby could blend the practical and the sublime. I am certain that her son Aaron reflects these same ingredients in his pursuit of law. His cases will never be handled with less than maximum thoroughness and responsibility. Since tickets for her recent play were all sold out I could not yet see the recent work of Lynn Nottage; however, I am certain that her drama will be a blend of meaningful contents and message with great style and method. Ruby's genes and nurturing would allow it to happen no other way.

Ruby Nottage now belongs to the ages. She now becomes one of the ancestors for our children and grandchildren. Our ancestors are our eternal role models. As she was a role model in life we should strive to keep her forever a role model. Cinque, the leader of the Amistad rebels insisted that in a moment of crisis he would not be alone because he would be joined by his ancestors. To gain strength from their ancestors our children need to know who they are. Television cameras, movies and celebrity magazines will never tell them who their living role models are. We can certainly not depend on the media and our official school curricula to let our children know who their magnificent dead ancestors are. It is my plea to all who cherished her that we do more than merely fix a monument to Ruby in our minds.

Ruby Nottage now has a place among our magnificent ancestors. For the next few years we must strive in every way possible to move beyond the monuments in our minds to pay homage to Ruby in some concrete and highly visible ways. Little Brooklyn girls and mature men and women should be able to know Ruby's story and call up this beautiful ancestor for inspiration in the future. Some have pledged to go forward and get busy to write a book about Ruby or name a street or erect a statue or start a scholarship fund or name a school after her or do all of the above.

Just because she was in a class by herself is no reason why others should not be encouraged to strive to match her magnificent performance. Ruby Nottage was a Point-of-Light that must be magnified and multiplied.

#### HONORING DAVID DUNCAN

### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity today to honor Mr. David Duncan of Springfield, MS. Mr. Duncan is retiring after 33 years as a member of the Teamsters Union. Mr. Duncan's dedication and loyalty to the Teamsters Union and his fellow workers is exemplified by his decades of service to the Union.

His career began at the tender age of 9, when he would shine shoes near the Springfield train station on weekend nights. After honorably serving our nation as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army, Mr. Duncan returned from Europe to marry his high school sweetheart, Anna, with whom he celebrated his 40th wedding anniversary earlier this month. Dave began his career as a Teamster as a driver/dockman in 1965, and four years later was elected as steward.

Dave began his service as an official in Local Union 404 as Business Agent and then was subsequently elected as Vice President/Executive Officer in 1988. Dave's leadership in this organization has allowed it to flourish from a nearly bankrupt union to the vibrant and healthy organization that it is today. The Union was able to move into a new and much larger facility, as well as the important existence of the Local 404 Health Benefits Fund which has experienced a dramatic fourfold increase in reserve funds to provide benefits for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure and privilege today to stand before this body to honor the loyalty and hard work of my constituent, Mr. Dave Duncan, a man who has epitomized the ideal integration of family dedication, work ethic and diligence, and community involvement. The Local Union 404 will sorely miss the leadership of Mr. Duncan in the future, but the legacy of his commitment to workers and issues that affect all of the community will carry on indefinitely.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS ON THE DEATH OF DETROIT MAYOR COLEMAN A. YOUNG

### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, we are deeply saddened to hear of the loss of former Mayor Coleman Young this past Saturday. Mayor Young was a political icon who gave leadership both at the local and national level. We will miss him greatly.

When he won office in 1974, Mayor Young was one of the first African Americans to become Mayor of a large metropolitan city. We will remember him for his twenty years of dynamic leadership of the City of Detroit.

He took over the reins of a city in 1974 that was steeped in racism and discord. During his tenure, he attempted to open economic opportunities for all people in the city. He provided a special sense of pride and empowerment to

Detroit's black community and he had a special place in all of our hearts.

We will mourn his passing, but remember his many contributions to our history. It was his input that helped President Jimmy Carter formulate a public policy program for America's urban areas. His efforts were responsible for building the renowned Museum of African American Art.

May it comfort his family to know that so many share their loss. And may it comfort the people of Detroit to know that people from across the country acknowledge his contributions.

Maxine Waters, chair; Earl Hilliard, first vice chair; Eddie Bernice Johnson, second vice chair; Corrine Brown, secretary; Sheila Jackson-Lee, whip. Members John Conyers, Jr., William Clay, Louis Stokes, Ronald Dellums, Charles Rangel, Julian Dixon, Major R. Owens, Edolphus Towns, Floyd Flake, John Lewis, Donald M. Payne, Eleanor Holmes Norton, William Jefferson, Eva Clayton, Sanford Bishop, James Clyburn, Alcee Hastings, Cynthia McKinney, Carrie Meek, Bobby Rush, Robert Scott, Melvin Watt, Albert Wynn, Bennie Thompson, Chaka Fattah, Jesse Jackson, Jr., Juanita Millender-McDonald, Elijah Cummings, Julia Carson, Donna Christian-Green, Danny Davis, Harold Ford, Jr., Carolyn Kilpatrick and Senator Carol Moseley-Braun.

#### KASHMIRI PANDITS MASSACRED

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 28, 1998*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on January 26th of this year, in Kashmir, India, 23 Kashmiri Pandits, were massacred in cold blood. Unprovoked, 30 militants entered the homes of four Pandit families, opened fire and killed all but one. After the killings, the militants set their home and a small temple on fire.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 7 years, Kashmiri Pandits have been subjected to unprovoked and senseless killings. They have been forced to leave their homes in the Kashmir Valley because of the actions committed by terrorists and militants who are armed and trained by the enemies of India.

The terrorists' agenda is simple. It is to undermine the restoration of democratic rule and peace that was brought back to Jammu and Kashmir in October 1996. I should note that the killings took place on India's 48th Republic Day. A spokesman for a Kashmiri Pandit organization stated that "the massacre of the innocent people by the Pakistan trained militants on the occasion of the Republic Day was a mockery of Indians' integrity in the 50th year of Independence."

This peaceful community, which has been subjected to countless targeted killings, has been forced to live in refugee camps scattered throughout India. Rather than living in their homeland, the Pandit community has been living in ill-equipped camps that lack the proper educational and job training facilities that would enable them to live decent and productive lives. This has resulted in tremendous suffering by the community and the cultural and social deterioration of their community.

Mr. Speaker, we must work with the Indian Government in bringing peace and security to