

leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him. Mr. Baumhauer is survived by his wife, Bettye Clements Baumhauer of Mobile; three daughters, Uan Mejia, Lea McQueen, and Carey Golden; 4 step-children; 6 grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; and his longtime caregiver, Adele Tate. May his family know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of all who loved and appreciated Mr. Baumhauer as they did.

UNITED STATES CARIBBEAN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 30, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to express praise and support for H.R. 176, introduced by Representative BARBARA LEE.

This bill would provide financial assistance for an educational exchange program for U.S. and Caribbean students and enhance training for Caribbean educators. A program such as this would enable students from the U.S. and the Caribbean to gain a wealth of academic and cultural knowledge. Further, it would contribute to enhancing the relationship the U.S. has with its Caribbean neighbors.

This past June, heads of state from the Caribbean visited Washington, DC for a week long conference. I attended meetings with them to learn more about the needs of their countries and to begin a dialogue that would foster closer diplomatic relations. I learned more about the Caribbean nations difficult challenges with widespread poverty, crime, and drug addiction.

While I and others in the executive and legislative branches of government worked towards strengthening our government-to-government ties, non-governmental organizations and ordinary citizens meet in seminars organized to foster closer people-to-people ties.

I am particularly concerned about trade, economic growth, and national security, all of which have a connection to the social challenges in some Caribbean nations.

Due to globalization and other advances in technology, the world is getting smaller and thus competition in the marketplace will be more rigorous. In order for people of the Caribbean to compete in the future marketplace, they will need an education in the characteristics of globalization.

It is clear that education is a key ingredient to resolving poverty, not only in the U.S., but in the Caribbean as well. The lack of opportunities to receive an education has far reaching implications. This bill offers some help with addressing the social issues that are threatening the health and stability of the Caribbean, which has a direct connection to limited educational opportunities. It is important for the U.S. to play a role in uplifting the people of the Caribbean.

I applaud Representative LEE for introducing this bill and highlighting the need for the U.S. to create strong educational exchange programs with the Caribbean. I urge my col-

leagues to support this bill. Supporting this bill will affirm the U.S. interest in building relationships with the Caribbean, which strengthen the ties between our people and have a lasting beneficial impact upon the region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 758, I was unavoidably absent; had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 759, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 760, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 761, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 762, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO MR. P.T. WRIGHT

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. P.T. Wright, the Acting Deputy Director of the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program, who was recently awarded the prestigious Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive.

This award was given for his extraordinary contributions to the security of our Nation over the course of a U.S. border management career spanning 33 years. This award is presented to a small number of federal senior executives who have made significant accomplishments throughout their careers in the Federal Government. Mr. P.T. Wright first began his career with the former U.S. Customs Service on August 30, 1973, and has held key positions in customs and border protection management in Washington, DC, El Paso, Texas, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Nogales, Arizona.

Mr. Wright also serves as the U.S. team leader on the U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Technical Working Group and the U.S.-Canadian Bi-National Technical Working group for the implementation of the US-VISIT program. In recognition of his work with Mexico and Canada, he has received the National Narcotics Officers Association Customs Award and the European Commission-Sanctions Ambassador's Peace Recognition Award.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this time to recognize Acting Deputy Director P.T. Wright, a fellow public servant working to help improve our Nation's security.

A TRIBUTE TO CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA, RESPONDERS FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF TWO YOUNG CHILDREN

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to several local responders in

southwest Alabama whose heroic actions helped to save the lives of two toddlers.

John Thomas Atchison and Cole Hicks accidentally fell into the backyard pool of their daycare and were unresponsive when they were discovered. Dispatchers were immediately called for help, and Alabama State Trooper Daryl Linder was the first one on the scene. Moments later, Jackson Police officer Carey Slayton arrived, and both began administering CPR on the toddlers. Many others began arriving on the scene, including Dr. Jared Ellis, who had heard about the incident.

The boys were flown to the University of South Alabama Women's and Children's Hospital. For the next 6 weeks, Cole Hicks was hospitalized in Mobile and then transferred to Birmingham. He is still recovering and undergoing physical therapy daily. Even though Cole still faces a long road to recovery, he is alive and that is all that matters to his parents and the people that rescued him that day.

As for John Thomas Atchison, the 2-year old became responsive and started breathing on his own soon after the officers started giving him CPR. Today, he is a healthy young boy with no serious damage from the accident.

The Alabama State Legislature as well as the Clarke County Commission have passed resolutions honoring the men and women that saved these two young boys including: Alabama State Trooper Daryl Linder, Jackson Police officer Carey Slayton, Jackson Police officer Barry Fowler, Dr. Jared Ellis, EMT Scott Flach, Alan Rutledge, EMT Stacey Rutledge, Kenny Reeves, EMT Rodney Johnson and registered nurse Henry Eubanks.

Madam Speaker, the dedication of the men and women who responded that day is a testimony to local law enforcement agencies and their commitment to their job and community. I am truly grateful to have men and women like this serving our local districts.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE—ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

This year marks the anniversary of the creation of the civil rights organization that contributed to significant change in the United States. Founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy, and other ministers whose moral vision led to them becoming civil rights leaders, the organization was originally named the Southern Leadership Conference on Transportation and Nonviolent Integration. The original name embodied the spirit of addressing civil rights issues nonviolently, Christian beliefs, and the goal of desegregating buses in Montgomery, Alabama. The organization's strength and support was rooted in the Black church community.

Through mobilizing the black community in Montgomery to walk and share car rides to destinations for almost a year, this organization successfully led a bus boycott which resulted in desegregation of buses. This event