

congratulations and wishing him the very best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE DENTON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL HEALTH TEAM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate four members of the Denton County Correctional Health Team for being accredited "Certified Correctional Health Providers" by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. The four health care providers are Medical Lt. John Kissinger, Medical Sgt. Shannon Sprabary, Standards and Quality Assurance Provider Dr. Randall Kesseler, and Juvenile Health Supervisor Caren Curtis.

The National Commission on Correctional Health Care certification is the highest level of certification for correctional health providers. This is a great honor as there are only 2,000 certified health care providers in all of the correctional facilities in the United States. The Health Department runs a full medical facility in the Denton County facility, and provides emergency, routine and chronic care for over 1,000 inmates.

The individual and team accomplishments of these members contribute greatly to the safety and security of all inmates of the facility. I am very proud of their dedication to their community and country. It is my honor to represent these men and women, and I wish them continued successes in the future. Their persistence and commitment should serve as an inspiration to us all.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ALISHA HASTILOW FOR PLACING SECOND IN THE MANCHESTER UMBRO INTERNATIONAL CUP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM TURNER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the work and achievements of William Turner. William is the second child born to the union of William and Mary Turner of Tampa, Florida. William spent his childhood years in Tampa and later migrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with his uncle Samuel Turner. He left Pennsylvania for New York where he studied at Pace University, Long Island University, Columbia University, New York University, Hofstra University and Brooklyn College.

William has been an entrepreneur in the Bedford-Stuyvesant Community for more than 45 years, primarily as President of Cross Boro Realty. He is also a licensed insurance broker, certified general appraiser and tax consultant. He has served on the Bedford-Stuyvesant Real Estate Board as president, chairman, vice-president, and secretary. He has also served as president of the Real Estate Non-Profit Housing Company, chairman of the Legal Defense Fund, chairman of the Journal Committee and elected to the honorary position of ambassador at large.

William has initiated and coordinated several programs, among them: The development of a strong educational program for members of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Real Estate Board which allows them to survive one of the worst housing crises in our Nation's history; assisted board members in winning 7 of 9 Housing and Urban Development area managers' contracts, and; presented testimony on redlining in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area to a legislative panel chaired by the Honorable Shirley Chisholm.

William is married to his lovely wife, Melanie Turner. He is the proud father of 3 daughters, Sheila, Joyce, and Karen; three granddaughters, Fallon, Melanie, Jazmine; and 1 grandson, Ronald Cartledge III.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the contributions of William Turner. He has been a pillar of the Bedford-Stuyvesant business community for years.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to William Turner.

COMMENDING Q'S CREW FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the team members of Q's Crew, which was recently honored by the Greater North Jersey Chapter of the National MS Society for raising the most money as a rookie team during the annual MS walk this past April. They also received the Mission Possible Award for raising more than \$20,000 in that endeavor.

Q's Crew gets its name from Gloria Marquis, who succumbed to MS just prior to the walk. Her son, Joe, and his then-fiancée, now-

wife, Tatiana, jointly captained this team. Gloria lived with MS for many years. And, her family lived through it with her with courage and grace and dignity. In the end, Gloria regrettably was unable to make it to Joe and Tatiana's wedding in August; but her spirit was ever-present and she will surely be watching over this young couple's life together.

Tatiana also serves as my district director and I know firsthand of her extraordinary sense of public service. The energy and determination that Tatiana and Joe have demonstrated in raising funds for and awareness of multiple sclerosis and the example they have provided for other families living with MS are a tremendous contribution to the community in which they have grown up and now live as husband and wife.

I was proud to join Tatiana, Joe, and the rest of Q's Crew at the MS walk in April. And, I continue to be proud of all that they do to fight MS.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE HENRY HYDE OF ILLINOIS

SPEECH OF

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my deepest condolences on the loss of Congressman Henry Hyde. It is a great honor to have known him and served with Henry, a dedicated public servant whose devotion to his constituency, values, and country was rivaled by few.

Though I only shared a single term in the House of Representatives with Congressman Hyde, I felt privileged to serve with him in the Illinois congressional delegation. A man well-known for his eloquent speeches, Henry Hyde was a legend throughout Illinois and the entire country.

Throughout his 32-year tenure in the House of Representatives, Congressman Hyde proved to be an intellectual powerhouse, commanding respect for the strong arguments and stimulating debate that he brought to the House. A true statesman, Henry was known for his ability to bring opposing sides of a debate together to find a consensus for the good of the country.

In the House, Congressman Hyde was influential on matters of international importance, having chaired both the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on International Relations. I have particularly great respect for his eloquent voice on American foreign policy during the Cold War.

For his public service and great contributions to America throughout his career, not the least of which was his brave service in the Navy during World War II, Congressman Hyde was recently recognized with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Awarded by the President and given only to those individuals who have made an especially meritorious contribution to the security or national interests of the United States, this is the Nation's highest civilian honor.

A man who always stayed true to his faith, Henry Hyde was unwavering in defending his values and beliefs with every word he spoke.

In the end, I will always admire Henry for his basic belief that the law exists to protect the weak from the strong, and his willingness to fight for this principle.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only to honor Henry Hyde, a great man, but to recognize the impact he has made on our country. America no doubt will feel the loss of this man who so deeply committed himself to his country. I count myself lucky that I had the opportunity to serve with him. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1957, the chamber has continued to play a key role in promoting economic prosperity in the greater Springfield region. Currently, the organization is composed of 280 businesses that are involved in a variety of local ventures, ranging from restaurants to government contracting. Drawing from a wealth of business knowledge and experience, member companies work in concert with local government officials and residents on behalf of the Springfield community.

The greater Springfield region is home to a vibrant economy where small and large businesses are forced to contend with a number of challenging economic issues. Recognizing these challenges, the chamber remains committed to aiding business as they navigate this dynamic economic landscape. President Stubbs has led a recent initiative to analyze the Base Realignment and Closure, BRAC, program and to assess its potential impact on local businesses. Another recent chamber study has focused on helping small businesses cope with the threat of pandemic flu.

Strong leadership and solid organization have contributed to the chamber's record of success. Under the guidance of current chamber president Vincent Stubbs and executive director Nancy-jo Manney, chamber membership and activities have continued to expand. Chamber executives and officers work alongside the organization's executive advisory council and the chamber board to identify areas of interest and chart the course of economic progress.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce on 50 years of success. They have become a strong organization committed to serving the interests of their members and their community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the chamber members' past accomplishments and in wishing them the best of luck in the many years to come.

CONGRATULATING MR. RICE M. TILLEY, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Rice M. Tilley, Jr., practicing attorney with Haynes and Boone, LLP, as the recipient of the 2007 "Distinguished Citizens Award" from the Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Tilley practices law in the Northern District Court of Texas, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit. He has over 40 years of experience in the fields of taxation, estate planning, and business formation, among others.

Mr. Tilley is very active in his community and holds positions on the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Fort Worth, and The University of North Texas' Board of Regents, as well as other organizations.

The leadership skills Mr. Tilley possesses are evident through not only his profession, but his charitable and community work as well.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Rice M. Tilley, Jr., on receiving this award, and I praise his dedication, commitment, and desire to help his community and country. I am honored to represent him in the 26th District of Texas.

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Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brooklyn resident, Rev. Rush

Geneva Richburg. Reverend Richburg was born and raised in Summerton, SC, and is the 15th of 21 children. Her parents are the late Reverend Gussie Pearson and Mrs. Geneva Pearson.

Reverend Richburg, a member of the New Canaan Baptist for 18 years, was called to be an evangelist in 1990 and ordained as a reverend in 2004. She has served as president of the New Canaan's Christian Women's Fellowship; vice president of the Pastor's Aide Club Ministry; chaplain of the Sunday school department; and as a member of the block association.

Reverend Richburg was married to Frank Richburg, Sr., for 32 years prior to his death. Of that union, four children were born: Frank, Jr., Jeremiah, Theresa, and Harry. She also has 14 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I commend Rev. Rush Geneva Richburg for her contributions to her church and her community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this wonderful woman.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LATE CONGRESSMAN AUGUSTUS FREEMAN "GUS" HAWKINS

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the passing of our former colleague and my fellow Angeleno, Augustus Freeman Hawkins.

I had the privilege of meeting Congressman Hawkins on several occasions during the years he served with my father, Congressman Edward R. Roybal, and I was struck by his warmth, intelligence, courage, and his dedication to serving the people of his Los Angeles congressional district.

Known affectionately as "Gus" to his colleagues and friends, Congressman Hawkins served his Los Angeles-area community, the State of California and the Nation with distinction. Dedicating his life to public service, Congressman Hawkins served for 27 years in the California Assembly and 28 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

His entry into Congress in 1962 could not have come at a more auspicious time. With the Civil Rights Movement already coming to the forefront of our Nation's consciousness, Congressman Hawkins became a powerful advocate for civil rights for all Americans. As the first African-American from the western United States to serve in the House of Representatives, he keenly understood the importance of the minority voice in American politics, and he worked to magnify this voice by becoming a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus. The CBC's current success can be traced back to Congressman Hawkins' vision and commitment to the organization in its formative years.

His achievements during his nearly three-decade tenure as a legislator are too numerous to recount. He was chairman of the powerful House Education and Labor Committee and the House Administration Committee, and he used his role as chairman to champion critical civil rights measures that expanded opportunities for millions of Americans.