

Church in Lynn, Massachusetts. During his tenure at Zion Baptist he founded the "Inroads New England" program and provided transportation to inner-city children who otherwise would not be able to attend program events. Last fall, Rev. Murray was honored for his work with Inroads New England.

The co-founder of the Essex County Community Organization, Rev. Murray also helped create the Jump Start program in the basement of his church, which provided after-school activities for latchkey children. He is a member of the Swampscott, Massachusetts Rotary Club and has assisted in the development of youth leadership weekends. He has been honored with the Massachusetts Ecumenical Council of Churches award for Ecumenism, the First Decade Award from Harvard Alumni Association, and the Childrens Defense Fund National Achievement Award.

Frederick Douglass once said, "I cannot allow myself to be insensitive to the wrongs and suffering of any part of the great family of man." Rev. Murray personifies the words of the great abolitionist and civil rights leader through his selfless dedication and spiritual devotion the children who are often neglected and forgotten. His work has touched the lives of hundreds of children and adults and he continues to influence more and more individuals every day. In our lifetime, we are fortunate to know at least one person with such philanthropic commitment, and as we commemorate Black History Month, I am honored to call Rev. Murray a constituent, a dear friend, and an individual who truly represents the achievements of African Americans to our society.

TWO MINNESOTANS ON THE U.S.  
WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM SHARE  
IN OLYMPIC VICTORY

**HON. BRUCE F. VENTO**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to bring the attention of my colleagues to the accomplishments of our U.S. Women's Hockey Team, who recently won the gold medal in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. I am particularly honored to mention two Minnesotans who shared in the February 16 victory over Canada, Alana Blahoski of St. Paul and Jenny Schmidgall of Edina.

Alana Blahoski, who is 23 years old, played on boy's teams at Johnson High School, traditionally one of the best Minnesota high school hockey teams. She later played on the men's hockey team at Providence College in Rhode Island. This has been her third year with Team USA. Jenny Schmidgall was in eighth grade when she started playing women's hockey at Edina High School. At 19 years old, she is the second youngest player on Team USA. She currently plays hockey for the outstanding University of Minnesota women's hockey team.

The victory of Team USA marks a watershed moment in the history of women's hockey and sports in the United States. Until as recently as five years ago, women's hockey as a sanctioned sport was practically nonexistent in the United States, though its popularity in Canada and countries in Europe was soaring.

As early as the 1970s, women's hockey was an internationally competitive sport. The United States did not actually recognize women's hockey until 1994, when Minnesota became the first state to sanction high school ice hockey for girls. Now, thanks to the dedication, hard work and discipline of Alana Blahoski, Jenny Schmidgall and the rest of the Team USA, women's ice hockey in the United States is receiving the recognition it deserves. The future of women's ice hockey has been assured by this historic moment.

This achievement is a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to two great Minnesotans, whose efforts last week made history for female hockey players all over the world and earned them the 1998 Olympic gold medal.

RECOGNIZING KERNA D. MC  
FARLIN

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of a "most outstanding musician", Kerna D. McFarlin.

At age eleven, Kerna D. McFarlin began his career in Tampa, Florida under the tutelage of Captain Carey W. Thomas, retired director of bands at Florida A&M University. Later, he played in the Middleton High School Band and received a scholarship to Florida A&M upon graduation.

During his college years, he was the woodwind section leader in the band and orchestra. Kerna credits Leander Kirksey with outstanding woodwind instruction. In 1943, Mr. McFarlin was inducted into the U.S. Army and soon became a member of the famous 92nd Infantry Division Band. During his military career, he attained the rank of Sergeant.

After leaving the army, Kerna returned to Florida A&M where he participated in the college bands under the direction of William P. Foster. Because of Mr. McFarlin's experience and training, he was able to provide valuable assistance and leadership in the development of the newly re-activated college band program.

Upon graduation, Kerna McFarlin was appointed to be the first official band director at Stanton Senior High in Jacksonville, Florida. During his tenure as the band director, he earned a Master's Degree from the New York University. McFarlin's bands amassed a total of nineteen consecutive years of superior ratings in the Florida Association of Band Directors and the Florida Bandmasters Association contests.

Other highlights of the achievements of this band include: Being selected as Florida's representative at the 1964 New York World's Fair, participating in three Florida Governor Inaugural parades, and being selected by the Florida Department of Education in 1966 Midwest National Conference of Colleges and University Education's "Education Is For All" convention. In 1966, Mr. McFarlin's Stanton High School band was recognized by the "Instrumentalist" magazine as one of the "highly regarded bands in the Southeast."

For the past twenty-seven years, Mr. McFarlin served as an honorary member and adjudicator of the Florida Bands Association.

He received over fifty awards for musical excellence and community service.

Mr. McFarlin's achievements can best be described by his students who all echoed that "Mr. Mac" as they lovingly referred to him, not only taught them music, but character and Christian values necessary for successful living.

An award, "Most Outstanding Musician" was named in McFarlin's honor has been established at the Stanton Preparatory College Band and is given annually to the most deserving student.

As a former student of Mr. McFarlin, I am delighted to mention that the great State of Florida has been most fortunate to have shared the gifts and talents of Kerna D. McFarlin.

Mr. McFarlin passed on December 21, 1997.

IN HONOR OF DAVE'S  
SUPERMARKETS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the contribution of Dave's Supermarkets to the economic well-being and general welfare of the Ohio City neighborhood.

Dave's Supermarkets have exemplified the attitude of community improvement and well-being during its many years of operation. With the opening of the Ohio City store, 93 locals, most of whom were unemployed or in low-income jobs, now receive union wage paychecks and even health care benefits and pension plans. Dave's gave them the opportunity to reintegrate themselves into the workforce, thus improving their lifestyles and revitalizing the neighborhood. The attitude of Dave's Supermarkets and its owners, the Saltzman family, has clearly affected the life of the Ohio City community for the better.

Employees of the newly-constructed Dave's reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the neighborhood and are friendly, energetic, and optimistic. By mixing the local characteristics of the "general store" with the modern supermarket experience, Dave's provides a welcome community atmosphere. Truly, Dave's Supermarkets offer intrinsic American values that we all cherish: congeniality, supportive customer service, and a friendly atmosphere in which to shop.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in saluting Dave's Supermarkets and the employees of the Dave's Ohio City store.

HONORING MR. SAM MOORE FOR  
HIS SERVICE TO GOD AND FOR  
HIS COMMITMENT TO THOMAS  
NELSON PUBLISHERS

**HON. BOB CLEMENT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Sam Moore, the head of Thomas Nelson Publishers, for his devoted service to God and for his dedication to the distribution of God's Word.

Mr. Moore was born in Beirut, Lebanon in 1930. When he immigrated to the United States in 1949, he came with \$600, a will to succeed, a strong faith and a willingness to devote his life to God.

Upon his arrival, Mr. Moore began to live the "American dream." by selling books and Bibles door to door, he earned enough money to pay tuition to Columbia Bible College in South Carolina. The oldest of six children, Mr. Moore knew the importance of sacrifice and he worked hard to put himself through school. In any situation, supporting oneself is difficult while pursuing an education. But for Mr. Moore, the task was more difficult because he was thousands of miles away from home and had only a limited grasp of the English language.

Still, he was determined to succeed, and he certainly did. He earned two master's degrees simultaneously from the University of South Carolina and from Columbia International University. Then he started his own Bible and book sales business, sticking to the trade that had allowed him to go to college. His dedication paid off. By 1962, Mr. Moore had formed his own Bible publishing firm, Royal Publishers.

In 1967, Mr. Moore was approached by the owner of Thomas Nelson Publishers, a publishing house with a history that dated back to 1798 in Scotland. Thomas Nelson Publishers had been the first to offer spiritual literature to everyone, not just the wealthy elite. The company had survived fires, World Wars and bombs. Now, the owner of the company was asking Mr. Moore to run the American operations.

Instead, Mr. Moore bought Thomas Nelson and merged it with Royal Publishers. By 1975, Thomas Nelson was the leading publisher of Bibles in the world, publishing Bibles with special features targeting individual needs. Today, Thomas Nelson books and Bibles continually top best-seller lists and are found in every country across the globe. In addition, Thomas Nelson is the largest publicly traded Christian communications company in the world. All this from \$600, a determination to succeed, and an unyielding belief that God had a plan.

This year, Thomas Nelson celebrates its 200th anniversary. Examining the history of the publishing company, God clearly had a plan for Sam Moore. The company started in the heart of an 18-year-old Scottish man, flourished through political and social change, survived several devastating setbacks and emerged as a world leader in Christian publishing. God's plan was for Sam Moore and Thomas Nelson Publishers to join together with the goal of spreading God's Word to all people.

As we celebrate 200 years, let us reflect on the colorful, glorious history of Thomas Nelson Publishers and the promise of a bright future in Christian publishing. And, let us not forget the man we honor today, who lives his life to honor God.

Congratulations to Sam Moore on his extraordinary life and business career, and may God continue to bless him, his wife Peggy and his children, Samuel Joseph and Sandra Lee and Rachel Michelle.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF WORCESTER—THE HEARTBEAT OF MASSACHUSETTS—1848—1998

### HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on February 29, 1848, Governor George W. Briggs signed a charter, drafted by local citizens and authorized by the General Court, which transformed Worcester from a town to a city.

January 7, 1997 was the day that I took the oath of office and became a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives—representing the City of Worcester and thirty-three other towns and cities in Massachusetts. And in those initial moments as a Member of Congress, I began to dream. I thought of the magnificent objectives that could be achieved during the years to come if we were able to commit ourselves to a shared vision for this marvelous city. Without question, our ancestors had such dreams.

The first Mayor of Worcester, Levi Lincoln, made the following remarks upon leaving office in 1849. " \* \* \* And now, Gentlemen, in leaving these seats to our successors, we leave to them, also, the fruits of our labors and of our experience, whatever may be their value. We leave to them a new form of organized municipal Government, in all its departments in successful operation, with a system of rules and ordinances, unquestionably somewhat imperfect and requiring modification and amendment, yet the basis of all necessary legislation for the administration of the affairs of the City. We leave them our best hopes and our truest good wishes for the performance of their official duties with satisfaction to their own minds, and to the approval of their constituents, and the lasting benefit and prosperity of our beloved City. They assume high trusts, and heavy responsibilities. The peace and happiness of thousands of citizens, and the security and enjoyment of millions of property, will, in a greater or less degree, be affected by the manner in which these responsibilities shall be met, and these trusts discharged."

On the occasion of Worcester's 50th anniversary, Frank Roe Batchelder wrote:

Five decades have her children kept  
Her civic honor free from stain,  
While with the world she's laughed and wept  
And shared her country's loss and gain.

She toils and ventures, strives and builds,  
And seeks to sweeten life for all  
The craftsmen of her thousand guilds  
Who answer to her every call.

Crowned by the smoke of many mills  
She welcomes workers to her gate;  
And in her children's hearts instills  
Love for the toil that makes her great.

Patron of every useful thing,  
She sits at Learning's feet, nor finds  
Her glory less that she should bring  
Her tribute to the might of minds.

Yet does she make, when all is said,  
No product more desired of men,  
No brighter chaplet for her head,  
Than her grand type of citizen.

In war and peace, in school and shop,  
Beyond the knowledge of her name,  
Rising insistent to the top,

Those she has bred have brought her fame.  
When her bright century is run,  
Be ours to have our children say  
Their service is the better done  
For that we render her to-day.

The heart of Worcester beats the rhythm of progress as she boldly moves in to the 21st Century. This heartbeat is deeply rooted in a strong sense of pride in Worcester's past and reflects not only a deep appreciation for the cultural, religious and ethnic heritage of its people but a legacy of greatness as well.

I am proud to call Worcester my home.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GLEN S. LEVERETTE

### HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 24, 1998*

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished Lieutenant Glen S. Leverette of the United States Navy.

On March 17, 1998, Lieutenant Leverette will be recognized by the Newport County Council, Navy League of the United States and the Rotary Club to receive the Military Service Member of the Year.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Lieutenant Leverette graduated from Fletcher Senior High School, Neptune Beach, Florida in 1986. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, and Jacksonville University, where he received a Master of Arts in teaching. Commissioned in May 1990, Lieutenant Leverette has had a versatile career as a naval officer, from the Command Information Center and Assistant Operations Officer on the cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG-55), to his current assignment as the Propagation Detection/Command and Control Unit Lead Instructor at Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM), Newport, RI.

Lieutenant Leverette was cited for his sustained superior performance during his tour with the SWOSCOLCOM. He has served with the utmost distinction as an instructor, student advisor, and ADP Officer at Division Officer Training Department. Lieutenant Leverette's professional knowledge, enthusiasm, and motivation has had a direct impact on thousands of officers. Due to his dedication of duty and sustained superior performance, Lieutenant Leverette was selected as the Instructor of the Year by his peers.

As a community leader, Lieutenant Leverette provides counseling, spiritual, and pastoral support for more than 150 members in the Providence, Rhode Island Metropolitan area as Pastor of the Congdon Street Baptist Church. As an advocate for youth in his community, he supports the Baptist Youth Fellowship and the City of Providence's Adopt-A-Child program.

Lieutenant Leverette currently resides in Taunton, Massachusetts with his wife Marian and their daughter Kalea.

I am pleased to salute Lieutenant Glen S. Leverette of the United States Navy on his outstanding accomplishment.