

was recognized in 2003, 2004, and 2005 as a Young Leaders Fellow for the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. She has been recognized by the nominating committee of Catholic Health Association and as honorary chairperson of the National Black Family Summit. George Washington University has presented her with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medal for Human Rights and Virginia Union University has named her an outstanding alumna.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Roslyn McCallister Brock. Her motto is an African proverb: "Care more than others think is wise, Risk more than others think is safe, Dream more than others think is practical and Expect more than others think is possible." She embodies these words every day as she strives to enhance our society and bring about a better life for our most vulnerable citizens.

OBSERVING THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 3, 2008*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, we should remember that this year is the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a man of peace, a man of love, a man of nonviolence. We should pause in thanks for the great contributions he made to make our country a better place. What he did in organizing and leading the Montgomery Bus Boycott more than 50 years ago, liberated not just a people but an entire nation.

Dr. King followed in the tradition of a very long and distinguished list of men and women who made unbelievable contributions to America and the world at large. The life works and contributions of these people continue to inspire us and will inspire generations yet to be born. Whether in education, sports, politics, business, medicine, the arts and sciences, one can turn the pages and see these unbelievable individuals' faces as part of our his-

tory. These individuals, whether it's Jackie Robinson, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Ralph Bunche, Rosa Parks, Joe Louis, they are all members of a cadre that must be looked upon as contributors to a better America. At this point, this juncture, we celebrate their lives and their contributions.

A TRIBUTE TO RUBY N. HOLMES

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 3, 2008*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the achievements and celebrate the 80th birthday of Ruby N. Holmes. Born in Laurens, South Carolina in 1928, Ruby was raised in a large share-cropping family. Her father was a minister and her mom a missionary.

Ruby migrated to New York City in the late 1940s after becoming the first of 14 children to graduate college. She attended Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina where she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Ruby then earned a bachelor's degree in education from Pace University and a master's degree in early childhood education from Adelphi University.

Ruby married Martin L. Holmes, now deceased, after settling in Brooklyn and raised a family in the Farragut Houses. When her children were school aged, she began a career as an early childhood educator, working 30 years at the Brevoort Children's Center as a group teacher before her retirement.

Ruby is a member of the Church of the Open Door. She is the former Women's Day chairperson; a trustee; Sunday school teacher; member of the Silver Singers; Open Book Club; the Anna and James Ministry; as well as member and past coordinator of the Senior's Ministry. She is involved in social action in her community and is a former member of the Farragut Community Board.

Ruby is the mother of two daughters Karen and Cheryl Holmes. She is also the grandmother to Paul Williams and Schuyler Burke.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Ruby N. Holmes, on her 80th birthday and let her know how much she is appreciated by all of those whose lives she has touched.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ruby N. Holmes.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD TULISANO

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 3, 2008*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life and political legacy of former Connecticut State representative, Richard Tulisano. Richard passed away on Wednesday, February 20, 2008.

Richard was a giant in Connecticut State politics for over three decades. His political career began in 1976 when he was elected to represent the 29th District in Connecticut's General Assembly. During his tenure, he served as the chairman for the judiciary committee from 1979 to 1985 and 1987 to 1993 and the house majority whip until his retirement in 2001. Following retirement from the General Assembly, he served as chief of staff for House Speaker Moira Lyons, a position he would retain until his passing.

I had the privilege to serve with Richard during my tenure in Connecticut's General Assembly and saw firsthand his fearless defense of individual rights, freedom of speech, and tenacious advocacy for "the little guy." He was known at times for a gruff exterior, but beneath it was a heart of pure gold. He taught me a lot about being a good legislator, but even more important about being a good person.

The outpouring of people and accolades in the wake of his passing was a testament of how revered and admired he was. Also his wife Beverley was as much a part of his wonderful life story. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in celebrating Richard's life and offering condolences to his family.