

and some of my friends were getting upset, saying I needed my rest. But I knew what I was doing. God knew what I was doing. I needed to organize my friends and family first, and I told them that we've got to fight this, because it's not just me. People have to go get checked, and we need to organize around this."

Out of those bedside meetings, Smith was able to establish the Spirit of Hope campaign, which seeks solutions to health disparities among minority and poor Americans. The campaign focuses on universal health care, education about the need for screening measures, addressing astronomical health care costs and promoting general well-being among minority and poor people.

"The whole spectrum of wellness is what the Spirit of Hope campaign is focusing on, and I wouldn't have it any other way. It wouldn't be me if it didn't focus on something other than me," said Smith.

Smith says that despite the cost and fear associated with the procedure, it is imperative that people of color and those living below the poverty line get regular checkups, including colonoscopies.

"What are you going to fear most? [If] you want to live, you cannot fear doing what you have to do to live. Colonoscopies are expensive. They're between \$700 to \$900 dollars. And if you're not insured, that's a major problem. For Black people, and people of color and poor people, that's a major problem."

"It's very important we organize a campaign that insures that everyone has access to effective, holistic, comprehensive, prevention health care and access to treatment facilities so they get what they need when they need it," he argued.

Smith is also thinking about access for his 12-year-old daughter Asha, who he lovingly refers to as "Asha Boo-Boo" and the "crown jewel of his life." "I don't want her to go through this. I want her and all of her little friends to get screened when the time is right. So, I have to work for them too," said Smith.

As my time with Smith draws to a close, I begin to wonder if maybe he hadn't been misdiagnosed. The wristband, which resembles a hospital clasp, is in fact a tag from the Essence Music Festival that he's simply neglected to remove. Damu Smith is doing life Damu Smith-style: happy, brilliant and winning the fight.

"This has been one of the happiest times in my life, in the midst of this crisis. Now some people might say, 'How is that possible?' It's possible because I have seen the love come to me in such wonderful ways. I cannot begin to describe how profound, how rich and warm and beautiful the love has been from my family and friends and God. I thank God for this moment and for the chance to fight," said Smith.

IN HONOR OF MICKEY OWEN

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mickey Owen, who distinguished himself in southwest Missouri by his 16 years of public service and his commitment to improving the lives of young people.

Mickey Owen began his Major League Baseball career in 1937 when he was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. Mickey Owen went on to play 13 seasons as a catcher with the

Cardinals, Dodgers, Cubs and Red Sox and was named to the all-star team four times. After Mickey Owen retired from professional baseball in 1954, he started the Mickey Owen Baseball School in Miller, Missouri. Mickey Owen created an environment for young players, focused on improving their skills and enhancing their appreciation for the game he loved. Owen promoted the idea that young players showed more improvement when relaxed and would excel if a non-threatening atmosphere was present. Mickey Owen Baseball School has instructed thousands of young players from around the world since its inception in 1959. Mickey Owen became the sheriff of Greene County, Missouri in 1965, where he honorably served for 16 years.

Mickey Owen's contributions throughout his life and the impact he had on thousands of young lives will not be forgotten.

HONORING AMY TAYLOR ON THE
COMPLETION OF HER INTERNSHIP

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Amy Taylor for her service to Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District while interning in my office. Both Amy and I are proud to call Murfreesboro, Tennessee, home.

Amy will soon begin her senior year at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is an English major. She is a member of the Kappa Delta sorority and a radio personality on the local jazz station.

Amy was a tremendous help and a wonderful addition to my office. She helped address constituent concerns, assisted me and my staff with numerous projects, and served as a friendly and informative tour guide of the U.S. Capitol, providing visitors from middle Tennessee with a personalized look at a national treasure.

I trust that Amy enjoyed her whirlwind internship and her first-hand examination of the workings of Congress. I know I enjoyed her fresh perspective and enthusiasm during her time here. I wish her all the best in the future.

HARLEM WEEK 2005: THE LEGACY
CONTINUES

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 31st anniversary of a series of festivities honoring the wonders of Harlem, my home community which I am privileged to represent in the Congress. Harlem Week 2005 is a cultural, educational, and entertaining series of activities designed to highlight the history, traditions, and future of the Harlem community that has grown from its modest beginnings to become a major attraction for the residents of the community and thousands of visitors annually.

A lifelong resident of Harlem, I have long been proud of the many facets of my community. From the music and arts of the Harlem

community to the politics and strategies of Harlem's activists and leaders, this is a community that is rich in diversity, entertainment, culture, and love. It is a community that embraces its differences and its commonalities in order to represent the rainbow of beauty and culture that characterizes our great city of New York.

Harlem Week is a celebration of this embrace. It is a time for the community and the families that make up that community to come together, to be exposed to their variety of traditions and customs, and to affirm their individual identities as well as their American consciousness. This community will always, in my mind, represent the essence of America. And, during Harlem Week, we pay tribute to the soul of America.

Harlem Week is not simply a series of festivities and parties. It is an educational experience where individuals are taught to appreciate the arts and the history of the community. This summer, in theatrical performances, dance exhibitions, story-tellings, and other artistic expressions, the Harlem community will come alive in recognizing its rich and beautiful cultural attributes. The accomplishments and history of the African-American cinema will be highlighted alongside a celebration of Jazz and music that has originated in Harlem. Harlem will applaud the history of a diverse community that has struggled with the soul and legacy of generations of Americans.

Harlem Week is also a family event. Children of all ages will be entertained throughout this recognition of the wonder and cultural diversity of Harlem. Petting zoos, story-tellers, fashion shows, and interactive arts—all with an emphasis on achievement and education—will be displayed throughout the events of Harlem.

This year, attendees will also be exposed to the diverse sports and entertainment heritage of Harlem. The National Black Sports & Entertainment Hall of Fame will induct such entertainment luminaries as Phylicia Rashad, Bonnie Raitt, Marian Anderson, Alvin Ailey, Pearl Bailey, Ray Baretto, Donald Byrd, Kenny Gamble, Frankie Crocker, Symphony Sid, and Tito Rodriguez. Sports stars such as John Chaney, Fritz Pollard, Rafer Johnson, Lou Carnesecca, Zina Garrison, Jack Johnson, Elston Howard, Johnny Sample, and Al McGuire will also be inducted in the Hall of Fame.

Harlem Week 2005 promises to be one of the best celebrations of the vitality of the Harlem community this year. It will be an important celebration of the soul of America and the community that has long nurtured that soul. This celebration, exposure, and education of the community will truly be instrumental in understanding and appreciating the beauty of the Harlem community.

As always, I welcome the Members of this Congress, as well as all citizens of these United States of America, to join me and the Harlem community during Harlem Week 2005. You will not regret your time there. I submit for the RECORD the calendar of events for Harlem Week and I look forward to seeing you in Harlem.

HARLEM WEEK 2005: THE LEGACY CONTINUES
NEW YORK'S PREMIERE FESTIVAL CONTINUES TO
CELEBRATE DECADES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

June 29, 2005 (Harlem, USA)—Back by popular demand, HARLEM WEEK, which celebrates its 31st Anniversary, returns with a

spectacular line up of exciting events, outdoor activities, concerts, and fun for the entire family. Themed "The Legacy Continues", the culturally-rich affair swung into gear on Wednesday, July 13, as Mayor Bloomberg and the city of New York paid tribute to HARLEM WEEK, with a special private celebration and concert at Gracie Mansion. The festive affair will include a special harmonious presentation from the hit musical, "Three Mo' Tenors", along with soulful, rhythmic selections from Ron Anderson and the Harlem Jazz & Music Festival All Stars.

On Sunday, July 31st, HARLEM WEEK salutes the grand village of Harlem during its "Great Day in Harlem" celebration at Ulysses S. Grant National Memorial Park, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive. This all-day, three-part affair opens with the "Family Unity Day Cultural Festival" at 1:00 p.m., featuring family-oriented outdoor activities including theatrical excerpts, dance performances, story-telling, spoken word, and more. The celebration continues with the Harlem Jazz & Music Festival's fashion extravaganza, featuring the latest, cutting-edge creations and accessories from emerging and leading urban designers. Runway activities begin at 5:00 p.m. The festive day will end with the annual Concert Under the Stars. The Harlem Jazz & Music Festival and WBLS FM invites the entire family to join them for this enchanting moonlit night of great music as Meli'sa Morgan, Layla Hathaway, Freddie Jackson, the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater and other surprise guests pay homage to Harlem's legacy. This spectacular affair, sponsored by Time Warner and Citibank, runs from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

From August 2nd-6th, EBONY Magazine, in concert with HARLEM WEEK, presents Hollywood in Harlem. This annual four day affair, which celebrates the accomplishments and history of African-Americans in cinema, will take place at various venues in the Harlem community. On each evening, there will be a VIP reception, film screenings, and award presentations. With this event, EBONY continues a 60 year tradition of giving recognition to African-American actors, actresses, and filmmakers.

On August 20th and 21st, HARLEM WEEK invites everyone to come to uptown New York and take part in one of the city's most exciting weekends, beginning on Saturday, August 20th, with the annual "Uptown Saturday Nite" music festival. This all-day celebration consists of a plethora of exciting events as attendees take to the streets throughout Harlem, enjoying outdoor cultural arts, crafts, exotic foods and live entertainment from a variety of stages along West 135th Street (between Malcolm X Blvd and St. Nicholas Avenue). The annual "Flava" fashion show burst onto the stage on Uptown Saturday Nite, and concert acts will be provided by stations Power 105, WKTU-FM, and Lite FM. Also taking place on August 20th is The Children's Festival which features such activities as a petting zoos, story-tellers, and interactive arts, all with a strong emphasis on education and achievement, sponsored by Washington Mutual, The New York Post, and WWRL 1600.

Sunday, August 21st, is HARLEM DAY and the good times continue to roll. The entertainment stages and the Children's Festival remain on 135th Street along with the addition of several exiting events: The Children's Festival adds a fashion show featuring the hottest back-to-school fashions; The 16th Annual Upper Manhattan Auto Show includes a display of cars from antiques to 2005 preview models; students and families discover college options and how to pay for them at The National Historic Black College Fair & Expo; and The NYC Health Fair &

Expo features free health information and screenings. Music and other entertainment will be courtesy of Kiss-FM, Hot 97, & CD 101.9.

On August 30th, the National Black Sports & Entertainment Hall of Fame Induction Gala will be held, honoring both live and posthumous luminaries in the fields of sports and entertainment. This year's inductees in the area of entertainment include Donald Byrd, Iman, Kenny Gamble & Leon Huff; Phylicia Rashad, Ray Baretto, Bonnie Raitt, Frankie Crocker, Marian Anderson, Alvin Ailey, Pearl Bailey, Symphony Sid, and Tito Rodriguez. In the area of sports, inductees include John Chaney, Fritz Pollard, Rafer Johnson, Lou Carnesecca, Zina Garrison, Jack Johnson, Elston Howard, Johnny Sample and Al Maguire. Vignette tribute for various inductees will air on WNBC-4 throughout the summer.

If HARLEM WEEK only accomplished giving people a sense of pride and enjoyment, that alone would be a worthy feat; however, HARLEM WEEK does that while also addressing other community needs. With the support of sponsors and elected officials, HARLEM WEEK, Inc. has been a proponent for advancing education by giving grants to educational organizations, plus scholarships to thousands of students who have worked diligently inside the classroom and outside in the community. The relationship between those parties and HARLEM WEEK has not only garnered higher enrollment, but also provided internships and careers for students. Scholarships and grants are presented at virtually every HARLEM WEEK, Harlem Jazz & Music Festival, and National Black Sports & Entertainment Hall of Fame event. HARLEM WEEK also hosts events focused on economic development and on the welfare of Senior Citizens. Perhaps this is why mayors, governors, senators, members of congress, foreign leaders, and other inspirational figures, have opted to address HARLEM WEEK audiences over the years.

The HARLEM WEEK's 31st Anniversary is a great celebration of accomplishment through unity. Those unable to attend can still partake in the festivities by listening to live radio broadcasts on stations throughout the New York City area.

HARLEM WEEK invites you to come discover the treasures of a proud community. Discover Harlem. For further information about the excitement and culture that is HARLEM WEEK, log on to www.HarlemDiscover.com

INTRODUCTION OF THE CURES CAN BE FOUND ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Cures Can Be Found Act. This legislation promotes medical research by providing a tax credit for investments and donations to promote adult and umbilical cord blood stem cell research, and provides a \$2,000 tax credit to new parents for the donation of umbilical cord blood that can be used to extract stem cells.

Mr. Speaker, stem cell research has the potential to revolutionize medicine. Stem cells could hold the keys to curing many diseases afflicting millions of Americans, such as diabetes and Alzheimer's. Umbilical cord blood stem cells have already been used to treat 67 diseases, including sickle cell disease, leukemia, and osteoporosis. Umbilical cord blood

stem cells have also proven useful in treating spinal cord injuries and certain neurological disorders. Adult stem cells have shown promise in treating a wide variety of diseases ranging from brain, breast, testicular, and other types of cancers to multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, heart damage, and rheumatoid arthritis.

By providing tax incentives for adult and umbilical cord blood stem cell research, the Cures Can Be Found Act will ensure greater resources are devoted to this valuable research. The tax credit for donations of umbilical cord blood will ensure that medical science has a continuous supply of stem cells. Thus, this bill will help scientists discover new cures using stem cells and, hopefully, make routine the use of stem cells to treat formally incurable diseases.

By encouraging private medical research, the Cures Can Be Found Act enhances a tradition of private medical research that is responsible for many medical breakthroughs. For example, Jonas Salk, discoverer of the polio vaccine, did not receive one dollar from the federal government for his efforts. I urge my colleagues to help the American people support the efforts of future Jonas Salks by cosponsoring the Cures Can Be Found Act.

HONORING NATHAN ZIPPER ON THE COMPLETION OF HIS INTERNSHIP

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions Nathan Zipper made while interning in my Washington, DC, office. Nathan, a fellow Middle Tennessean, was a wonderful addition to the office and a great servant to the constituents of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

Nathan soon will begin his junior year at the University of Knoxville, where he is majoring in sports management and a member of Phi Alpha Delta.

During his internship, Nathan was a tremendous help to me and my staff as he assisted us in various projects. He attended briefings, addressed constituent concerns and endeared himself to visitors as he guided them through the U.S. Capitol.

I hope Nathan enjoyed his fast-paced internship as much as my staff and I appreciated his hard work and eager attitude. I wish him all the best in the future.

95 YEARS OF SERVICE AND EMPOWERMENT: THE LEGACY OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE CONTINUES

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues and the country an important conference and series of events being held in Washington this week. On Wednesday, July 27, the National Urban League will celebrate its 95th anniversary with