

bond between the younger and older generations. In addition, she provides relief to disaster victims and aids indigent families of prisoners during the holiday season, supplying them with food and gifts.

Edward Levy uses his own experience as a wounded ex-soldier to aid fellow ex-servicemen. For the last 25 years he has generously volunteered countless hours assisting veterans, widows, and dependents. He also participates in the Broward Meals on Wheels program, delivering meals to homebound seniors.

Johnnie McCray is an invaluable asset to her community. She has acted as a key fundraiser for the executive board of the Sylvia Poitier T. Williams Senior Center. Moreover, she has been active in a multitude of area organizations, including the Negro Chamber of Commerce, the South Florida Association of Woman's Clubs and the Florida Association of Women's and Girl's Clubs.

Elizabeth Phillips Scheuerman has been a champion of literacy in the Broward area. Through the efforts of this former Florida State president of the American Association of University Women, the community was able to obtain its first bookmobile. In addition, she has been active in the Symphony Society, the Gold Circle of NOVA University, and the American Cancer Society.

Bert Soft is a woman of valor. Overcoming personal tragedy, she founded the Frank Soff Chapter of the Alzheimer's Family Center. Under her leadership, the chapter's membership has grown from 13 to 170 members. Her initiative and persistence have earned her acknowledgment as the Deborah "Woman of the Year" and the Florida Association of Non-Profit Organizations' "Woman of Valor."

Lottie Stein has been instrumental in implementing community improvement and awareness programs. She is actively involved with citizen crime-watch organizations and has been commended for her efforts in launching the GIVE program, which attempts to attract people to the volunteer experience.

Ralph Weinstein was a key actor in the foundation and incorporation of the first Alzheimer's Day Care Center in Broward County at the Northeast Focal Point Center. Through this organization he addresses the physical and emotional needs of children, adults, seniors, and Alzheimer's patients.

Florida and Broward County are fortunate to have these exceptional men and women who have given so much of themselves to the community. I congratulate them today and wish for them many more productive and healthy years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES SCHIBIG

● Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I am delighted today to pay tribute to Mr. James Schibig, who is retiring as principal of Beasley Elementary

School, in St. Louis, MO, after 34 years in education. During his long service to education, he has been a leader and role model for thousands of children.

James started out teaching fourth, fifth, and sixth grades before serving as Assistant Principal at Bernard and Trautwein Elementary. In 1986, he became Principal of Beasley Elementary School.

James' commitment to his work is overshadowed only by his dedication to serving his community. Instead of calling it quits at five o'clock, James devotes his time and energy to helping the community through his volunteer activities. He lends his skills to the Parish Council at St. Margaret Mary School, advising them on various education issues. He coaches baseball and soccer and serves as a Parent Teacher Organization officer.

I know that the teachers, parents, and students at Beasley Elementary will greatly miss James. I wish James and his wife Jeanne all the best in retirement, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting James Schibig.●

#### IN MEMORY OF BETTY TIMES

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with both pride and sadness that I ask the Senate to pause briefly so that I may share a little of the remarkable life of Betty Times, a long-serving Marin County civil servant, political activist and human rights advocate, who died last Thursday after an 8-year battle with cancer.

Betty Times was born 62 years ago in Louisiana, and moved at age 5 to Marin City where her father worked at the Marinship shipyard in Sausalito. Mrs. Times lived in and enriched the community of Marin City and the County of Marin for 56 years.

She leaves a lasting legacy of community service that includes 14 years as head of Marin County's Citizens Service Office, 18 years on the Sausalito School Board, one term on the Marin General Hospital district board, and countless years of leadership in Marin City, as a mother of five, a mentor, chairman of the board of the Community Development Corporation and as executive director of the Marin City Project.

I first got to know Betty more than 20 years ago when I served as a Marin County supervisor, and we were both founding members of the local chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus. She also served as vice president of the national NWPC.

Betty somehow also found the time to serve as an active member of the Democratic Party, and was a longtime member of the State and local Democratic Central Committees as well as a 1976 delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1991, she was elected to the Marin Women's Hall of Fame.

Just this February and as her health was failing, Betty was honored for her years of service by the Marin County

Grass Roots Leadership Network. She is also the recipient of the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award from the Marin County Human Rights Commission.

I think Betty's daughter, Ida, put it best when she said: "My mother was the strongest person I know. She instilled very strong values in all of us, even her grandchildren. She was my best friend, and we were all incredibly proud of her. Her impact in this county rippled throughout the State."

I am a better person for having known and worked with Betty Times. I extend my sincere condolences to Betty's husband John, her mother Alice Coleman, and to her large and loving family.●

#### TRIBUTE TO STATE OF HAWAII REPRESENTATIVE HELENE HALE

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I wish to honor Hawaii's tireless public servant, Helene Hale, who recently celebrated her 83rd birthday and is the oldest person ever elected to the State of Hawaii House of Representatives.

I ask that the following proclamation, signed by the Honorable Harry Kim, mayor of the county of Hawaii, be printed in the RECORD.

The Resolution follows:

Whereas, Helene H. Hale has served the people of Hawaii in various elective capacities for almost 50 years, and in at least one office in each of the past six decades: in the 50s and 60s as a County Supervisor; in the 60s as Chairman or Mayor of Hawaii County, in 1978 as a delegate to the State's Third Constitutional Convention, and in the 80s and 90s as the County Council; and

Whereas, at the age of 92 years young, in the year 2000, she was elected to the State House of Representatives on the slogan "Recycle Helene Hale," becoming the oldest freshman ever elected to the State House, and she has taken State government by storm; and

Whereas, far from being a career politician, she has combined government service with other vocations, including wife, mother, college lecturer, bookstore manager, coffee grower, realtor, U.N. supporter, and founder of the Merrie Monarch Festival, and she has brought to each of these the same intelligence, wit, energy and dedication which have marked her service in governments; and

Whereas, Helene Hale has claimed many "Firsts," including first female government official in Hawaii since Queen Liliuokalani, first African "American elected official in Hawaii, first resident of Hawaii on the cover of Ebony, first female chief executive of a county in Hawaii, and the first octogenarian in Hawaii to campaign for public office in a bathing suit; and

Whereas, Jeremy Harris, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, proclaimed March 23, 2001, as 'Helene H. Hale Day' in the City and County of Honolulu; and

Whereas, Helene Hale is a resident of the County of Hawaii, and her political career has been here, not in Honolulu, and we cannot allow Honolulu to steal credit for our Helene;

"Now, therefore, I, Harry Kim, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, do hereby proclaim (belatedly) March 23-29, 2001, as Helene H. Hale Week in the County of Hawaii, and extend belated best wishes for a Happy Birthday and many more in the future.