

Mr. Speaker, Jack and Donna's contributions to the community of the Napa Valley extend far beyond the boundaries of their own family. Young and old alike have benefited from Jack's involvement as a trustee of the Napa Valley Opera House, and as Chairman of Friends of the Lincoln Theater he led the drive to fund a stunning renovation of this great community theater. Donna has participated in community organizations too numerous to list, but of particular note is her work to end the scourge of gang activity through her participation in drafting the Ten Year Master Plan to End Youth Violence in Napa County. Together and individually, these amazing parents have played an important role in improving the quality of life for Napa County.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the life-long participation of Jack and Donna Morgan in the lives of children their own children, and all of the children of the Napa Valley. They are outstanding role models for all parents, throughout our community.

CONGRATULATING KATHIE AND
JEFF HARNESS ON THEIR 25TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and recognize Kathie and Jeff Harness on their 25th wedding anniversary. Kathie and Jeff met in their home town of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, but not until after college. Kathie has dedicated herself to teaching and raising their family. Jeff works for Federal Screw Works in Michigan, and both he and Kathie enjoy spending time outdoors. The couple has two children, Ellen and Jeffrey.

I am honored to recognize this wonderful couple and wish for them many more years of love and happiness.

IN TRIBUTE TO RICHARD T.
GREENE, THE MAN WHO MADE A
BANK AN INSTITUTION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard T. Greene, an innovator and entrepreneur whose effective leadership helped revitalize and rebuild my Harlem community. Mr. Greene, the man who is recognized as building the largest African American financial institution, Carver Federal Savings, died at his home in Brooklyn last Thursday on August 3, 2006, of heart failure. Mr. Greene's innovative spirit and foresight expanded needed financial services which provided the means for investment within the Harlem community. Under Greene, Carver also showed its support for the people of Harlem through a commitment to helping those less fortunate by creating grants up to \$3,000 each year to 40 to 50 collegebound students in the Harlem community.

Mr. Greene was born on July 18, 1913, in Charleston, SC. At a time when very few African Americans were going to college, Mr. Greene graduated with a degree in business administration from Hampton University and did postgraduate work at New York University and the Wharton School of Banking and Finance. He also attained the rank of major in the U.S. Army during his World War II service, and was awarded an honorary doctorate from St. John's University.

Greene's most noted contribution came through the work he did as the president and director of Carver Federal Savings. Carver Federal Savings was established by business and church leaders in 1949, during a time of racial strife and segregation. It grew to become one of the areas leading financial institutions. Through his tenure, Mr. Greene expanded the bank's presence in Harlem by chiefly investing in one to four-family homes and in churches.

Greene participated in many business development organizations, such as the Harlem Business Alliance, which he co-founded; the Apollo Theater Foundation; and the Harlem Urban Development Corporation (HUDC), on whose boards he served. For several years, he worked with David Rockefeller in the New York City Partnership, Inc. His professional affiliations included service with the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, Second District, from 1989–1992; serving thrift institutions in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and membership in the Washington, D.C.-based American Savings and Loan League, Inc.

I enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the obituary published in the New York Times on August 9, 2006, which provides an insight into Richard T. Greene's humanitarian efforts and accomplishments. He has truly left his mark on the Harlem community, and he will always be remembered for that. He was admired and loved by the community in which he served. What I hope people will remember from his life is that he always found a way to reach in and give back, touching the lives of many. As banks and financial institutions continue to grow and expand in New York and communities like Harlem we must reflect upon the lives and hard work of the individuals whose innovation made such progress possible.

[From The New York Times, Aug. 9, 2006]

RICHARD T. GREENE SR., 93, IS DEAD; MADE A
BANK AN INSTITUTION

(By Michael J. De La Merced)

Richard T. Greene Sr., who for 30 years was the president and a director of the Carver Federal Savings Bank, which he built into the country's largest African-American financial institution, died at his home in Brooklyn last Thursday. He was 93.

The cause was heart failure, his daughter, Cheryl, said.

Established by business and church leaders in Harlem in 1949, Carver grew to become one of the area's enduring institutions. Mr. Greene began his long career there in 1960, when Joseph Davis, the bank's co-founder and president, hired him as an executive assistant. Mr. Greene quickly rose through the ranks, becoming president in 1969.

During his tenure as Carver's president, Mr. Greene presided over a series of expansions, as it opened offices throughout the city and went public in 1994. Carver also suffered hardships, including the savings and loan crisis of the late 1980s, a fire in 1992 that destroyed its headquarters, and increasing

competition from larger institutions like Chase.

"He was perhaps the most critical factor in preventing Carver from getting swept away" in the savings and loan crisis, said Deborah C. Wright, Carver's current president. He avoided the high-risk loans that got other institutions into trouble, chiefly investing in one- to four-family homes and in churches, and kept loans at a relatively low level compared with deposits, she said.

Mr. Greene retired as president in 1995 and as chairman in 1997.

He was also active in many other Harlem institutions. Mr. Greene was a founder of the Harlem Business Alliance and worked with David Rockefeller in the New York City Partnership. He also served on the boards of the Apollo Theater Foundation and the Harlem Urban Development Corporation and established the Carver Scholarship Fund, which gives grants up to \$3,000 each year to 40 to 50 college-bound students in the bank's markets.

Mr. Greene was born on July 18, 1913, in Charleston, SC. He graduated with a degree in business administration from Hampton University in Hampton, VA, in 1938 and served as an Army officer during World War II. In addition to his daughter, Mr. Greene is survived by his wife, Virginia; a son, Richard Jr.; and three grandchildren.

RECOGNIZING JIM HUNT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jim Hunt of Maysville, Missouri. Mr. Hunt will soon be retiring as Director of the Small Business Development Center at Northwest Missouri State University.

As the Director of the Small Business Development Center, Mr. Hunt has provided guidance and valuable experiences to current and prospective small business owners throughout the northwest Missouri region. He has offered his experience and guidance to the enterprising citizens of my district for many years, as those entrepreneurs sought advice on the start-up, expansion, sale, and marketing of their business. His job is especially important, as the collection of small business owners are responsible for growth and sustainability of the entire region.

Before joining the University in 1999, Mr. Hunt was managing the sales and marketing efforts in northwest Missouri for a large agriculture industry most of his life, starting with his family farming operation. Mr. Hunt also has a degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and taught vocational agriculture. These varied experiences have all made for a solid background in advising the small businesses and agriculture roots of northwest Missouri.

Mr. Hunt's efforts became very instrumental in the rebirth of the economy in northwest Missouri. He has worked tirelessly to increase the quality of education and participation of many of the small businesses in the northwest Missouri region. One of his lasting achievements will be the Northern Missouri Business Conference, a joint venture between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Northwest Missouri State University and many local businesses keeping open the dialogue and opportunities for continued growth in this region.