

is where Camp Fallujah is located and is one of the most hostile regions in Iraq. Capt. Tipton was commander of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas with his wife, Susie Tipton, of Collinsville, and their two children, Austin, 4, and Kaitlyn, 2.

I am proud of the service Cpt. Tipton has given to our country and the service he and others provide on a daily basis. Not enough can be said about the sacrifice and dedication these men and women display while serving in Iraq. It is troops like Cpt. Tipton, those risking their lives everyday, that ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. I salute him and my heart felt condolences go out to his family and all the troops continually fighting to ensure freedom and democracy.

TRIBUTE TO GLENN CUNNINGHAM
A TRUE PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with sorrow that I inform my colleagues of the sudden and untimely passing of Glenn Cunningham. Mr. Cunningham was a longtime public servant. He was Mayor of Jersey City, New Jersey, a significant part of my congressional district. He also served as a member of the New Jersey State Senate. Mayor/State Senator Cunningham was the proverbial public servant. His career in the public arena spanned more than three decades. He was truly a man of the people.

Over the years, I had the privilege of working with Glenn on issues of shared interest, as our careers paralleled each other's. I was delighted when Glenn was elected to his first office as a Hudson County Freeholder in 1975, and then watched with pride as he moved forward in his career to become elected to the Jersey City Municipal Council in 1981 and re-elected in 1985 and became President of the Jersey City Municipal Council. In 1996, Glenn was appointed by President Clinton to become the first African American U.S. Marshall from the state of New Jersey. In 2001, Glenn was elected the first African American Mayor of Jersey City, and last year Mayor Cunningham was elected State Senator for the 31st District.

Glenn was especially proud of his military and law enforcement experience, having served with honor as a United States Marine. He also was a member of the Jersey City Police Department for more than two decades, rising to the rank of Captain. He later distinguished himself in the post of Hudson County Director of Public Safety.

Glenn was also known for his interest in Black History. I enjoyed having conversations with him about the history of Jersey City, Underground Railroad in New Jersey and other significant historical events that shaped our state and nation. I was impressed with his passion and the breadth of his knowledge of historical subjects.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in remembering a life long distinguished native son of Jersey City, Glenn Cunningham, who was an outstanding role

model. His exemplary service will long be remembered. I express my condolences to his survivors, especially his wife, Sandra.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEW
YORK BLOOD CENTER'S 40TH AN-
NIVERSARY AND WALL OF
HONOR RECEPTION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of the New York Blood Center (NYBC). On the evening of May 19, 2004, the NYBC will unveil its Wall of Honor, which recognizes the many generous donors—both financial and medical—who make possible the Blood Center's tremendous contributions to the public good. The Wall of Honor will also commemorate the Blood Center's forty years of outstanding service to our community, our nation and our world.

The Blood Center has long been an indispensable part of the New York community. Over the last four decades, the NYBC has become one of America's largest community-based, non-profit blood centers. Each year, it provides life-saving blood products and clinical transfusion services to more than one million patients, in over two hundred New York and New Jersey hospitals. In addition, the Center's Solvent Detergent Viral Inactivation Process has improved the safety of more than twenty billion units of blood-derived products distributed worldwide.

The Blood Center has also become a nationally-recognized center for medical education. The NYBC has trained more than 100 physician professionals through its transfusion medicine fellowship, and has offered clinical training to over 400 medical students and 300 laboratory technicians. In all, more than 30 percent of New York and New Jersey blood bank directors have received specialized training from the New York Blood Center. By any measure, the foregoing statistics represent a truly astonishing record of achievement. The clinicians, staff and contributors of the NYBC should be extremely proud of these accomplishments.

As we take time to celebrate the NYBC's history, we must also acknowledge the Blood Center's efforts to meet new and often daunting challenges. As you may know, the New York region is currently facing a critical shortage of blood. The NYBC estimates that the demand for transfusions will easily exceed the Center's projected supply during the coming summer months. The Center has urged local community groups, schools and churches to organize blood drives to forestall interruptions in major medical services this summer. These difficulties make it all the more necessary for the New York community to continue to support the NYBC's noble efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the New York Blood Center, whose forward-thinking initiatives to promote the public's health and well-being are truly worthy of celebration. To the dedicated professionals, volunteers and friends of this fine organization, I offer my continuing admiration, respect and support.

HONORING STEPHEN W. STRUMPH

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stephen W. Strumph of Glen Cove, New York, a decorated veteran and a proud American.

Mr. Strumph began his military career in 1937, at the Reserve Officers Army Academy of Poland. At the onset of WWII he was commissioned Second Lieutenant Platoon Leader of the 6th Regiment, 22nd Mountain division in the Polish army.

On November 1, 1939 Mr. Strumph was transported to Lukenwalde and was held as a prisoner of war. He heroically escaped German custody three times, before finally being released in the spring of 1945 and heading for the United States zone.

Mr. Strumph was soon commissioned as a U.S. Army multi-lingual interpreter to interview German soldiers and Gestapo. He was then reunited with Polish troops under Colonel Brzeszczynski, and was placed in command of 125 soldiers and a U.S. Army ammunition depot. After he was demobilized in 1947, Mr. Strumph worked for eight years at the U.S. embassy in Paris, before emigrating to the United States.

Since his arrival in New York on July 28, 1955, Mr. Strumph has been an outstanding public citizen, volunteering with veterans and fraternal organizations and was honored as "Outstanding Senior Volunteer of the Year." He and his loving wife are the proud parents of three children and eight grandchildren.

I commend Stephen Strumph for his bravery and valor during World War II and thank him for his invaluable service to the Long Island community.

INDIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLA-
TIONS IN PUNJAB, KASHMIR
SUCCESSFULLY EXPOSED

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on May 12, the Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness conducted a hearing into human-rights violations in Kashmir and in Punjab, Khalistan. It was a very successful hearing. Witnesses travelled from Kashmir and from out of state to testify.

Those testifying included The Honorable Michael Kozak, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Human Rights and Labor; The Honorable Donald Camp, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South Asian Affairs; Mr. T. Kumar, Advocacy Director—Asia, Amnesty International; The Honorable Robert Giuda, Deputy Majority Leader of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and Chairman, Americans for Resolution of Kashmir; Dr. Ghulam Nabi Fai, Executive Director, Kashmiri American Council; Mrs. Attiya Inayatullah, a human-rights activist from Kashmir; Selig Harrison, Director of the Asia Program, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Policy; and Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan.