

J.L. Hudson Company and the Dayton Hudson Corporation in 1982 after serving as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for ten years.

In 1956 Mr. Hudson was elected to the board of trustees of the Hudson-Webber Foundation and served as President and then Chairman from 1961 until his retirement in 1996. The Hudson-Webber Foundation is committed to improving the vitality and quality of life of the metropolitan Detroit community with special emphasis on the Detroit Medical Center, the arts, crime reduction, economic development and the communities' urban revitalization needs.

Mr. Hudson's civic and community involvement includes service on the City of Detroit Arts Commission (Detroit Institute of Arts) where he served as President from 1979–1990; Active Honorary Trustee and founding Chairman of New Detroit, Inc., America's first urban coalition. Mr. Hudson has also received Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degrees from the University of Detroit, Wayne State University, and Michigan State University.

In June of 2003, Mr. Hudson will complete 19 years as founding Chairman of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. Under his remarkable leadership, the Community Foundation has distributed more than \$145 million in over 18,000 grants to improve the seven counties of Southeastern Michigan. The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan is one of the youngest and fastest growing of over 600 community foundations worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all my colleagues rise and join me in honoring Mr. Hudson's humanitarian achievements and tireless dedication to his community and church.

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL J.  
HANDY: THE VETERANS' VETERAN

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Michael J. Handy, Director of the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs in the City of New York. Mr. Handy died on May 31 from a heart attack. He was 55 years old.

Mr. Handy was first appointed to head the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs by Mayor David Dinkins in the late 1980's, and was reappointed to that position by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

For Mr. Handy, service to veterans was not a partisan issue. Indeed, he was New York's Veterans' Veteran, having dedicated 30 years of his professional life to assisting the men and women who had served in our Nation's Armed Forces.

He had served in Vietnam as an enlisted man in the Air Force. But as his loving wife Edna has pointed out, Mr. Handy's service after the war, and to the very end, was a response to a call that struck him so deeply that it became central to his life. For him, working for and with veterans was not so much a job, or a political office, it was a passion.

I first began working with Mr. Handy in the late 1980's when he became involved with the

Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Braintrust, which I chaired. Mr. Handy became a fixture at those annual meetings which convened each September during the Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference.

Mr. Handy was one of the very first advocates for federally assisted housing for disabled and veterans, which culminated eventually in a program to provide such housing, administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Veterans' Administration.

In his later years, Mr. Handy was a persistent advocate for raising the benefits received by Reservists and National Guardsmen to equal those of active duty soldiers. His voice in that area has been heard in Washington, where Democrats in Congress are pushing such legislation.

Mr. Handy, a native New Yorker, was a lively, kind and gentle man whose service to New York City's veterans, including those residing in my Congressional District, I will never forget. He followed his vocation with the greatest enthusiasm, attending every parade, every meeting, every dedication, in the hope that somehow his presence would make a difference for his constituents which numbered more than half a million veterans in the city and nearly 400 veterans organizations.

Mr. Handy, in his Director's statement at the Office of Veterans' Affairs, described New York as a city of "patriotic Americans—men and women—who have put themselves in harm's way to preserve our way of life. We owe those who wear, and those who wore, the uniform of the United States of America a debt of gratitude for their service and their sacrifice."

Mr. Speaker, we all owe Michael Handy a comparable debt. We thank and commend him. And we pray that you will ease the pain of his loss being endured by his dear wife Edna, his loving daughters, extended family and his many friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, during an absence yesterday, I regrettably missed rollcall votes 227–229. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall No. 227: "yea"; rollcall No. 228: "yea"; rollcall No. 229: "yea."

TRIBUTE TO MAE W. SEAMAN

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it has been said that teachers can only retire from their jobs, but not from their calling. That is certainly true for Mae W. Seaman who, after 32 years of dedicated service, has decided to retire from the Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School.

Mae Seaman was born and raised in Miami, Florida and is a proud graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School. She attended the University of Miami to earn her undergraduate degree and went on to receive her Master of Science degree from Nova University.

She began her teaching career began in 1970 at West Little River Elementary in Miami. At West Little River Elementary the staff bestowed upon her one of the highest honors that they could bestow on any colleague "Teacher of the Year." Ms. Seaman remained at West Little River Elementary for 10 years before moving on to other endeavors.

Ms. Seaman's day, for the past eighteen years, started with a five o'clock wake-up, in order to get her mother to the family's business on the west side of town, before greeting her students each day. Her mother still lives with her and although she has retired, her routine remains the same—up by five o'clock, to take care of family and business.

All that will be missing each day are the students, but Ms. Seaman can take pride in the success of the thousands of young people she helped successfully nurture and develop over the years.

Congratulations, Ms. Seaman. Thank you for your service, and enjoy your retirement.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH  
FOLEY

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elizabeth Foley, from Saline, Michigan, which is located in my district, on becoming a State Honoree in the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program for outstanding volunteer service.

Conducted in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created eight years ago by Prudential Financial, Inc. to encourage youth volunteerism and to identify and reward young role models. State Honorees are chosen from more than 24,000 applicants as particularly impressive examples of what young Americans today are capable of doing to make their communities better places to live.

Ms. Foley, 14, organized the "Visual Ambassadors," a school group dedicated to educating others about the visually impaired. After being inspired by a blind friend who taught her Braille, Elizabeth wanted to help educate other students about what visually impaired individuals go through each day. After writing a project proposal and obtaining the approval of school officials, Elizabeth developed plans for a six-week after school class. She bought Braille books, organized a field trip and put together an information packet for her students. She hopes to have over 100 graduates of her program by the time she goes to college.

This young woman's selfless acts to enlighten others about the disabled should be commended. Mr. Speaker, I would like you to join me and all of my colleagues in congratulating Ms. Foley for her accomplishments.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO M.A.S.H.  
(MOTHERS AGAINST SADDAM  
HUSSEIN)

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before the nation and this Congress to honor a small group of mothers who are working to support the brave men and women that are currently defending our Nation abroad. These mothers call themselves "MASH," Mothers Against Saddam Hussein. They are raising money to support our troops by selling t-shirts that have been embroidered with the group's acronym.

This organization began when a small group of mothers made the shirts and wore them all over my hometown. The idea spread and the t-shirt has now become an amazing phenomenon in the town of Grand Junction, Colorado. The group has even made a special exception for men and brothers who want to express their support, by changing the acronym to read "Men Against Saddam Hussein."

As the major fighting in Iraq has decreased, the women have expressed a special message for our Nation. They do not want the sacrifices of our troops to be forgotten as they continue to stand and fight to secure and rebuild a ravaged country.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body to express my appreciation for this organization. The "Mothers Against Saddam Hussein" should be proud of their cause, as they ensure that the sacrifices of our brave troops will never be forgotten. I would like to thank MASH for their efforts and encourage them to carry on in their mission.

**OPPOSING FCC'S DECISION**

**HON. JERRY MORAN**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I oppose the decision of the Federal Communications Commission to increase the cap on media ownership.

Yesterday, the five-member board of the Federal Communications Commission voted to allow one owner to control more stations within the same market and to allow television networks to acquire more stations. Until today, broadcast ownership rules limited networks to owning no more than a 35 percent share of television households. With this decision, that share rises to 45 percent. The FCC also voted to ease restrictions on media companies owning a newspaper and television station in the same market. These new rules will allow for more mergers and increased media consolidation across the country.

This decision poses a threat to local programming in rural America. National programmers operate from a "one-size-fits-all" mentality and have less interest in the needs of our rural communities. If the networks acquire more of the local television affiliates, programming decisions are less likely to be made by local managers who have personal knowledge of the communities they serve.

At the heart of our democracy is a free and diverse exchange of ideas. Placing the power of communication solely in the hands of a narrow group of media giants will undermine freedom of expression. Columnist William Safire expressed it best, "The diffusion of power through local control, thereby encouraging individual participation, is the essence of federalism and the greatest expression of democracy." Yesterday's decision diminishes individual participation in the democratic process by suppressing one's ability to voice his or her opinion. Having fewer outlets for expression means that only a few voices will be heard: those of the large national programmers.

These new regulations not only threaten to reduce the access to the local news, they infringe upon the ability to maintain an open forum for sharing opinions and ideas—the very democratic principals upon which our Nation was founded.

**TRIBUTE TO CHARLENE BUTLER**

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, teachers are special people, and I rise today to pay tribute to Charlene Butler who, after 37 years of dedicated service, has decided to leave this select group.

Charlene Butler was born and raised in Miami, Florida and is a proud graduate of Booker T. Washington Senior High School. She attended Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. She went on to obtain her Master of Education degree from Nova University.

Her teaching career began in 1966 at Lorah Park Elementary in Miami, at a time when black educators were traditionally assigned to teach at historically black schools. In 1970, the federal court ordered all schools to integrate and she was transferred to Sunset Elementary School.

In 1984, the staff of Sunset Elementary bestowed one of the highest recognitions a staff can bestow upon a colleague when they named her Teacher of the Year. She remained at Sunset Elementary for 18 years, though throughout her tenure at Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Ms. Butler has taught at Lorah Park Elementary, Sunset Elementary, Phyllis Wheatley Elementary and finally, the Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School, where she presently teaches.

Ms. Butler is an adept, concerned, ardent educator and a champion for the "little ones." Blessed with a keen appreciation for the stages of development of her young charges, she was dubbed the "historian" of her students' accomplishments.

Ms. Butler's dedication, loyalty, compassion, and involvement will be missed at Phyllis R. Miller Elementary School, by parents, colleagues, administrators and students alike.

Congratulations, Ms. Butler, and enjoy your retirement.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL KEVIN RICE

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 3, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a devoted soldier as well as an accomplished scholar and leader. Colonel Kevin Rice has served as the Installation Commander at the Defense Language Institute, Foreign Language Center and Presidio of Monterey since December 2000. Tomorrow, he earns a well-deserved retirement after serving his country honorably for the last 30 years. Throughout his service at the Presidio, Colonel Rice was instrumental in improving the standard of excellence in training our military linguists and in continuing the transition of Fort Ord, the Nation's largest base closure, to civilian use.

Colonel Rice was born in Henderson, Nevada and grew up there and in La Mirada, California. Kevin Rice attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and upon his graduation in 1973, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry. Colonel Rice is a graduate of the Chinese Program at the Defense Language Institute of Monterey which he would later lead, and he also successfully completed studies at the British Ministry of Defense Chinese Language School in Hong Kong and holds Master's Degrees from both the Naval Postgraduate School and the National War College.

Colonel Rice's military career in the U.S. Army is extremely distinguished and diverse. He started out as a mechanized rifle platoon leader and quickly rose through the ranks while applying his expertise in mechanized infantry, light infantry and airborne special operations units. Prior to his service at the Presidio, Colonel Rice held the position of U.S. Army Attaché to the People's Republic of China. Throughout these assignments, he was repeatedly honored for his outstanding performance with awards ranging from the Meritorious Service Medal to the Army Achievement Medal.

I am extremely grateful to have worked with Colonel Rice on several military construction projects at the Defense Language Institute, including a new classroom facility—Collins Hall—as well as Video Tele-Training Facility. These base modernization projects illustrate Colonel Rice's leadership in making sure DLI, the world's largest foreign language school, employs the most advanced technology to continue as a center of excellence in the teaching of foreign languages.

Moreover, Colonel Rice has presided over the only dual service—Army and Navy—base housing modernization program in the Nation. When complete, the Residential Community Initiative at the Presidio will provide the Central Coast military community with 1,800 units of quality base housing, built to local code, and paid for by the military housing allowance known as the BAH. Without his continued efforts to move this huge undertaking through the bureaucratic process both inside the Pentagon and outside, the RCI wouldn't have come to fruition.

Colonel Kevin Rice and his wife, Kitty, have been active and highly regarded members of the local community who are leaving a lasting legacy of civic involvement and a wide circle of friends who will miss them both. I am