

LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay humble tribute to the students, teachers and parents of Lincoln Junior High School in Colorado for their efforts to help the needy during the holidays. I commend the faculty of the school as well as all the students, parents and individuals who contributed to their special benefit. Their selfless dedication has provided warmth, comfort and happiness to the needy families in Colorado. That the school produced so much from their giving tree, toy drive and Basket-of-Books program is testament to the true meaning and spirit of Christmas and Hanukkah. Let us remember, as these good people have, that the holiday season is one of giving, one of joy, and one of hope. Let the children's example during the holidays be a beacon to us all throughout the year.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM J. SCOTT

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William J. Scott, a man who for the past 30 years has made the streets and neighborhoods of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, a safer place to live and raise a family. As a veteran of the Longmeadow Police Department, Sergeant Scott consistently served his community with compassion, courage and dignity. Tonight as his friends and family celebrate his retirement, I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to congratulate Bill on a job well done, and wish him the best for a happy and healthy future.

Bill Scott joined the Longmeadow Police Department in the Spring of 1965 and quickly earned the reputation as a consummate law enforcement professional. He excelled at every level, from Safety Officer, to Detective, and finally Sergeant, to which he was promoted in 1981. When he announced his retirement in February, he did so as the most senior Sergeant on the force. He leaves with an impeccable reputation as a dedicated, honest and hard working cop who will be genuinely missed by his fellow officers.

Bill Scott is also known in western Massachusetts as a sports enthusiast, which dates back to even before his days as a standout athlete at Springfield's Technical High School. Whether it is an adult hockey league or the old-timers softball team, you are sure to find Bill competing year round, surrounded by his many loyal friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is also fitting at this time to pay tribute to Bill's wife Judy, with whom he has celebrated over 35 years of marriage, their two children Bill Jr. and Beth, their spouses Marybeth and Kevin, and their grandchildren Kaitlin and T.J. For their caring and support, they too deserve special recognition on this important occasion.

On behalf of the United States of America, I am proud to join Bill's family, friends and col-

leagues who are gathered at the Log Cabin tonight in offering my sincere congratulations on your retirement from the Longmeadow Police Department after more than three decades of unprecedented service.

HONORING HORTENSE TATE ON
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, March 9th will be a landmark date for a special person in Montclair, NJ, as Mrs. Hortense Tate celebrates her 100th birthday. Mrs. Tate has distinguished herself through her generous contributions of her time and talent to the Montclair community over the course of many years. She is greatly admired and respected by all who have had the privilege of knowing her.

Mrs. Tate's career has spanned seven decades of service through education as a teacher and guidance counselor, the enrichment and development of young women through the Montclair YWCA and the AKA Sorority, through her Christian faith and over 70 years of dedicated service to St. Mark's Methodist Church to address social and community issues.

Mrs. Tate was an educator and guidance counselor in the Newark and Montclair Public School systems and continued to tutor junior high and high school students for the Montclair School System until she reached 88 years of age. When I began teaching in 1957 at Newark's Robert Treat School Mrs. Tate was a member of the faculty. She was very helpful, especially to new teachers. She was so inspirational and supportive. Her lifelong dedication to the education and development of young people was inspired by her father Ezekiel Ridley, a teacher and later principal of Topeka, Kansas, for 50 years. Mrs. Tate graduated from Washburn University in Topeka in 1920 and settled in Montclair, NJ. In 1921, she began her lifelong mission of service to young women at the Montclair YWCA as secretary in charge of club activities. In addition to her service to the YWCA and the Newark and Montclair Public Schools systems, she has been an important member of the Montclair Public Library, establishing programs for the cultural enrichment of young people.

Mrs. Tate has been a member of St. Mark's Church for more than 75 years, holding countless positions, including Chairperson of the History Committee and President of the Women's Society, and has served in many outreach and community programs to enrich the lives of her parish and the Montclair community.

Mrs. Tate was a member and United National Observer of the National Council of Negro Women, working for international peace.

Mrs. Tate recently was honored as a Diamond Member of 75 years of membership in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which she has dedicated her life's work to and has been a founding member of five separate chapters.

In 1992, Mrs. Tate received the National Sojourner Truth Award for Meritorious Service from the National Association of Negro Busi-

ness and Professional Women's Clubs for her many years of service to the development of African American women.

As you can imagine, the Tate family is an important one to our society. Her son, the late Herbert Tate, Sr., was an outstanding foreign service officer. He served our country in Pakistan. He was a leader in the international and national YMCA movement. Her grandson, Herbert Tate, Jr., was the first African American Prosecutor for Essex County, New Jersey. He continues the legacy of public service as he currently serves as Chairman of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in sending Mrs. Tate our appreciation for her spirit of community service and our best wishes for a wonderful birthday.

TRIBUTE TO PARTICIPANTS IN
THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND THE
CLOSE-UP FOUNDATION**HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to several accomplished young men and women from Tennessee's Ninth Congressional District who are in Washington this week to participate in two prestigious youth conferences.

Natalie Fant of Whitehaven High School, William Smith and LaToya Amos of Hillcrest High School are participating in the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. This national program brings together students from throughout the United States and foreign countries who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, academic and citizenship qualities. The theme of this year's conference is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. They are meeting with some of our nation's most prominent public officials and are participating in uniquely designed group discussions on the most pressing issues of the day.

The following students from St. Mary's Episcopal School are also in Washington participating in the Close Up Foundation's educational program: Sara Dike, Jennifer Hirsch, Kathleen Holladay, Lauren Jacks, Nishta Mehra, Mary Rochelle, Jay Tamboli and Mrs. Sheila Patrick. Like the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the Close Up Foundation brings extraordinary young people to Washington in order to help them become even better citizens. The philosophy of the Close Up Foundation: "democracy is not a spectator sport—it requires the active participation of citizens," says it best.

These programs are so crucial today because political participation among America's youth is dangerously low. According to a survey on youth attitudes by the National Association of Secretaries of State, since 18 year olds were first given the chance to exercise their right to vote in the 1972 elections, the voter turnout rate of 18 to 24 year olds has steadily declined. In 1972, 50% of 18 to 24 year olds exercised their right to vote. By the 1996 elections, only 32% of 18 to 24 year olds turned out at the polls. Turnout among this age group in 1998 is projected to have been