

Known as the "Developer King" to many, Secretary General Kofi Annan visited the King during the celebrations in order to present him with the United Nations Development Program Award. This award presentation was meant to recognize the King's steadfast devotion for improved living circumstances for the Thai people. He initiated many development projects which, throughout 60 years, have created progress and prosperity for the country. So beloved is this sovereign that he has also been nicknamed the "soul of the nation" by his people.

The King is also well known for his abilities in the artistic field. Because of this, King Adulyadej was granted the title of "Supreme Artist" in recognition of his contributions to art and artists in Thailand. So great was his role that the country established "The Supreme Artist Hall" to commemorate and display the King's work.

His model for sustaining a unified Thailand despite numerous obstacles against progress is a great example for all. With words alone, King Adulyadej ended bloodshed in 1973 and 1992, during times of hostility against military dictatorships. His current appeal for Thai people is a call for unity during a time of national division. Indeed, the entire nation has united in order to pay homage to its beloved ruler and I stand in camaraderie with the Thai people to celebrate and appreciate the example of King Adulyadej.

HONORING DR. JAMES CAMERON

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2006*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's great heroes, Dr. James Cameron. Dr. Cameron is a living representation of how greatness and truth can overcome the hatred and intolerance of racism.

As a young man, Dr. Cameron lived through the atrocity of being lynched and beaten in front of a mob of 15,000 for a crime he did not commit.

As the only living survivor of a lynching, Dr. Cameron has stood up and served as a reminder of the violence and hatred that can exist within mankind. Too often we seek to ignore such atrocities when writing our history; however, Dr. Cameron has dedicated his life to remind us of our true history.

Dr. Cameron has devoted his life's work to the pursuit and recognition of civil rights. He has revealed to millions of Americans the true account of this Nation's racial injustice through his founding of the American Black Holocaust Museum in 1988.

The American Black Holocaust Museum's straightforward presentations of pervasive racial injustices and violence serve not only to educate but to allow us to reexamine and rethink our own views towards racism.

There are many young people who may not know of or did not experience this period of history. However, it is imperative we recognize our true American history. We cannot develop future policies or laws without knowing or applying the lessons we have learned from the past. It is through work such as Dr. Cameron's that young people can remember the sacrifices and contributions of those who came before them, and find new inspiration to fight for change.

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT  
TO THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2006*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation giving America's seniors a new opportunity to benefit from culturally competent multigenerational programs with our young people. Specifically, many older Americans have limited English proficiency and can face difficulties finding younger individuals with whom to communicate because of language barriers. In addition, multilingual young people can act as a valuable communication resource to help increase awareness for seniors on a range of issues.

I became aware of this issue recently while visiting a site for a supportive senior housing project in my district in San Diego. This supportive housing includes affordable housing for low-income seniors, nutrition services, social services, and mental healthcare. The program is in a culturally diverse neighborhood, and therefore, the people whom this program benefits come from a wide variety of backgrounds and speak many languages. The program staff wants to ensure that the seniors in the neighborhood are aware of the programs available to them, and feel comfortable coming to the senior center to receive those services.

But there are major language and cultural barriers to overcome. In this case, young people in the neighborhood, who speak English and another language, could go out into the community to help increase awareness about the programs, and help seniors navigate the programs—the eligibility requirements, the enrollment process, and other vital information.

Mr. Speaker, not only is it important that we do what we can to give older Americans the opportunity to share their wisdom and experiences with younger generations, it is also important that we give young people the opportunity to work with and help seniors. We know about the joy our seniors experience from visiting with younger folks. We must ensure that all segments of our older population have this opportunity and multigenerational programs are an excellent way for seniors and young people to benefit from each other.

My legislation would amend the Older Americans Act, OAA, to encourage and facilitate regular interaction between seniors with limited English proficiency and students with multilingual skills across the United States. Now that we are on the verge of reauthorizing the OAA, I encourage my colleagues to support action to give all of our seniors the gift of multigenerational activities.

WISHING SUCCESS TO THE JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER, PORTIA SIMPSON-MILLER

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 20, 2006*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today enter into the RECORD, the inaugural address of the Most Honorable Portia Lucretia Simpson-Miller, the newly elected Prime Minister of Jamaica.

In her inauguration speech Ms. Simpson-Miller pledged to advance the human rights and individual liberties of the people of Jamaica. Acknowledging that the duty of the state is to protect the society as a whole, she condemned sacrificing individual liberties in execution of that duty. She promised to stamp out corruption and criminality by working closely with the Minister of National Security as well as the law enforcement community to reduce the high rate of crime in Jamaica and provide greater security for the people.

Pointing out that economic transformation cannot take place without an overhaul of the educational system of Jamaica, Ms. Simpson-Miller pledged to provide access to quality education for youth and children. In light of the high unemployment rate in Jamaica—11.5 percent (2005 estimates)—she promised to create jobs and wealth-earning opportunities for the Jamaican people. She vowed to focus her efforts on developing the communities, strengthening democratic governance, and uplifting the poor.

Ms. Simpson-Miller is a champion of the downtrodden and the dispossessed. She is seen as a symbol of the hopes and aspirations of the poor, underprivileged black people, particularly black women of Jamaica. She has really risen through the ranks of the party, coming from a very, very poor section of Jamaica to the highest elected position in the government. She has asserted her commitment to improving the living standards in the destitute communities in Jamaica.

As the first woman Prime Minister of Jamaica and a leader of the people, Ms. Simpson-Miller represents the hopes and wishes of many. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. Simpson-Miller and praying for her success in achieving her goals for her nation.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE HON. PORTIA LUCRETIA SIMPSON-MILLER, MP, PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA

I want to begin by recognizing the source of my strength, Almighty God. Let us stand and pray. Almighty God, in the presence of all here attending; in the presence of the people of this land and everyone else sharing this occasion, I do pay homage to you, in acknowledgement that you are the Sovereign and Supreme Lord God in this island and all the world. As I assume the Office of Prime Minister of all Jamaica, I do so Lord, truly conscious that the glory is yours, and the office, an affirmation of my devotion to you and to all the people of this nation. You laid the foundations of the earth. Lord, lay now, I beseech you, the foundations of the Government, that you have graciously enabled me to lead, so that its purpose be firm, its endeavors right, and its accomplishments blessed. Let it be joy to those through whom you dispense it; bless those who will receive it; and glory to you who give it.

Good Lord, let Jamaica find in me, my colleagues, and all who offer governance under our leadership, complete fulfillment of the righteous Government that you have offered to this nation; let it manifest in removal of blight and poverty; the stigma and loss due to crime and violence; let the radiance of it raise a larger assertion of moral strength and rectitude in our public and private sectors. Unite our people with a stronger sense of compassion and love. Use us as the vessel for your purpose, and the people as instruments of your peace, and prosper us that we may know the joy of your presence and experience the pleasure at your right hand. These we ask of you in faith, believing, giving