

Today, that vision has become a reality. Through their collaboration with National Public Radio, The Field Museum of Chicago, Gallery 37 and Public Broadcasting Service, among others, Street-Level is able to serve more than 1,000 children and young adults in Chicago. Thanks to their association with these well-known entities, we have been graced with historical documentaries, innovative animation and multicultural education resources.

Programs like Street-Level Youth Media deserve our recognition. Programs such as these are proactive, promote a child's creative interests and develop critical thinking skills. As we embark into the Twenty-First Century, our challenge should be to replicate exemplary programs like Street-Level so that we may have an able Twenty-First Century citizenry.

I applaud the work that you do and I am hopeful that your creative energy will follow your lives and make our world richer. Congratulations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for a recorded vote earlier today. If I had been present for the rollcall vote No. 487, I would have voted "yea".

DO THE WRITE THING CHALLENGE PROGRAM

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, not long ago, I served as host for a reception in the Cannon Caucus Room to honor the finalists in the Do the Write Thing Challenge Program. As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, I want to call this initiative to the attention of my colleagues.

Do the Write is a project of the National Campaign to Stop Violence. Students in urban middle schools are encouraged to write about problems of violence and drug abuse in their communities. Through these writings, 7th and 8th graders are motivated to make a commitment to stay in school and do something about drug abuse and violence. They also increase adult awareness and involvement in programs to address these problems.

At the beginning of each school year, school superintendents in targeted cities notify middle school principals about the Do the Write Thing Challenge Program. Students are then asked to write papers relating to three questions: "How has youth violence and drug abuse affected my life?" "What are the causes of youth violence and drug abuse?" "What can I do about the youth violence and drug abuse that I see or experience?"

A panel of volunteers reads student papers. They selected male and female finalists for each school. From among these students, the

best entries from each city are named national finalists. There is a local recognition ceremony for the school finalists, and a series of recognition events in Washington, D.C. for the national finalists. Local committees also work with government, businesses, and community leaders to provide opportunities for the student participants such as job training internships, mentoring, and scholarships. These are designed to promote community service and build a new network of positive relationships for those who have accepted the Do the Write Thing challenge.

The Do the Write Thing Challenge Program is presently operating in Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, Hartford, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. Nationwide, over 15,000 students have submitted writings as part of the program.

Mr. Speaker, those who merit recognition are too numerous to mention, but I want to particularly thank Daniel Q. Callister, the founder and Chair of the National Campaign to Stop Violence for his leadership in the Do the Write Thing Challenge Program. I also thank Marion W. Mattingly who is working tirelessly to expand the Do the Write Thing Challenge Program to additional cities. The Council of Great City Schools, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Young Astronauts Counsel, and the Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention are all supporting the program. Finally, special commendation goes to the Kuwait-America Foundation, the primary sponsor of the Do the Write Thing Challenge Program.

HONORING ROBIN CHANDLER DUKE

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a good friend and outstanding leader, Robin Chandler Duke.

Robin is one of those rare individuals who lends energy and dynamism to every cause with which she is involved. Through her service and advocacy, Robin has advanced compassionate public policy here and abroad, while touching countless lives.

I have had the great privilege of working at Robin's side in the critical struggle to protect a woman's right to choose. President Emeritus of the National Abortion Rights Action League, Robin has been a tireless champion of reproductive freedom—always inspiring those with whom she works and meeting even the most difficult challenge with grace, wit, and determination.

Robin is a giant among pro-choice leaders, yet this is but a small part of her varied activities. For seven years, Robin has been the National Co-Chairperson of Population Action International, which is dedicated to the promotion of voluntary family planning, effective population policies, and individual rights. In addition, Robin is actively involved in the U.S. Japan Foundation, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the United Nations Association, the

Council on Foreign Relations, and the Friends of Art and Preservation in Embassies. She has represented our country in various international conferences and organizations, and remains today a shining light of principle and purpose.

Above all, Robin is a delightful human being. A paragon of elegance and poise, and yet utterly without pretension. Robin is always impressive, but never imposing. It is a joy to be her friend.

Mr. Speaker, this month Population Action International will honor Robin Chandler Duke for her service to that organization and for a lifetime of good works. Let the record reflect my enormous admiration and gratitude for this outstanding American.

GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, during the week of November 15–21, the Arizona Geographic Alliance will be celebrating Arizona's Geography Awareness Week. The Alliance has worked closely with the Governor, local mayors and school superintendents to recognize the week in the public schools. The National Geographic Society, the State of Arizona, and Arizona State University supports Geography Awareness Week.

The purpose of the week of programs is to illustrate the importance of geography education. Studying geography is much more than just locating a city, state or country on a map. Students of geography learn about direction, climate, physical and social characteristics of a region, methods of travel, cultural differences, monetary systems, and environmental settings. A thorough understanding of geography offers an understanding needed for many of today's jobs. Geographic education also opens the mind to the world and experiences beyond our own boundaries.

I commend the members of the Arizona Geographic Alliance for their promotion of the importance of geography education. Hopefully, other states will join Arizona in creating a Geography Awareness Week to renew interest in our ever-changing global environment.

CELEBRATING THE 70TH BIRTHDAY OF JAMES FORMAN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate James Forman, who should have been a celebrated leader years ago. Jim, as we always called him when he was the engine and the engineer of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), has just celebrated his 70th birthday. Jim Forman is the least known of the major civil rights leaders of the 1960s. Our colleague, John Lewis, may be the best known of those of us who worked in SNCC, but John would be the first to say that it was Jim who ran SNCC.

Jim Forman was the Executive Director of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee when it was at its best and at its height. This was the SNCC that pioneered the non-violent techniques of the sit-ins at segregated lunch counters; that organized the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party that broke segregated national convention delegations in both parties; and that originated the 1964 Mississippi civil rights summer that brought an integrated army of students into the South to break open the worst and most dangerous areas. These historic achievements required more than young people who were willing to sit in, go to jail, or risk their lives. Jim did those and more. Jim was the sturdy hand at the helm who brought order out of movement chaos, kept everybody focused, and headed off trouble. I remember Jim as the forceful man in charge who was good at the whole range of human interactions. He could cajole, he could persuade, he could entice, and, if necessary, he would order.

SNCC was an extraordinary, collegial, decentralized movement organization. Its loose structure, youthful participants, and free spirits demanded a special leader. How fortunate our band of the young and foolish were. At the moment when we needed a leader who could hold us all together until the segregated south succumbed to the rule of law, we found one—James Forman.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
GERALD SOLOMON

SPEECH OF

HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, regrettably, schedule conflicts on two occasions prevented me from joining in the tribute here on the House Floor to our departing colleague, JERRY SOLOMON. I would like to have contributed comments then. Since I could not, I ask these words be included at the appropriate point in the RECORD.

JERRY SOLOMON is a number of things to me. On a personal level, he is a friend, one of my best friends in the Congress. He is also a neighbor, as my wife and I live in the same complex as JERRY and his wife, Freida, when she is in the area.

From my earliest days as a member of the House, JERRY was friendly, open and willing to take his time to help a new member.

Amazingly, even after he became Chairman of the Rules Committee, JERRY SOLOMON remained the same Jerry as before. He was accessible, interested and willing to help whenever his help did not conflict with his deeply held policy positions.

JERRY is a highly skilled legislator. All Members of the Congress are patriots. They love their country. JERRY SOLOMON is an ardent patriot. He would be even if he was not a Marine Corp veteran, but being a Marine helps.

I have heard JERRY in the forum of the North Atlantic Assembly, where he has served so ably and effectively defended and advocated the security interest of the United States of America.

On this floor, and in the ways that the Chairman of the Rules Committee can make a dif-

ference, JERRY SOLOMON has been one of the strongest advocates for our military service, and on behalf of trying to keep us strong. He has been in the forefront of the efforts to preserve our much too threatened American Merchant Marine and American Merchant Mariners.

For all this, and for much more, I salute my friend and neighbor, JERRY SOLOMON. You will indeed be missed.

CONGRATULATING GUAM'S PARTICIPATION IN THE IV MICRONESIAN GAMES

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 7, 1998

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, during the first ten days of August this year, the 1998 Micronesian Games were held in the Republic of Palau. Noted for its natural beauty, friendly people and world famous dive spots, the Republic played host to the IV Micronesian Games, the largest sports event ever to be held within this group of islands. Delegations of over two thousand athletes and coaches from as far away as Kiribati and Nauru made the trip to the archipelago. Team Guam, consisting of over 200 participants and officials, came to compete with our brothers and sisters from all over the Western Pacific and to defend the medals earned during the last Micronesian Games held four years ago on Guam.

Once again, the Guam delegation performed particularly well. I would like to commend and congratulate Team Guam for their superb performance, efforts and contributions toward the success of the Games. Participating in regional competitions such as the Micronesian Games strengthens our relations with our neighbors and prepares our athletes for higher levels of competition.

I am pleased to submit for the RECORD the names of Guam athletes who have distinguished themselves by winning medals during the IV Micronesian Games.

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

TABLE TENNIS

Men's Single: Carlos Gumataotao.

BASKETBALL

Men's Team: Manuel Alegre, Vincent Bautista, Carmen Blas, Joey Almoguera, Joseph P. Cepeda, Daniel D. Cepeda, Richard Gutierrez, Michael Lee, Arnold Mesa, Jine Ho Han, Jesse Pinaula, Mike Swaney, Paul Shimizu, Melvin F. Peters.

LAWN TENNIS

Men's Team: Mark Arakawa, Alfred Feria, Lynn Nguyen, David L. Smith.

Men's Doubles: Lynn Nguyen, Mark Arakawa, Mixed Doubles: Lynn Nguyen, Linda Johnson.

Women's Individual: Linda Johnson.

VOLLEYBALL

Women's Team: Debra Bell, Francine Calvo, Lucia Calvo, Dolores Cruz, Mie Endo, Sharon Mendoza, Deborah D. Pangelinan, Leticia Pangelinan, Rebecca Salas, Sonda Yatar, Michelle Cruz-Taisipic, Lisa Muna.

SOFTBALL

Men's Team: Peter B. Aguon, Melan C. Borja, Frenando S. Diaz, John D. Hattig, Raymond Rojas, Edward T. Laguana, Richard B. Martinez, Vincent E.M. Meno, Peter

P. Pangelinan, Frank P. Quintanilla, Albert L. Rdialul.

Women's Team: Jennifer M. Aguon, Josephine M.P. Blas, Arlene Cepeda, Margaret M. Cepeda, Kauleen Crisostomo, Maria B. Cruz, Carla V. Dulay, Vickie Fejuran, Darleen Rayburn, Vitolia Love, Susan Miner, Lillian Quintanilla, Luann Guzman, Marcelle Rivera, Arlinda Sablan, Tara Steffy, Monica Fernandez.

CANOEING

Women's Team (8 mile): Susan Hendricks, Venesia Luzanta, Irene Meritita, Melanie Mesa, Nicole Murphy, Julie Paxton, Agnes Suba, Jorgi Strand hagen, Junko Suzuki.

Men's Team (500 m): Anthony Blas, Marcelito Carlos, Randy Sager, Benjamin Del Rosario, Grafton L. Howard, David Torre, Magahet Mendiola, Andrew Painter, Uati Taua, Raymond Rojas.

WRESTLING

Greco-Roman (213 lbs): Joe Santos.
Greco-Roman (167 lbs): Karido Goodrich.
Greco-Roman (160 lbs.): Darryl Gose.
Greco-Roman (158 lbs): Melchor Manibusan.

Freestyle (213 lbs): Joe Santos.
Freestyle (167 lbs): Ben Hernandez.
Freestyle (158 lbs): Melchor Manibusan.

UNDERWATER FISHING

Team: Roberto Cabreza, Joseph Hobson, Kenneth Pier.
Individual Event: Joe Hobson.

SWIMMING

500m Butterfly: Musashi Flores.
500m Freestyle: Musashi Flores.

ATHLETICS

10,000m: Brent Butler.
5,000m: Brent Butler.
1,500m: Brent Butler.
800m: Neil Weare.
High Jump: Joseph Skeritt.
Discus: Rene Delmar.
4400m Relay: Jenae Skeritt, Sloan Seigrist, Jacqueline Baza, Aubrey Posadas.
3,000m: Jenae Skeritt.
1,500m: Sloan Seigrist.
800m: Jenae Skeritt.
400m: Jacqueline Baza.
High Jump: Jenae Skeritt.
Long Jump: Aubrey Posadas.

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

CANOEING

Women's Team: 2500M; 500m.

TABLE TENNIS

Men's Team Overall: Chris Candaso, Carlos I. Gumataotao, Francisco Gumataotao, Frank G. Gumataotao.

Women's Team Overall: Natalie I. Gumataotao, Bina Lujan, Donna Santos.

Men's Doubles: Carlos Gumataotao, Frank Gumataotao, Jr.

LAWN TENNIS

Women's Team Overall: Anita P. Feria, Linda R. Johnson, Kuba Otomi.

Women's Doubles: Anita P. Feria, Linda R. Johnson.

SWIMMING

100m Butterfly: Musashi Flores.
4X100m Free Relay: Musashi Flores, Joshua Taitano.

5X50m Medley Relay: Musashi Flores.
400m Freestyle: Joshua Taitano.
100m Backstroke: Joshua Taitano.
4X50m Medley Relay: Peter Manglona, Alison Aglubat, Daniel Kang, Molly Boyd, Chirika Aguon, Lorianne Sablan, Joshua Taitano.

4X100m Freestyle Relay: Alison Aglubat, Daniel Kang, Molly Boyd, Chirika Aguon, Lorianne Sablan, Gilbert Mendiola.

ATHLETICS

1500m: Neil Weare.