

dishonor the memories of the millions of Armenians who lost their lives to ethnic cleansing.

The April 24th remembrance of the Armenian Genocide is also a reminder of the responsibility of all nations to stop these human tragedies from reoccurring. Today, a genocide is taking place in the Darfur region of Sudan. It has resulted in the murders of at least 70,000 innocent civilians, the internal displacement of 1.9 million, and the forced exile of 200,000. The international community must act now before Darfur reaches the scale of the Armenian Genocide.

Massachusetts' Armenian community, much of which I have the honor of representing, is committed to raising awareness of the tragedy that befell Armenians of the Ottoman Empire. Every year, survivors and their descendants participate in commemoration services across the Merrimack Valley to shed light on this dark tragedy. In my hometown of Lowell, the Armenian-American Veterans Honor Guard leads a procession to City Hall for a flag raising ceremony. Through these observances, we will never forget the truth.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER MARY
ANTONA EBO, CIVIL AND HUMAN
RIGHTS ACTIVIST

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. CLAY. Mr. speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sister Mary Antona Ebo, a Missourian who was recently celebrated by the Library of Congress in the "Voices of Civil Rights" exhibit for her inspirational service to our nation. She is one of the "Sisters of Selma," a group of Catholic nuns who risked their lives to promote civil rights.

Sister Ebo's role in civil rights history centered around the brutal "Bloody Sunday," beatings that took place at the Edmond Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. On March 7, 1965, law enforcement officials used horses, clubs and gas to turn back the voting rights marchers as they began their 50 mile march to the state capital at Montgomery. Three days later, in response to a request by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sister Ebo went to Selma with a group of religious leaders from St. Louis. There she spoke out against the violence and urged minorities in Alabama to pursue their right to vote. In recalling her role in the historic events in Alabama, Sister Ebo said recently that she saw her actions as a call from God to make a difference.

After the civil rights marches ended, Sister Ebo continued her life of service to others. In 1967, she became the first African American woman religious professional to head a hospital. She was named administrator of St. Clare Hospital and Health Services in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Today she is a treasured member of the St. Louis community where she serves as pastoral associate at St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Recently, Sister Ebo recalled her days in the civil rights movement. She told a newspaper reporter: "We did that then, in responding to the need of the moment, but there are still needs that need to be addressed by us as women religious. We need to be speaking out,

speaking up and saying 'No, we will not participate in those kinds of activities, which oppress a part of our people, whether black, white or polka-dot.' "

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Sister Mary Antona Ebo before the U.S. House of Representatives for her many lifetime achievements. She has been a source of spirit and strength for countless Americans. She is among my heroes and I am proud to salute her for her many lasting contributions to our community and to this nation.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ROBERT
MINEHARDT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert Minehardt, a distinguished educator at Shrewsbury Borough School, on his retirement after forty years of dedicated service to educating up to three generations of local families.

Robert Minehardt has become a vital part of the Shrewsbury community as he has held nearly every leadership position available to a teacher. Since beginning his career in 1965, he has taught fifth and sixth grades, as a general education teacher and then as a science teacher. Mr. Minehardt has also served as vice-principal for more than 10 years, and also, for a short period as the acting superintendent. He has been the Shrewsbury's Title I director, summer school director, the T&E director, the teacher-in-charge, and the assistant to the superintendent. Outside of the classroom, Mr. Minehardt was also active for several years as a coach to the boy's basketball team, supervisor of intramural sports, and coordinator for the CPR program with Shrewsbury's local first aid squad.

Inside the classroom, Mr. Minehardt had a passion for science concentrated in the areas of oceanography and space exploration. Most notably, his interest led him to advocate for the development of the schools' science program. He organized trips to the beaches of Sandy Hook, NJ and formed the in-school science club program.

As a resident of Shrewsbury since 1968, Robert Minehardt attended high school at Red Bank Regional High in Little Silver, NJ. He then went on to achieve his undergraduate degree at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ and continued his graduate education at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. Mr. Minehardt returned to Shrewsbury to raise his family including his two sons, Adam and Todd. Both boys attended Shrewsbury schools and were even taught by their father. Currently, Robert Minehardt and his wife, Maggie Minehardt, live in Fair Haven, NJ, where he volunteers as a fire fighter.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 12th district of New Jersey, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Robert Minehardt on his retirement, and we wish him the best in his move to Florida.

IN HONOR OF THE 2ND
BATTALION, 113TH INFANTRY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2nd Battalion, 113th infantry on their return from Guantanamo Bay. On Thursday, April 21, 2005, family members, commanding officers, local officials, friends and neighbors came together to honor their return with a Welcome Home Ceremony at the Jersey City Armory in Jersey City, New Jersey.

The 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry has a distinguished record dating back to the Revolutionary War. Their nine month long deployment, from June 2004 to April 2005, was part of Operation Enduring Freedom in support of the ongoing global war against terrorism. The battalion was an integral element of Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO). I had the honor of visiting with many of these soldiers in December during a trip to Guantanamo, and I can personally attest to their dedication and commitment to protecting the freedoms we all hold dear as Americans.

I would also like to provide a special mention of the Expert Infantry Badge Recipients: Capt. Jurandir Araujo, Jr; 1st Lt. Curtis R. Boyd; 2nd Lt. Peter B. Hegseth Staff Sgt. Nicholas L. Forrestal; Staff Sgt. Michael J. Klock; Sgt. John Casiano; Sgt. Julio C. Garcia, Jr.; Sgt. Daniel M. Kim; Sgt. Benjamin G. Ouckama; Sgt. Winston G. Ouckama, Jr.; Sgt. Roque L. Rodriguez, Jr.; Sgt. Daniel E. Torres; Sgt. Carl M.I. Cabanas; Spc. Damian P. Caceres; Sgt. Damien N. Joseph; Spc. Jorge M. Oliveira; Spc. Ernesto D. Rances; and Spc. Anthony Scally.

Brave members of the National Guard, I believe they can no longer be viewed as simply 'weekend warriors,' but as full-time soldiers making sacrifices to defend our freedom. I believe they all deserve to be treated as such.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in appreciation of their service, and in fighting to provide health care for these brave men and women and their families, to reduce the retirement age for guardsmen, and to provide readjustment assistance such as counseling, job training, and family assistance.

THANKING STEVEN A. McNAMARA
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Steven "Steve" McNamara, the Inspector General of the House of Representatives will be retiring at the end of May after a long and distinguished career in service to the United States Government. His exemplary career spans 35 years of service, the last 5 of which have been spent with the House of Representatives. Steve's considerable professional skills and credentials as a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor, and Certified Government Financial Manager equipped him for the important role of leading the Office of Inspector General in

the House of Representatives. Through Steve's strong leadership, the Office of Inspector General has conducted essential reviews of the House's financial and administrative operations. These reviews and resulting recommendations have helped the House to achieve our present standards of safety, security, information assurance, and accountability, and Steve's role in these worthy institutional achievements cannot be understated.

Steve's leadership of the Office of Inspector General has spanned a wide area of audit services ranging from the analysis of the House's financial controls to careful analysis of emerging technologies. His business improvement initiatives and focus on efficiency have improved administrative functions in the House Officer organizations and realized cost savings for the House. Furthermore, his efforts have served a valuable purpose in achieving improved services and security for individual Members of Congress and staff. He has worked to ensure fire safety improvements in House facilities and has been paramount to assuring the integrity of the House's information technology systems.

Steve will be missed by all of his colleagues and the House, but he can take great satisfaction in the many positive and important accomplishments of his career. Steve's judicious advice and counsel on matters of significant importance to the House will be difficult to replace. I wish Steve and his wife Jill a joyful and exciting retirement and I thank him once again for his long and distinguished career in Federal service.

HONORING THE HOROWITZ BROTHERS AS THEY ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join New Haven city officials, residents, customers, family and friends in paying tribute to Arthur, Leonard, and Philip Horowitz—owners of Horowitz Brothers, a fabric and clothing store which became a New Haven institution.

Emigrating from Russia, Philip and Leonard's father, William, and his uncle, Jack, came to New Haven in 1913 and began selling fabric from a pushcart on Grand Avenue. With hard work, dedication, and a dream they opened a storefront nearby and later, Horowitz Bros. moved to its permanent home on Chapel Street. In later years, Philip, Leonard, and their cousin Arthur took over the family business.

I have often said that small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy. Through the years, Horowitz Bros. has been a fixture in downtown New Haven outlasting a number of large department stores as well as smaller, family-owned business which have gradually disappeared. For the last ninety years, Horowitz Bros. has been a valued treasure in the City of New Haven—a testament to the American Dream and to the invaluable place small business has in a community.

I have fond memories of going with my mother to pick out fabrics for the dresses she

would make for me as a child. While waiting for my mother to choose her fabrics, you could always find me rearranging the many spools of thread—a habit which I am sure caused some chaos, but was always met with a good natured smile. It was indeed a sad day for the residents and City of New Haven when we learned that Horowitz Bros. would be closing its doors last October—as if we had lost a part of ourselves.

Horowitz Bros. holds a special place in the hearts of employees and customers alike. That is why it came as no surprise when I learned that their faithful customers had began a petition drive, determined to ensure that the City of New Haven recognized the Horowitz Bros. invaluable contribution to our community—not just as a business, but as a family. Today, city officials, residents, customers, friends and family are gathered to witness the unveiling of "Horowitz Brothers Corner"—the street corner which for so long was home to the very special family-run emporium.

Though we lost Philip just last year, I know that he is with us today and I am proud to stand today to honor Arthur, Leonard, and Philip for all that they brought to our community. It is because of their hard work and their commitment that even though its doors have closed, Horowitz Bros. will forever be a piece of our City's rich history. The naming of this street corner in their honor will ensure that their legacy lives on for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO SHERRIE ANDERSON

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sherrie Anderson who is retiring as the Deputy Director of the Mass Transit Security Programs Office of the Transportation Security Administration. I join my fellow colleagues in honoring the 34 years of service that Anderson has given to the protection of our nation's passengers. I am honored to give my compliments to a woman who has tirelessly pursued improvements in the nation's transportation security. She has played a pivotal role in our nation's defense against terrorism.

For many years, Anderson was a lone voice in the wilderness of the Department of Transportation begging, pleading and cajoling the various modes of transportation to shore up efforts in improving security.

As the guiding light of the Secretary of Transportation's Office of Security, Anderson was in the forefront of the Department's response to innumerable incidents over the past decades including Pan American Flight 103, the first World Trade Center Bombing, and September 11th.

In the wake of 9/11, Anderson was one of the original hires in the Office of Maritime and Land of the newly created Transportation Security Administration. She served as the first Chief of the Rail Passenger Branch, Deputy Director of the Passenger Security Division and then as Deputy Director of Mass Transit Security Programs Office.

In that capacity, Anderson led efforts to improve passenger screening efforts in commuter rail systems. Through her work, the

three-phase Transit Rail Inspection Pilot (TRIP) was undertaken to demonstrate the efficacy of various technologies for passenger security screening systems.

Throughout Anderson's tenure with the Federal Government, she has consistently shown grace and poise that has enabled her to talk to the highest levels of the government as well as those on the frontlines responding to transportation security incidents. Her calmness and level-headedness in crisis situations has been an enduring asset to both the Departments of Transportation and Homeland Security.

I encourage others to continue her dedication to the betterment of transportation security for our fellow citizens. I congratulate the family of Sherrie Anderson on this momentous occasion. I wish her a well-earned retirement, and the thanks of a grateful nation.

CHAMBER MUSIC OF THE HIGHEST ORDER

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to commend the Craftsbury Chamber Players, who this year are celebrating a double anniversary. For 40 consecutive years they have performed chamber music in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, and for 25 consecutive years they have performed in Burlington, Vermont's largest city. Founded and still directed by pianist Mary Anthony Cox, the Craftsbury Chamber Players bring chamber music of the highest order to northern Vermont.

The Northeast Kingdom is the least populous area of Vermont, yet every summer the woods of Craftsbury, Hardwick and Greensboro reverberate with the sounds of Haydn, Schubert, Dvorak, and twentieth century music. The Craftsbury Players present concerts that are both innovative and broad. Their repertoire spans over 300 years of music, introducing audiences to little-known works of the past and present, as well as those great chamber pieces which have sustained generations of music lovers. Every concert explores music which should be heard, but often isn't: forgotten works by major composers, supposedly difficult compositions by twentieth century modernists, and seldom-preformed works from our very own day.

These world-class performers come to Vermont to play together, to make music because they love the great richness which comes from measured rhythms and ordered sound. It is fitting that this year their anniversary celebration will be capped by the world premiere of a quintet by Kenji Bunch, a long-time violist with the Craftsbury Players. Commissioned especially for this anniversary, it will be performed on July 20, 2005 in Burlington and July 21 in Hardwick.

The Craftsbury Chamber Players have shared their love of music with thousands of people in Vermont. On this, their 40th anniversary, the people of Vermont salute them for their dedication to music and for bringing the best in music to our communities.