

how to work to ameliorate and eradicate torture itself. The RMSC stands firmly as a voice for the voiceless in Colorado and as a beacon of hope for those whose hope has been stolen by torture. Domestic centers like RMSC receive funding from the Office of Refugee Settlement in the Health and Human Services Department and other private sources to assist survivors of torture and war trauma and their families. But levels of funding for the domestic and international parts of this program don't begin to match authorization levels. Domestic torture treatment programs were funded at almost \$10 million in FY 2007 (and have been funded at this same level since 2000), fully \$15 million short of authorized levels. International torture treatment centers were funded at \$8.5 million in FY07, \$4.5 million short of authorized levels. And the U.S. contribution to the U.N. Fund for Victims of Torture was funded at \$6.5 million in FY07, \$1.5 million short of authorized levels.

The Torture Victims Relief Act is vitally necessary for the work of rehabilitation in this country, but the domestic portion of the bill is woefully underfunded to accomplish this task. There are well over 500,000 survivors of torture in America today, many of whom do not get the services they need because of the shortage of funds. The U.N. Fund and international portions of the bill should also be generously funded to ensure America's leadership in the fight against torture throughout the world through partnerships and building capacity at centers devoted to healing of torture victims.

When Congress adopted the Torture Victims Relief Act last year, we made a commitment to ensure our population of victims of torture wouldn't be left behind. Now is the time to fulfill that promise and demonstrate that survivors of torture won't be forgotten on our watch.

So I am pleased that this bill passed overwhelmingly in the House, and I urge my colleagues to demonstrate the same enthusiasm when considering appropriation levels for TVRA programs in the next fiscal year.

TRIBUTE TO BLY STORY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Bly Story, an outstanding citizen from Cave City, AR. His recent death was a great loss to the community and the State of Arkansas.

Bly Story was born on October 18th, 1918, at Cave City, Arkansas. Story was a WWII U.S. Air Force veteran and a farmer. Story strongly believed in giving back to the community, which is why he coached the Tuckerman High School baseball team for 8 years, where he led them to multiple district championship titles and served as the All-State basketball coach for 2 years.

Story also served on the Riceland Food board of directors from 1957 to 2005 and the Arkansas Electric Co-op board of directors from 1999 to 2002.

Bly Story's service to his community and his Nation go far beyond the details enumerated here. He was a great American, a wonderful

friend and a counselor to me. He will be missed by all who loved him.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. JOHN HORACE MOSTELLER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Dr. John Horace Mosteller was a devoted family man, nationally recognized dentist, and dedicated community leader.

As an officer in the United States Navy, dentist, author, special lecturer at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry and Loyola University of New Orleans School of Dentistry, clinical professor at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, and essayist, Dr. Mosteller dedicated his 84 years to helping others.

Dr. Mosteller served as editor of the Journal of the Alabama Dental Association for 42 years and was inducted into the inaugural class of the Alabama Health Care Hall of Fame in 1998. Over the course of his distinguished career, he published more than 250 papers in the dental literature and was author or coauthor of nine books.

It goes without saying that Dr. Mosteller was well known throughout the dental community. He served as an essayist at more than 800 dental meetings in 46 states and a dozen foreign countries, lectured at 43 American universities, and was a national consultant for restorative dentistry to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army for 14 years, a position equivalent to the rank of brigadier general.

Dr. Mosteller had the distinction of serving as the first vice president of the American Dental Association and was a member of the board of trustees of the Alabama Dental Association for 30 years. He was presented with Loyola University's 50th anniversary Award of Merit and was named Dentist of the Year by the Alabama Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

But his contributions did not end in the professional arena—Dr. Mosteller devoted much of his time to the Mobile community. He was a member of the Mobile Kiwanis Club and chairman of the dental division of the United Fund. When his busy schedule did allow for free time, you could likely find Dr. Mosteller at the Mobile Country Club, where he was a member for 50 years and served as both board member and president.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. Dr. John Horace Mosteller will be deeply missed by his family—his children, Matt Mosteller, Charles Mosteller, Cynthia Mosteller, Nancy Mosteller Hoffman, Mary Lou Mosteller, Pauline Mosteller Danner, and Barbara Mosteller Price and his 15 grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes:

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Chairman, I rise in fervent support of H.R. 1429, the Improving Head Start Act. This bill represents one of the most important pieces of legislation that Congress will deliberate because it affects a countless number of our young children and helps prepare them for a lifetime of learning and success.

Specifically, I applaud and support Congresswoman JOHNSON's amendment which addresses the need of engaging low-income and minority students, who overwhelmingly attend HCBU's, and provides them with additional opportunities to train in early childhood education at the undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels.

These same college students would then be required to teach in Head Start programs educating students who share similar backgrounds and family situations.

Mr. Chairman, the Johnson amendment is a win-win for our college students, our beginning students, and for the health and future of this country.

Research verifies what we already understand, that the earlier our children are engaged in the learning process the higher their chances of success later in school and in life.

Head Start promotes school readiness by providing our youngest students with early reading and math skills, enhancing their social and cognitive development, and providing them with health, nutritional, and other services.

By addressing the educational needs of our youngest children early on, we will increase our chances of closing existing achievement gaps. I urge all of my colleagues to support the Johnson Amendment, and the Improving Head Start Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAUPACK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. CARNEY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Paupack United Methodist Church. The Paupack United Methodist Church in Paupack, Pennsylvania is a long-standing institution and contributor to our community.

Originally founded in 1807 as the Paupack Methodist Episcopal Church, they will celebrate their 200th anniversary in July. The church was founded after the first American Methodist Bishop, Francis Asbury, sent a