

service to the community. Barbara is a deserving recipient, as her business skills and community service are known throughout Durango. She opened her first business, the General Hair Store, in 1982, and has since added a hair salon, day spa services, and beauty school. Her hard work and dedication to her business has indeed made Barbara a respected member of the Durango business community.

Barbara is also known for her dedication to community service. Barbara has been active in a number of committees and organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, the Durango Art Center, and the Volunteers of America. Barbara has also been an active fundraiser for a variety of non-profit organizations. Barbara has consistently been at the forefront of community service projects, always sacrificing her time to improve the Durango area.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Barbara's civic-mindedness and in recognizing this prestigious honor. This recognition to Barbara for the work she does in her community is long overdue, and I am proud to bring her achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Congratulations and thanks again, Barbara, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Durango. May you have many more to come!

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SPEECH OF

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2003*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, our hopes and prayers are with those working diligently to secure peace for the people of Sudan. The ongoing negotiations can be observed with cautious optimism that a peace agreement will soon be at hand.

I observed with great interest yesterday's debate on H. Res. 194, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in Sudan. I share the concerns of my colleagues and their desire to see an end to slavery and human rights abuses in the Sudan and elsewhere in the world.

I want to associate myself with the remarks of my distinguished colleague from New York, Representative ED TOWNS, who so eloquently framed the issue on the future of Sudan. While we cannot forget the past, there is nothing we can do to change it. The time has come for us to commit to a lasting peace and an end to hostilities and abuses in sub-Saharan Africa.

I join my colleague, Mr. TOWNS, in support of an NGO-Sponsored fact-finding mission to Sudan and a report on their findings on the current situation in the Sudan with regard to allegations of slavery, human rights abuses and religious persecution. I call on others to join me and Mr. TOWNS in this effort to uncover the truth about Sudan.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 16, 2003*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker I rise today in support of H. Res. 194, a resolution condemning slavery and other gross violations of human rights that are occurring in Sudan.

I have been to Sudan four times since 1989. I have seen the conditions on the ground firsthand. Women and children continue to die daily from starvation and illness. According to the State Department Country Report on Human Rights, thousands of Dinka women and children have been abducted and sold into slavery, sent to labor camps, and have been forced to serve in the military. Nearly two million people have died and four million have been displaced as a result of the ongoing civil war in Sudan.

On November 4, 2002, the United Nations concluded that the dire human rights situation in Sudan had not significantly changed. Numerous human rights organizations, including Christian Solidarity International, Freedom House, and the American Anti-Slavery Group have all called for an end to slavery in Sudan. The House of Representatives has repeatedly denounced human rights abuses in Sudan.

The Government of Sudan and the SPLA are beginning to take positive steps toward reaching lasting peace and we are at a critical moment in the peace negotiations between the parties. The war in Sudan must end, but it must end in a just peace, a peace in which all of Sudan can share in its resources, where all Sudanese can worship freely, and in which all Sudanese are treated with respect and dignity. The people of Sudan have suffered for too long.

I urge this body to overwhelmingly pass this resolution and I call on the government of Sudan to abolish slavery and respect human rights.

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AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 14, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, H.R. 2673:

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to support the amendment offered by Congressman ARTUR DAVIS that will restore \$3.5 million in funding to the 1890 land-grant accounts.

The 1890 Land-Grant Institutions were created as a result of the Second Morrill Act of 1890, expanding the 1862 system of land-grant universities to include historically black institutions in those states where segregation denied minorities access to the land-grant in-

stitution established by the First Morrill Act, in 1862.

Under the bill before us, these universities will get a 17 percent cut for research and education activities. They will also be faced with a 10 percent cut in Extension Grants, which provide funding for extension offices that work directly with minority farmers in economically distressed areas.

Today, there are 18 black land-grant colleges and universities in the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. Mr. Chairman, cuts of this magnitude would cripple the ability of 1890 institutions to continue with their original mission to train sons and daughters of farmers. Today, many of the schools still focus on agriculture by offering curricula that focuses on research, agribusiness, agricultural engineering, and consumer education. Additionally, millions of students are able to study every academic discipline far beyond the scope imagined in the original mission of 1890 land-grant institutions.

Mr. Chairman, I remind my colleagues that many states are faced with massive budget cuts. To combat these deficits, students at our colleges and universities must bear the brunt of the costs. College tuition has seen a double-digit percentage increases in my home state of Maryland.

HBCUs, which often face budget short falls, cannot withstand these cuts and many may close if funding of sort is not approved. I urge all of my colleagues to support this worthwhile amendment. 1890 land-grant institutions and the other HBCUs remain a vital part of our nation's history and educational system. Congress should not turn their backs on these 1890 land grant institutions. Cutting funding will hurt millions of students.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROSS  
WORLEY

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 17, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Ross Worley of Durango, Colorado. Ross recently retired from Fort Lewis College, where he has directed the Audio/Visual Department in their John Reed Library since 1969. As Ross retires, I would like to recognize his many years of hard work and dedication to Fort Lewis College.

Ross began his work with Fort Lewis College in 1969, starting first as an audio/visual student assistant before his eventual promotion as director of the department. In his 32 years as director at Fort Lewis, Ross supervised over 150 students, providing each of them with an exemplary model of commitment. An effective Audio/Visual department can provide students with interesting and exciting ways to present and engage information. With technology changing daily, Ross worked diligently to provide our youth with the educational tools to succeed in this demanding field.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this Congress and this nation to recognize the accomplishments of Ross Worley. His hard work and dedication provided Fort Lewis College with the ability to reach its students in