

Their work and that of the other studios across the country are making all the difference—ensuring that a quality education is an opportunity for all and truly making education a right and not a privilege.

This week, as we recognize the invaluable contributions made to all of our communities by volunteers, I am proud to stand and pay tribute to the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and the hundreds of individuals who volunteer their time to make their mission possible. There are no words of praise that can describe the extraordinary impact of this organization. There is no doubt that their good work will continue to open the doors of opportunity to others for generations to come.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF BRENDA BUSH

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Brenda Bush.

A native of Andalusia, Alabama, Brenda Bush moved to Crestview, Florida, located in Florida's First Congressional District, in 1986—a place where her footsteps were planted and will never wash away.

Mrs. Bush was an active member in the business, civic, and church communities. In 1993, Brenda Bush was elected to the Crestview City Council, where she continually served her community with passion and commitment to excellence. Mrs. Bush was also a member of the Okaloosa County League of Cities, Northwest Florida League of Cities, Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization, and Economic Development Council. An active member of First Baptist Church of Crestview, Mrs. Bush served on various committees and as a Sunday school teacher. She was a member of the North Okaloosa Unit of the American Cancer Society, Woman's Club of Crestview, and Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce. Her service to the Northwest Florida community was not uncommon to all who knew her and all who were blessed by her presence, as it played a role in her daily life.

To some Brenda Bush will be remembered as a public servant and dear colleague, and to others an educator and volunteer. She will long be remembered by her family and friends as a woman of strong Christian faith, a loving and compassionate mother, grandmother, wife, and companion; and we will all remember her passion and generosity. Mrs. Bush touched a number of lives. We will forever be grateful and forever be inspired by her life.

Mrs. Bush is survived by her husband, Jim, three children, and three grandchildren. To her family and friends, I would like to offer my sincere condolences. Northwest Florida has suffered a great loss.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor the life of Brenda Bush and her living legacy.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROLAND ROEBUCK

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Roland Roebuck, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Roebuck is a Virgin Islander who has served the Government of the District of Columbia, his adopted community, in an exemplary manner, for 25 years. Roland, or Rolando, as those in the Hispanic community affectionately refer to him, has been an advocate for the social, economic and political causes of people of color.

Roland grew up on St. Croix, the protégé of a Puerto Rican mother and a Crucian father, where he was able to bridge the two cultures and gain the best of both worlds.

Later, he served in the U.S. Air Force, giving back to the Nation that he loves, before furthering his education and earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the District of Columbia.

In 1984, Roland joined the District of Columbia Government and worked in various positions over the years. He excelled in ensuring that the rights of Latinos were protected and facilitated the understanding of their cultures and more.

As a guardian of culture, Roland travelled around the world, giving lectures and workshops in understanding the lives of others who were different. As a former board member of the St. Croix Landmark Society, he used the opportunity to dialogue with the people of Denmark, a country that sold the then Danish Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25,000,000 in 1917, to preserve and incorporate their influences on the lives of Virgin Islanders. He assisted in developing an archival program that has allowed my constituents to search their genealogical connections and get a sense of their ancestry.

Roland is a dependable, compassionate person, who truly cares about those with whom he has come in contact. His responsiveness to those who seek his knowledge and wisdom, speak to his dedication. He is always there, giving support to his family, friends and community and he has left a fitting legacy in the Government of the District of Columbia that others will do well to exemplify.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and my family, my entire staff and the communities of the United States Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia, let me express our gratitude to Roland for his many contributions over the years. We know that he will continue to work on behalf of his many causes as he begins his retirement. Roland, thank you for a job well done.

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HONORING THE YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th

Anniversary of Youth Educational Services, an innovative community-based organization at Humboldt State University in Humboldt County, California.

Youth Educational Services (YES) trains students for volunteer positions throughout the community, encouraging leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. This well-directed service aids students in becoming successful in all aspects of program direction and management. The skills developed at YES open up a variety of future career opportunities and many students who once served as volunteers have gone on to have a positive impact in Humboldt County and around the world.

Over the past 40 years, YES has created over 70 volunteer programs that address the diverse needs of local residents and provide students with a myriad of service-learning opportunities. Their efforts facilitate active student participation in social change by addressing the needs of the local community.

A wide range of local organizations began as programs at Youth Educational Services, contributing to the overall health of our community. Outstanding examples include, Humboldt Open Door Clinic, which provides high quality, affordable, accessible health care and education to the county; Humboldt State University's Campus Center for Appropriate Technology, an on-campus educational center for sustainable technology and resource conservation; and 4-H Trail, a therapeutic horseback riding program for children with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate that we recognize the Youth Educational Services program at Humboldt State University for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the community over the last 40 years.

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HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH BEND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. The South Bend Symphony Orchestra has been an integral part of cultural growth in the South Bend community since its inception in 1932. Thanks to the efforts of the orchestra's first president and concept manager Ella May Morris, people from around the world have enjoyed the opportunity to hear the South Bend Symphony perform for over seven decades.

I should first pay tribute to the tireless efforts of Maestro Tsung Yeh, the music director and conductor of the symphony orchestra. His nineteen-year tenure at the South Bend Symphony Orchestra helped it become an outstanding orchestra. Maestro Yeh is praised around the world for conducting the South Bend Symphony and at venues in Singapore.

I also recognize the group of talented musicians that comprise the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. These professional musicians moved to our community from the finest music schools and conservatories around the world. We are grateful for their gifts to the community.