

constituent of the Fourth Congressional District, Dr. Ian Harris, who was recently honored for 30 years of service to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Dr. Harris serves on the faculty of the School of Education at UW-Milwaukee. He is currently chairperson of the Department of Educational Policy and Community Studies, and was the founder of the Peace Studies Certificate Program. He is widely known in national and international circles for his work in the field of peace research.

The hallmark of Dr. Harris' work is his dedication to non-violence and peaceful methods of conflict resolution. He has published numerous articles and books, including one that offers peacebuilding strategies for educators and community leaders who work with young people.

Dr. Harris' approach is certainly relevant to the needs of young people in my district. I thank him on behalf of the students he teaches at UW-M, as well as the broader Milwaukee community.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day. This year, the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, serves as a solemn reminder of the tragic events that resulted in the murder of six million Jews and millions of other men and women. Today, we honor their memory and sacrifice.

Yom Hashoah is a sad day, but it also has a message of hope. It evokes memories of the lows of humanity and what can happen when the world turns its back to oppression. It reminds us of the suffering of millions who endured the evils of discrimination and racism. The entire world was impacted by the terrible events of World War II. We remember and honor the many individuals and their loved ones who suffered simply because of their religion or ethnicity.

This occasion is also a time for hope because we honor the memory of the past by passing down the lessons we have learned to future generations so that such tragic history will never repeat itself. Today, many events are taking place around the world to remind us of the events that took place during World War II and to unite all people together against racism, bigotry and hate.

The Days of Remembrance Ceremony was held in the Rotunda of our Nation's Capitol, a fitting place to spread the message of justice and freedom and to remember the heroes who gave their lives in the fight for freedom and democracy only 60 years ago. I am proud to stand here today to honor the memory of the victims in hope that the world will never again witness these atrocities.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important day for all mankind to stand together against racism, hate and intolerance and I urge all my colleagues to take a moment to reflect and remember.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR JOSEPH CHIUSOLO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to direct your attention to the life of a remarkable individual, Mayor Joseph Chiusolo of Cedar Grove, New Jersey, who was recognized on Friday, May 6, 2005 as Man of the Year by UNICO National.

Joseph Chiusolo was the son of a fire captain and spent his formative years living in Jersey City. He attended catholic elementary school before moving on to the Hudson County Vocational School in North Bergen. Mayor Chiusolo has accredited much of his success and accomplishments to his adolescent experiences in Jersey City which inspired him to dedicate his life to enhancing the lives of others.

At the age of 14, Joseph began volunteering his time at the Secaucus Ambulance Corp. and the American Red Cross. Upon reaching his eighteenth birthday, he became an Emergency Medical Technician at the Jersey City Medical Center. Joseph continued to work hard and eventually his sacrifices and efforts were rewarded.

In 1978 he became Assistant Director for the American Red Cross Disaster Services. He was primarily responsible for the coordination of emergency disaster responses in Jersey City and Hoboken. While serving at this post, in 1979, Joseph arrived at the scene of a burning building before the Fire Department and subsequently rescued the occupants.

After this experience, he vowed to do all he could to educate people about Fire Safety. It was at this time, that Joseph started a T-shirt screen printing business in the basement of his parents' home which became known as "Turn Out Fire and Safety." He became a major supplier of Police, Fire, and EMS uniforms as well as protective clothing throughout the tri-state area.

Joseph Chiusolo moved to Cedar Grove, New Jersey in 1989 and immediately volunteered his time to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He quickly became a fixture within the town and was elected by the residents to serve on the town council in 1997. Since that time, Joseph has served two terms as Deputy Mayor and two terms as Mayor.

As a former mayor and the Congressman for the Eighth Congressional District of NJ, I cannot think of another individual who has given more to Cedar Grove. Thus it is only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on Earth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Township of Cedar Grove, Joseph's family, friends, and me in recognizing the outstanding service of Mayor Joseph Chiusolo.

IN MEMORY OF RAMON WAGNER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and accomplish-

ments of Ramon Wagner, a Milwaukee resident and an advocate for low-income people whose legacy will live on despite his untimely death on April 15, 2005.

Mr. Wagner, who founded Community Advocates in 1976 and served as its Executive Director, dedicated his life to serving the Milwaukee community. For almost 30 years, Community Advocates endeavored to be a place where people in need could come for help. In service of Mr. Wagner's vision, Community Advocates developed and implemented a range of services that help low-income families cope with the everyday challenges of living in poverty.

Low-income people throughout Wisconsin can thank Mr. Wagner for helping to organize the moratorium on natural gas shut-offs during the winter months. He negotiated an agreement with the gas company after an elderly woman died in her unheated apartment in 1984, because her landlord had not paid the heating bill.

Mr. Wagner will be remembered as a champion of services for low-income people, but he also leaves a strong legacy in his efforts to strengthen the network of service organizations. He understood that connecting to others' efforts would magnify the impact of scarce resources.

Ramon's was a well-lived life. I salute him for his dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MEMBERS OF GARY INDIANA, BRANCH OF NAACP

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize and commend the members of the Gary, Indiana, branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). On Friday, May 13, 2005, the Gary NAACP will hold its 42nd Annual Life Membership Banquet and Scholarship Dinner at the St. Timothy Fellowship Hall in Gary, Indiana.

This annual event is a major fundraiser for the Gary branch of the NAACP. The funds generated through this activity, and others like it, go directly to the organization's needed programs and advocacy efforts. The featured speaker at this gala event will be Attorney Dennis Wayne Archer. Attorney Archer will be honored with the Roy Wilkins Award. Archer is the Immediate Past President of the American Bar Association. He is the first person of color to hold the position as president of the ABA. Attorney Archer is also the former Mayor of the City of Detroit.

Attorney Fred Work will be honored with the Benjamin Hooks Award. Attorney Work is a distinguished attorney who has provided legal services to many citizens, not only in the community of Gary, but also throughout the State of Indiana. Attorney Work was the first African-American Judge in Lake County. Work was also the first African-American to graduate from Vanderbilt Law School and the first African-America to be nominated by the Democratic Party for statewide office.

The Gary NAACP would also like to recognize the accomplishments of the West Side