

Larry Smith obtained his bachelor's degree in Public Management from Pepperdine University and his first assignment in law enforcement was as deputy sheriff in the Blythe Jail and Patrol. His tenure included a variety of command assignments, including narcotics enforcement, information services, jails and patrol. He served as the County's Search and Rescue coordinator and commanded the department's Emergency Services Team (SWAT).

In 1987 Smith was promoted to chief deputy sheriff. Under his superb leadership as chief of the Corrections Division, two modern jails were financed and built. He guided the division through its largest growth in the history of the Department.

Larry was elected as Riverside County's eleventh sheriff, winning the office in the June 1994 primary and assuming the office of sheriff on December 14, 1994. He was reelected to his second term in December 1998 and he served as the first sheriff, coroner, public administrator and marshal in the history of Riverside County. As sheriff, he procured 365 acres at March Air Reserve Base for a public safety training center, which provides training for law enforcement, fire and paramedics. This paved the way for future centers throughout the United States by enabling the transfer of surplus land from the U.S. Military to the private sector through the legislative process.

Larry has also been actively involved in the community, serving as a member of the board for the American Heart Association and the United Way of the Inland Empire. He presently serves on the Advisory Committee for the Debbie Chisholm Memorial Foundation, a charitable group dedicated to granting the wishes of terminally ill children. In recognition of his outstanding service, Larry has been a recipient of numerous awards such as special recognition in 1996 from the California Narcotics Officers' Association; he was named the outstanding law enforcement officer in 1996 from Veterans of Foreign Wars; the 1997 director's award for partnership from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; and, the 1998 professional of the year from the California Peace Officers Association.

Larry's tireless work as the Riverside County Sheriff has contributed unmeasurably to the safety and betterment of Riverside County. His involvement in community organizations makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the residents of Riverside County are grateful for his service and salute him as he departs and I look forward to continuing to work with him for the good of our community in the future.

TRIBUTE TO CARMEN IRIS
GONZALEZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great community activist and humanitarian. Ms. Carmen Iris Gonzalez, an exceptional counselor with the South Bronx Mental Health Council, is retiring after over 30 years of community service.

Ms. Gonzalez was born in Manati, Puerto Rico and began her career as an administra-

tive aide to the local police department in Manati when she was a young lady. She also assisted people with securing affordable housing and obtaining Section 8 vouchers. Ms. Gonzalez later came to New York in search of opportunity. She encountered and even created numerous opportunities to improve her community and the lives of her neighbors.

In the 1970's, Ms. Gonzalez worked as a community worker with the Puerto Rican Community Development Project, which is no longer in existence. This work intensified her commitment to community development and made her a familiar face in local affairs. Politically empowering the Latino community became one of her main priorities and as a result she became a pivotal agent in the Voters Crusade Registration Project. She was also very active in the Voter Registration Campaign sponsored by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. She was awarded the top prize for registering more than 10,000 new voters citywide.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Gonzalez has dedicated the majority of her adult life to serving her community. For six years, she headed the kitchen at the Gilberto Ramirez Senior Citizen Center, supervising the preparation of wholesome, nutritious meals for its elderly residents. For nearly twenty years, she has lent her time, energy and caring spirit to mentally ill residents in the South Bronx who benefit from the services of the South Bronx Mental Health Council, where she serves as a counselor.

When she bought a home on Melrose Avenue in my district in 1995, Ms. Gonzalez promptly established the Melrose Block Association of Homeowners, empowering her neighbors and vastly improving the neighborhood.

After years of hard work and dedication, Ms. Carmen Iris Gonzalez is going to retire and enjoy the sunshine of Orlando, Florida. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a model citizen and in wishing her rest and relaxation.

ROYAL BOLLING SR.

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I shared with my colleagues an editorial from the Boston Globe about the death of an outstanding former Massachusetts State Legislator, Jack Backman. Today I am saddened by the fact that I feel called upon to memorialize here another former legislative colleague who performed extraordinarily important service for his own constituents and the people of Massachusetts in general.

When I arrived at the Massachusetts House in 1972, one of the leaders was Royal Bolling Sr. Then Representative Bolling was one of the early political leaders of the African American community in Massachusetts, and I—along with my current Massachusetts Congressional colleague (Mr. MARKEY), who was then a Massachusetts House colleague—had the great honor of working closely with him in an effort to establish for the first time in Massachusetts history fair legislative districting that established a state Senate seat that pulled together the various efforts of the African American community.

No one was surprised when Royal Bolling was the first winner of that seat. He was for years a leader in the fight against racial discrimination in our state, as well as a strong advocate for social fairness in general. As the following article from the Boston Herald shows, Royal Bolling was a pioneer. He launched a career in elected office at a time when racism was a serious obstacle, and through his personality, intelligence and energy, he was one of the most successful in confronting those prejudices.

Royal Bolling Sr. was also a patriarch of an important political family—two of his sons followed him into elected office, inspired by the model he provided of how one effectively fought against prejudice and for basic values for which America ought to stand.

Mr. Speaker, Royal Bolling's family is entitled to be enormously proud of the great contribution he made to Massachusetts and I ask that the Boston Herald article about him be printed here.

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FRIENDS BID FAREWELL TO COMMUNITY
LEADER

(By Jules Crittenden)

Neighbors, fellow veterans and politicians came out to pay their respects yesterday to a man they say served as an inspiration and a role model to his community.

Royal Bolling Sr.'s body lay in state yesterday at the Reggie Lewis Center at Roxbury Community College, the school he helped found as a state senator.

Bolling died last week at the age of 82, retired from a long career as a neighborhood Realtor, legislator and decorated war hero.

Emmanuel Horne, a fellow member of the William E. Carter American Legion Post 16, was taking turns with other members standing in a guard of honor by his friend's casket.

"His impact as a role model was immeasurable," said Horne. He cited Bolling's example as an active father of 12 in a community where many families had one parent; his success in business; and his legislative career. "When we had so few leaders, it was important for young people to see someone who had attained a position, so they could realize that they might someday achieve that."

John Canty, owner of Walnut Cleaners, said, "He was a standard for this community, for the morals of this community. He was firm in his beliefs. When Royal believed in something, he stood up for it."

House Speaker Thomas Finneran and Senate President, Thomas Birmingham paid their respects yesterday. Sen. John Kerry, former Gov. Michael Dukakis and former speaker and attorney general Robert Quinn were expected to attend a memorial service last night.

"He was relentless in trying to create a level playing field," said his son Bruce Bolling, a former City Council president. "He refused to accept anyone having to be a second-class citizen."

As a Realtor, Bolling said, his father experienced "red-lining," when some sellers, banks and insurance agencies refused to deal with blacks or black neighborhoods. In the Legislature, he helped pass laws that made the practice illegal.

"There was an expectation that these are things you have to do," Bolling said. "He didn't look at it as being a pioneer, but as trying to correct a wrong."