

A TRIBUTE TO OJEDA HALL-
PHILLIPS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ojeda Hall-Phillips in recognition of her dedication to increasing economic opportunities for women and minorities in her community.

Ojeda Hall-Phillips is the Deputy Director of the Local Development Corporation of East New York, a 25-year old community economic development, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to developing business, job and housing opportunities for the residents of East Brooklyn and the surrounding areas. A strategist and planner, Ojeda runs the Brooklyn Enterprise Center at the Local Development Corporation of East New York whose mission is to build economic independence among women and minorities through enterprise formation and expansion and skills development, with special emphasis on low-income African Americans and Latinos in East Brooklyn. She previously served as an associate in the strategic planning departments of the investment banking firms of Salomon Smith Barney and JP Morgan.

Also an entrepreneur, Ojeda is the Associate Publisher of Glory Magazine, a lifestyle magazine that empowers African American Christian women to live out their faith in everyday life from fitness, health, beauty, and fashion to money management, spiritual growth, parenting, and relationships. She has been a contributing writer for Heart & Soul Magazine, writing articles focusing on repairing credit and managing finances.

A member of the Board of Deaconesses of the Brown Memorial Baptist Church, she became head of Spiritual Ministries for the Women's Ministry Institute at Brown Memorial Baptist Church in 2002. She co-leads the Women's Bible Studies and the First Friday Women's Revival Series.

She currently serves on the Boards of Directors for: Groundwork Inc, a youth development program to support young people living in high poverty urban communities to develop their strengths, skills, talents and competencies through effective experiential learning and work programs with special emphasis on youth in East New York; the New York City Financial Network Action Consortium, an initiative to build better community development credit unions in New York City; Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, a job readiness program providing training and employment for hard to employ youth and adults in Brooklyn and; the Association of Women's Business Centers which develop and strengthen a global network of women's business centers to advance the growth and success of women business owners.

Ms. Hall-Phillips earned a bachelors degree in government from Harvard University and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from the Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ. She is the winner of Drew University's Lawrence E. Toombs Prize in Old Testament History, F.B. Yetter Prize in Old Testament Studies; and the Patricia Wickham Prize in Feminist Scholarship and Spirituality and Social Justice Award. She is married to Minister Samuel Phillips III, Associate Minister of the

Brown Memorial Baptist Church. Ojeda and her husband live in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn.

Mr. Speaker, Ojeda Hall-Phillips has dedicated her life through professional and volunteer efforts to increasing economic opportunity for all. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
JOHN A. "ANDY" LOVE

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a truly extraordinary gentleman, Major General John A. "Andy" Love.

General Love has proudly served the United States and is retiring on May 21, 2004 to civilian life from a stellar 36 year career in the Colorado Air National Guard.

Andy Love earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1967 from Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado in Political Science. After that, Andy joined the Colorado Air National Guard. He did undergraduate work in pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, in Arizona, where he earned his pilots wings and became a Squadron Fighter Pilot who has over 2500 hours in the F100, A-7 and F-16.

Andy served in many capacities for many years at Buckley Air National Guard Base in Colorado and eventually became the Vice Commander of the 140th Fighter Wing, then on to Deputy Commander for Operations. Soon after that he became the Assistant Adjutant General to the Air National Guard unit at Buckley. In September 2000, Andy became the Assistant to the Commander of Air Force Space Command, which required a move from Buckley to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. In April 2003, General Love was promoted to the position from which he now retires as the Assistant, for National Guard Matters, to the Commander of NORAD/USNORTHCOM (North American Aerospace Defense Command/US Northern Command).

Major General Love has much to be proud of in his extensive military career, but also for the many awards and decorations he's received, including: Legion of Merit Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Colorado Meritorious Service Medal, Active Service Ribbon, Foreign Deployment Service Ribbon, Colorado State Emergency Ribbon, Mobilization Support Ribbon, and Colorado Long Service Ribbon.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Major General John A. "Andy" Love on his successful military career, and thanking him for his years of service to a grateful nation.

AWARDING OF AN HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE TO SISTER FRANCESCA THOMPSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, INDIANAPOLIS, IN

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2004

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sister Francesca Thompson, O.S.F., Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana.

Sister Thompson, born in Los Angeles, CA, received her B.A. in English from Marian College, Indianapolis, IN. She earned a Masters of Education degree with a concentration in Communication Arts from Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH. Later, Sister Thompson earned a PhD in Theatre/Speech at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Her 50 years of teaching experience include St. Joseph Elementary School of Cincinnati, OH; High School English and Speech at the Academy of the Immaculate Conception, Oldenburg, Indiana; Theatre, Speech and Black Studies at Marian College in Indianapolis, IN; a Teaching Fellow in Acting at the University of Michigan; Assistant to the Dean, Associate Professor African-American Studies, and the Department of Communications at Fordham University, Bronx, New York and Assistant Dean and Director of Multi-Cultural Programs at Fordham University, Bronx, New York.

Sister Thompson's publications include her Dissertation: The Lafayette Players, 1915-1932. History of the First Black Dramatic Stock Company in the United States; Twice Called: Autobiographies of Seventeen Convert Sisters; (one chapter): Notable Women in American Theatre; Black Women in America, historical encyclopedia; Families: Black and Catholic, United States Catholic Conference, Department of Education; and Oscar Micheaux and His Circle.

Her background experience in directing include such classics as: "Midsummer's Night Dream", "Hotel Paradiso", "In White America", "As You Like It", "Ten Angry Women", and "The Dutchman" and encompasses original plays entitled "Rag Dolly", "The Inside Story", "Remember When", "Precious Dear's Magic Christmas" and Happiness Is".

Her organizations are the National Black Federal Theatre Board; Jesuit commission on Minority Affairs; National board of Operation P.U.S.H., and the Broadway Tony Board.

Sister Thompson is an accomplished lecturer and public speaker in the areas of Theatre, African American Studies, Communication, the Black Family and Ministering the Black Community.

Mr. Speaker: I echo the thoughts of behalf of many former students, friends and colleagues whose lives have been touched by Sister Thompson.

Finally, throughout her illustrious career, Sister Thompson has shared her many gifts and talents in many places and with many people. It is the sharing of her gifts that makes her a genuine treasure. Mr. Speaker I have enclosed a copy of the extensive résumé of Sister Frances Thompson.

RÉSUMÉ

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