

IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH COUNTS FOR BEING HONORED WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elizabeth Counts of Jupiter, FL, for receiving the Congressional Award Gold Medal. It is my pleasure to congratulate this fine young resident of the 22nd Congressional District of Florida who has been incredibly dedicated to the betterment of not only her community but herself.

Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Award Gold Medal requires more than 3 years to complete a minimum of 800 hours of community service, 200 hours in both personal development and physical fitness, in addition to a total of four nights of expedition/exploration. These are cumulative hours as Elizabeth has previously earned the Bronze and Silver Medals. I applaud her for her hard work and dedication.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Elizabeth's advisor, Ms. Lynn Lyons, who has shown tireless dedication to the Youth Congressional Award and has mentored countless youth over the years. The relationship between Ms. Lyons and her students has been an extraordinary one. Ms. Lyons is now retired after her years of teaching at St. Mark's Episcopal School.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again congratulate Elizabeth Counts of my district who is being presented with the Congressional Award Gold Medal today. The outstanding work done by this dedicated young woman has been truly influential in her community, and I congratulate her as she is recognized among the Nation's most outstanding young people.

HONORING RALPH NURNBERGER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Ralph Nurnberger who was honored by Georgetown University with their Excellence in Teaching Faculty Award. His dedication to the students and the Liberal Studies Program at Georgetown makes him most deserving of this honor.

Ralph has extensive experience on Capitol Hill. In former Senator James Person's office as the foreign policy legislative assistant and as professional staff on the Senate Foreign Relations committee, he became an international affairs expert.

After his time on the Hill, Ralph became a Senior Fellow and director of congressional relations at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and later worked for eight years as a lobbyist with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. Following the historic signing of the Oslo Accords, he was appointed as the Executive Director of "Builders of Peace," an organization set up under the guidance of Vice President Al Gore to aid in the Arab-Israeli peace process. Through his

work, Ralph can lead us down a roadmap to a sustainable peace.

Currently, Ralph is with Preston Gates Ellis and Rouvelas Meeds law firm and also heads the government relations firm, Nurnberger and Associates. He has also published extensively and written several books, sharing his insight and knowledge on the Middle-East and the foreign policy of the United States.

While his work with all of these organizations is impressive and worthy of praise, it is through his teaching that he has touched the most lives. Ralph's students have always showered him with the highest praise and always leave his classes with insights that only Professor Nurnberger can give. He engages his students and helps them to understand the most complicated situations through his real life experiences.

Most importantly, Ralph has taught his students how to have a debate over a contentious issue with civility. He encourages his students to hold conversations based on facts, rather than with the emotional intensity that some subjects conjure. Through his classes, Ralph has taught students to be thoughtful and considerate when engaged in civil discourse, something that is too rare in this world.

Ralph Nurnberger is very deserving of this award from Georgetown University. He has helped shape the minds of his students and colleagues with insights on the major issues facing the United States. I congratulate Ralph on all his accomplishments, and I look forward to seeing him one day in a deserved position of national leadership on international relations. Our Nation would be very well served.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATTHEW MILLS FOR BEING HONORED WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Mills of Jupiter, FL, for receiving the Congressional Award Gold Medal. It is my pleasure to congratulate this fine young resident of the 22nd Congressional District of Florida who have been incredibly dedicated to the betterment of not only his community but himself.

Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Award Gold Medal requires more than 3 years to complete a minimum of 800 hours of community service, 200 hours in both personal development and physical fitness, in addition to a total of four nights of expedition/exploration. These are cumulative hours as Matthew has previously earned the Bronze and Silver Medals. I applaud his hard work and dedication.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Matthew's advisor, Ms. Lynn Lyons, who has shown tireless dedication to the Youth Congressional Award and has mentored countless youth over the years. The relationship between Ms. Lyons and her students has been an extraordinary one. Ms. Lyons is now retired after her years of teaching at St. Mark's Episcopal School.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again congratulate Matthew Mills of my district who is being

presented with the Congressional Award Gold Medal today. The outstanding work done by this dedicated young man has been truly influential in his community, and I congratulate him as he is recognized among the Nation's most outstanding young people.

IN HONOR OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONALS NETWORK'S "FIFTY INFLUENTIAL MINORITIES IN BUSINESS" ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor fifty men and women for their outstanding achievements as influential leaders in business. They will be recognized at the Minority Business and Professionals Network's 5th Annual Award Gala at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Crystal City, Virginia, on June 25, 2003.

The fifty men and women being honored represent a leadership that is diverse, innovative, and incredibly driven. While there have been impressive advancements for minority-owned businesses and minority business leaders, there is much work to be done, and it is critical that such leadership continues to gain strength. These awardees help ensure that minority leadership is growing, and that the voices of minorities are not ignored. Their influence is critical to securing the future success of minority-owned businesses, and their efforts and achievements are a symbol of the strength of minority leadership. As dynamic leaders in their fields and in their communities, their accomplishments are an inspiration to all those looking to succeed.

I would like to recognize the importance of the Minority Business and Professionals Network for providing critical resources that continue to support minority-owned businesses. I thank the Network and its president, Debra Williams, for providing an opportunity to recognize and acknowledge these important leaders.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Fifty Influential Minorities in Business and congratulating them on their achievements. I wish them continued success as they continue to lead the way for minorities in business.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit this letter to the Editor for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The letter was written by a man for whom I have endless respect my friend Ray Flynn, the President of the American Catholic Alliance, former Mayor of Boston and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.

Like myself, Ambassador Flynn believes strongly in fighting for increased human rights and religious freedom throughout the world.