

The Frederick Douglass Award was established in 1995 by the USM Board of Regents to honor individuals "who have displayed an extraordinary and active commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality, justice, and opportunity exemplified in the life of Frederick Douglass." Previous recipients include the Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, a member of Congress for the 7th District of Maryland (1996); Benjamin Quarles, scholar at Morgan State University (1997, posthumously); Samuel Lacy, Jr., sports writer for the Baltimore Afro-American (1998); the Hon. Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (1999); and Beatrice "Bea" Gaddy, advocate for the poor and homeless and a member of the Baltimore City Council (2000).

Statesman, publisher and abolitionist Frederick Douglass was the leading spokesman of American blacks in the 1800s. Born a slave in 1817 in Tuckahoe, MD, he devoted his life to the abolition of slavery and the fight for black rights. Douglass's name at birth was Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey, but he changed it when he fled from his master in Baltimore in 1838. He ended up in New Bedford, Mass., where he attempted to ply his trade as a ship caulker, but settled for collecting garbage and digging cellars. In 1841, at a meeting of the Massachusetts Antislavery Society, Douglass delivered a lecture on freedom that so impressed the society that it hired him to talk publicly about his experiences as a slave. He then began a series of protests against segregation, and published his autobiography, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, in 1845.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House take great pride in joining me in congratulating Dr. Dorothy Irene Height on this very special day for her lifelong work. She is truly deserving of the Frederick Douglass Award and I rise to congratulate her on this esteemed award.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER ARVER OF
BRONSON, MICHIGAN, LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Jennifer Arver, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Jennifer is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Jennifer Arver is an exceptional student at Bronson High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Jennifer has received numerous awards for her involvement in 4-H, as well as high school athletics. She has participated in student government and is

a member of the Youth Advisory Council. Jennifer is active in her community, volunteering as a mentor with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, and as a member of the Branch County Finance Board.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Jennifer Arver for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

THE NEW DETROIT SCIENCE
CENTER

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The New Detroit Science Center on its grand opening. I am pleased to say that The New Detroit Science Center will be partnering with Marshall Field's in its grand opening festivities which will be attended by Governor and Mrs. John Engler on July 28. The celebration, "Marshall Field's Weekend of Wonder at The New Detroit Science Center—32 Hours of Exploration," will kick off at 10 AM on July 28 and continue around the clock until 6 PM on July 29.

The Detroit Science Center was founded by Detroit businessman and philanthropist Dexter Ferry nearly 30 years ago. In 1998, plans were made to transform the Detroit Science Center into a leading center for science education. The Center broke ground on its expansion and renovation in 1999. The New Detroit Science Center will serve as a vehicle to educate our children and their families in the areas of science and technology. Detroit is known as a technological hub, and this new Center will involve our children and expose them to the resources that surround them.

This Center will serve as a tremendous resource for teachers, children, and families across the State of Michigan. Its exciting programs, which include an IMAX theater, five hands-on laboratories, the DaimlerChrysler Science Stage and Sparks Theater, the Ford Learning Center, and the Digital Dome Planetarium, will create an interest in science, engineering, and technology. The New Detroit Science Center will open up a whole new world of opportunities for the children of Detroit.

I am especially pleased that so many of our community members and businesses have contributed their time and funds to this project. This commitment to our children by the community is vital. I know that the benefits of bringing such a center to our children will prove to be immeasurable.

I invite all of my colleagues to come and bring their families to visit Detroit's newest star, The New Detroit Science Center.

TRIBUTE MR. ELIO RODONI

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Elio Rodoni, who has been named Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau's 2001 Farmer of the Year.

Mr. Rodoni, is the son of Andreina and the late Dante Rodoni, and the younger brother of Mario Rodoni. Mr. Rodoni's sister Jeanne passed away two years ago. Mr. Elio Rodoni celebrates this great honor with his many friends, colleagues, and family. Mr. Rodoni and his wife Joy have three children, Catherine, Stephen, and Robert. Both of Mr. Rodoni's sons farm in the Watsonville and Moss Landing areas.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to honor Mr. Rodoni, who has been a member of the Farm Bureau for over 35 years. Mr. Rodoni grew up on a Brussel sprout farm on the coast just north of Santa Cruz, in the 15th Congressional District. He always helped on the farm, and knew early on that he wanted to be a farmer. The skills that Mr. Rodoni developed as a child, combined with the knowledge he gained from his involvement with Future Farmers of America while he was a student at Santa Cruz High School, led the way to Mr. Rodoni's successful career as a farmer. Mr. Rodoni, who began working fulltime as a farmer immediately after graduating from high school, purchased an interest in a Brussel sprout farm in 1960. He later ran this farm with the help of his partners, brother Mario and his late sister's husband Mac Morelli.

Mr. Rodoni has served as a dedicated and innovative member of the Santa Cruz County Community, and the entire farming community. As a member of the Future Farmers of America, he helped with displays at county fairs, served as a delegate to the California State Convention, and was chapter president during his senior year at Santa Cruz High School. For most of his life, Mr. Rodoni has dedicated his time and energy to his farms. He was one of the first farmers to utilize mechanical harvesting, and has always understood the importance of diversity in his crops. He is a hard-working farmer, and knowledgeable businessman.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the Mr. Elio Rodoni for his contributions to the farming community and the 15th Congressional District. I commend and congratulate him on this important occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I was absent the week of June 25, 2001, attending to my wife Melissa during the birth of our first child, Abigail Anna Putnam. Had I been present this is how I would have voted on the following roll call votes.

June 25, 2001:

On Roll Call 186—I would have voted Yea in support of H Res 160 calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to