

teachers, coaches, and members of the clergy.

From his start as a police patrolman in Michigan 34 years ago to his tour as director of FLETC, Charlie took pride in his work urged others to view public service with this work ethic.

The serious business of law enforcement thrives when people have this kind of attitude toward their job.

It gradually sinks into incompetence and disinterested malaise when they don't.

A positive attitude and a strong work ethic go hand in hand, and law enforcement officials everywhere immediately recognize what will happen to effectiveness when attitudes slip and the work ethic slides.

That's why Treasury Secretary George Schultz appointed Charlie to his position as head of FLETC in 1983.

FLETC is the largest law enforcement training organization in the United States.

Formed in 1970, FLETC's mission is to provide the highest quality of training at the lowest possible cost.

Seventy Federal law enforcement agencies in all levels of government now participate in consolidated training at FLETC, training which includes the international arena.

Last year, over 23,000 students graduated from basic, specialized, and management level training programs.

Quite simply, the quality of the training conducted at FLETC has a direct impact on the American people's attitude toward government.

We live in a time during which the public trust has been eroded.

Without a system of justice that is widely perceived as fair, honest, and free from corruption in the vast majority of cases, there can be no trust in government, and cynicism about our democratic system will undermine our faith in America.

On behalf of the citizens of the 1st District of Georgia, I would like to thank you, Charles Rinkevich, for undertaking the burden that positions of public trust require.

I commend you for the long years of loyal government service you have worked with such dedication and enthusiasm.

I am very proud to have the opportunity to recognize your achievements this day.

Thank you, and may others be inspired to follow your path in public service.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DANIEL VASELLA, RECIPIENT OF THE 1998 AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of my friend Dr. Daniel Vasella, the recipient of the 1998 American Jewish Congress Humanitarian Award. Dr. Vasella is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Novartis AG, which is one of the most prestigious pharmaceutical companies in the world. He has a record of service that extends well beyond the business sphere, and his leadership in the areas of medical re-

search and the pursuance of peace is a reflection of the decency and moral fiber of a truly remarkable human being.

As the recipient of the AJC's Humanitarian Award, Dr. Vasella joins some of the most outstanding men and women of the latter half of the twentieth century. The American Jewish Congress (AJC), which for the past eighty years has led the Jewish community in fighting for human rights and against all forms of discrimination, has bestowed its Humanitarian Award upon statesman and pioneers who have fought tirelessly to improve the quality of life of all the world's citizens. From Harry S. Truman to Coretta Scott King, from David Ben-Gurion to Robert F. Kennedy, the roster of recipients represents a Who's Who of the champions of humankind.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Vasella's achievements more than merit this distinguished honor. Under his inspired leadership, Novartis has emerged at the forefront of the pharmaceutical industry in the area of "genomics," which involves research into "disease genes" as targets for new drugs. Related ventures have contributed to medical advances in a wide variety of vital areas, ranging from the treatment of Alzheimer's disease to Parkinson's disease to diabetes to cancer. In honor of Dr. Vasella's notable dedication to curing such afflictions, the AJC will use the proceeds of the 1998 Humanitarian Award Dinner (to be held on Thursday, October 22, at The Waldorf-Astoria in New York City) to further its significant work into the high genetic susceptibility of Ashkenazi Jewish women to breast and ovarian cancer, as well as for other medical projects involving the health and welfare of women.

In addition to his medical successes and his numerous philanthropic activities, Dr. Vasella has contributed enormously to efforts to further the cause of peace in the Middle East. He is an active member of the International Board of Governors of the Peres Center of Peace in Israel, an organization founded last year by former Prime Minister and Nobel Laureate Shimon Peres to further economic and other areas of cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians. Furthermore, Dr. Vasella and Novartis have provided guidance and substantial financial backing to Seeds of Peace, a foundation that creates conflict resolution and peacemaking programs for youth in the Middle East and other tumultuous regions around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in commending the AJC and its outstanding President, Jack Rosen, on their exceptional choice of Dr. Daniel Vasella as the recipient of the AJC's 1998 Humanitarian Award. I can think of no individual more deserving of this eminent honor.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MORRIS JOHNSON, EDUCATOR TO THE WORLD

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Morris Johnson, a professor of history at Miami-Dade Community College who has used his extensive knowledge of South Africa and the Caribbean to improve educational opportunities and promote inter-

national understanding in this country and abroad.

Over the past several years, Dr. Johnson has organized six trips to South Africa on which his students, other educators and members of our community have had the opportunity to learn first-hand about this important nation and to exchange ideas and information with its people.

But Dr. Johnson has not been content with learning about South Africa. He wants to forge closer ties between our nations. He also wants to make a positive impact on the lives of South Africa's young people, and he is not content to wait for the governments of our two nations to do the job.

For the past 4 years, Dr. Johnson has collected and shipped hundreds of pounds of school supplies to poor schools in South Africa, as well as Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad, and the Dominican Republic. Each year, Miami-Dade school children donate notebooks, construction paper, textbooks, crayons, scissors, glue, chalk, and pencils. Dr. Johnson distributes these items on his visits to South Africa and ships them—often at his own expense—to school children in other countries as well.

Many children in these countries have never seen these kinds of school supplies, which we take for granted in this country. As Dr. Johnson said in a recent interview, "Ten years from now those kids will say the supplies made the difference. That's the reward."

Mr. Speaker, I think the real difference is Dr. Morris Johnson, a man of humanitarian vision, energy, and commitment. I know that the entire House joins me in honoring Dr. Johnson for the efforts he has made to make this world a nicer place in which to live.

HONORING MELVIN H. MARDEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Melvin H. Marden for his dedicated service to the Brooklyn community and to congratulate him as a recipient of an Institute for Community Living award.

Melvin H. Marden, a graduate of Adelphi University and New York School of Interior Design, started his first business in the retail home improvement and design industry. For thirty years he gained a complete background in all aspects of interior construction and design. During the time he operated a retail business, Melvin also worked with non-profit agencies by furnishing the interior of many types of facilities. His primary focus was to establish a residential setting by using contract furniture, fabrics, window treatments, framed artworks, floorings, and many colors and textures suited to the individual needs of each residence.

Melvin now works solely in the contract and institutional field. His emphasis is in developing and constructing furniture, furnishings and environments to suit the needs of the various types of populations who are supported and housed by non-profit agencies.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Melvin H. Marden for his invaluable contributions to the Institute for Community Living and the Brooklyn community.