

no action was taken on the committee's suggestion. However, 10 years later, the City of Hayward celebrated its 80th birthday with great fanfare. Though the festivities were considered a success, the planners had encountered a huge problem identifying pioneer residents to ride in the city's anniversary parade. There was no established resource for gathering and providing information on Hayward's past.

The Community Services Committee of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce, chaired by Allen Strutz, decided to take matters into their hands and took steps to begin saving Hayward history. Soon, the Hayward Area Historical Society, HAHS, was born.

The first official election of officers was scheduled for the night of December 6, 1956. Volunteers immediately began gathering members and asking pioneer families to fill out historical questionnaires. Those documents became the foundation for HAHS's extensive archives.

During the ceremony to sign the Society's charter, which took place at the historic Eden Congregational Church, the Society proclaimed its intent to "discover, preserve and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Hayward Area." Among the first artifacts to be donated was a pencil drawing of Mission Dolores and a copy of the Hayward Journal from 1894.

HAHS has reached a number of benchmarks in growth and prosperity over the last fifty years. It has published numerous books, an "Adobe Trails" member newsletter, established a museum, a research library, and has amassed a collection of thousands of historical artifacts, self-produced exhibitions and has been a partner in restoring historical property in Hayward.

As the Hayward Area Historical Society continues its progress, I join the community in wishing them a very happy 50th birthday and continued success.

TRIBUTE TO QUEENIE MARY
WOOTEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Queenie Mary Wooten, a distinguished public servant and citizen of Brooklyn, New York. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding woman and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive service to community.

In 1974, Queenie Mary Wooten received her Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Medgar Evers College. She took additional courses, which enhanced her long and remarkable career in education. Currently, Ms. Wooten is the Coordinator of External Community Programs for Region #5. In addition to networking with East New York and Brownsville city agencies, she serves on the cabinets of Planning Boards #5 and #16.

Ms. Wooten is developing innovative and creative external programs to improve educational and developmental outcomes for students. She coordinates activities with the external community and assists the director with setting priorities and selecting high quality col-

laborative programs. Ms. Wooten mobilizes resources for regional and school priorities, collaborates with schools in Region #5 to create inter-agency regional advisory councils, and volunteers on Planning Board #5, working with the committee on education. Additionally, she works diligently with students to help them get credit for community services.

Ms. Wooten is one of the founders of the American College of Counselors, for the New York Branch, and was recently honored by the Department of Education for 41 years of service. She has received numerous honors and awards for her work, including: an award from Medgar Evers College as one of its first graduates; the Brooklyn Club of the Negro Business & Professional Women's Club Sojourner Truth Award; and the Van Siclen Block Association Education Award. Ms. Wooten has been honored by organizations such as the Women's League of Science and Medicine, Inc., National Sickle Cell Research and the Latin Souls Little League Baseball.

A very active member of her community, Ms. Wooten serves on numerous boards and is the Chair of the North East Committee of Elections. Ms. Wooten has been a faithful member of Grace Baptist Church for the past 35 years. One of 10 children of the late James and Estella Hunt Corely, Ms. Wooten has encountered many challenges during her life and has embraced them all with courage and dignity.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the work of Queenie Mary Wooten. Her deep commitment to her community makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

HONORING FEDERAL JUDGE PAUL
BROWN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to one of the outstanding Federal judges in our Nation, U.S. District Judge Paul Brown, who is retiring after 21 years of distinguished service on the bench in the Eastern District of Texas. Judge Brown has been my good friend for many years, and he is a respected and beloved judge and member of the community in Sherman, Texas.

Judge Brown represents the finest qualities of jurisprudence. Hanging on his wall in the Sherman Federal Courthouse are Socrates' four qualities for a good judge—to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially. Judge Brown embodied all of these qualities, and he dispensed justice accordingly. He was highly regarded, well-respected, and was a role model for many.

Paul Brown was the youngest of a family of six raised on a farm near Pottsboro, TX. He graduated from Denison High School and although underage, he got his parents' consent to join the U.S. Navy when World War II broke out. He served as a minesweeper in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters and as a part of the occupation forces in Japan. He was discharged as an Electrician's Mate 2nd Class in June 1946.

He returned to his studies and received a law degree in 1950 from the University of

Texas before being recalled to active duty in the Korean war. He saw combat aboard a minesweeper which was sunk by mines, and he received an honorable discharge in December 1951.

Judge Brown began his practice of law following the war and following President Dwight Eisenhower's election, he went to work as an assistant U.S. Attorney in Texarkana under U.S. Attorney William Steger, who would become his mentor, good friend, and fellow colleague on the bench in the Eastern District until Judge Steger's passing this year. He served as Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1953 to 1959, then followed in Judge Steger's footsteps as U.S. District Attorney from 1959 to 1961.

While in Texarkana, Judge met and married Frances Morehead, and the two returned home to Sherman, where Judge Brown practiced law for a number of years. In 1985 Senator Phil Graham recommended him to President Ronald Reagan for a new judge's position created for the Eastern District of Texas, and Judge was confirmed that year. He held court in Beaumont, Paris, Sherman, and Texarkana, and as the caseload in Sherman grew, he eventually presided over the Sherman courthouse exclusively.

Premiere cases over the years included intellectual property, patent cases, and criminal cases precipitated by the bank and savings and loan failures of the 1980s and 1990s. In recent years he noted the increase in drug cases and expressed his regret that, in spite of all the efforts that have been made to prosecute drug dealers, the Nation is not making much progress in curtailing the use of drugs. No matter what type of cases came before him, Judge Brown always enjoyed the work and ran an efficient and orderly courtroom. His personal work ethic and judicial integrity have been remarkable, and his reputation for punctuality has been legendary.

At his retirement reception, hundreds of local attorneys, area judges and friends and family paid tribute to Judge Brown. The Eastern District Chief Judge, Thad Heartfield, speaking for the 15 judges on their court, has recommended that Congress name the U.S. District Courthouse in Sherman the "Paul Brown U.S. Courthouse." Judge Heartfield noted that Judge Brown has demonstrated the finest qualities of a U.S. district judge: knowledge of the law, courtesy, patience, wisdom and compassion. It will be my pleasure to introduce legislation to that end.

As we near adjournment of the 109th Congress, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of a great American, outstanding public servant, and respected jurist, the Honorable Paul Brown, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BONNIE
SCHOFIELD

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Bonnie Schofield for her dedication to the community and families she served.

Bonnie has been serving 22 families in Hiko, NV, as a postmaster relief since 1973, 6