

HONORING THE LOUISIANA
HONORAIR VETERANS

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a very special group from South Louisiana.

On May 3, 2008 a group of 96 veterans and their guardians will fly to Washington with a very special program. Louisiana HonorAir is providing the opportunity for these veterans from my home state of Louisiana to visit Washington, DC on a chartered flight free of charge. During their visit, they will visit Arlington National Cemetery and the World War II Memorial. For many, this will be their first and only opportunity to see these sights dedicated to the great service they have provided for our nation.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their unselfish service.

HONORING JOSE DE ARMAS Y
CARDENAS

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART
OF FLORIDA

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Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Jose de Armas y Cardenas, a prominent Cuban journalist who wrote under the pseudonym Justo de Lara.

From the time of his birth in 1866 in Guanabacoa, Cuba, Mr. de Armas y Cardenas was taught the fundamentals of journalism and literature by his parents Jose de Armas y Cespedes, the editor of La Nacion newspaper and his mother Fermina de Cardenas, a noted feminist, who founded and was the editor of the Pink Pages newspaper.

After being educated as a lawyer Mr. de Armas y Cardenas began his remarkable and prolific journalistic career at his father's newspaper, La Nacion. He then went on to found El Peregrino magazine in Madrid, Spain, and La Avispa magazine in Havana and New York. He also served as a journalist for The New York Sun and New York Herald newspapers. While working for The Sun during Cuban War of Independence and later during the Spanish-American War he became an official translator of conversations between Cuban General Calixto Garcia and U.S. Lt. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

But his career as a journalist was not enough to satisfy Mr. de Armas y Cardenas' intellectual curiosity. Mr. de Armas y Cardenas was fluent in Spanish, Italian, French and English. He also became a distinguished Cervantes scholar and in 1916 was the only Spanish-speaking person to be named by the Government of the United Kingdom to be a member of a commission responsible for the celebration of the life and work of William Shakespeare.

Although Mr. de Armas y Cardenas passed away in 1919 he continues to posthumously serve as an example to all true journalists throughout the world. So much so that the

Florida House of Representatives recently honored Mr. de Armas y Cardenas by designating March 28, 2008 as "Spanish Language Journalism Day in Honor of Justo de Lara."

Madam Speaker, I am proud to join my fellow Floridians in honoring Mr. de Armas y Cardenas for being an exemplary model for journalists of calling everywhere.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDRE CARSON
OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on a resolution that was passed in the House on April 14, 2008. H. Res. 994 expresses support for designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day.

Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia is an inherited, rare bleeding disorder that affects many men, women and children. The disease can present symptoms in these patients ranging from minimal bleeding to life-threatening hemorrhages. This serious disease deserves careful attention within the medical community and I am pleased this resolution brought attention to this issue.

I was regrettably detained from casting my vote, but had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on the resolution.

IN SUPPORT OF GO SKATE-
BOARDING DAY, JUNE 21, 2008

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the International Association of Skateboarding Companies for their work promoting increased participation and safety in skateboarding among children and adults alike. The association, and skaters across the country, will recognize and celebrate National Go Skateboarding Day on June 21, 2008.

Skateboarding, a native sport of my home State of California, continues to attract new riders every day and has grown into a major domestic industry and employer. Today, we see the sport throughout our country. From major metropolitan cities to small heartland towns, we see skateboard shops and skateboard parks creating opportunities for outdoor recreation, at a time when the health and physical activity of our citizens is in crisis.

This truly unique sport has grown up with our younger Americans, and has influenced untold aspects of our culture and society. While once thought of as a sport for the young, many of the top tier skateboarders are now older than many top tier athletes in more traditional sports, proving it is simply a sport for the young at heart.

Anyone who has seen skateboarding in the media or watched a skateboarder perfect their trade knows that it is a sport of intense discipline. As is true with traditional sports, many skateboarders learn larger life lessons from the activity. Persistence, discipline, creativity, individuality, community, risk-taking skills, and

accomplishing one's goals are all important character traits that can carry over into real world success.

Go Skateboarding Day will further promote this worthwhile sport. According to the association, "Go Skateboarding Day, an international event, began in 2004. Each year the holiday grows bigger and better than last. Skateboard parks, skateboard shops, cities and skateboarders plan events such as barbecues, fundraisers, contests, or simply took to the streets."

The work of the International Association of Skateboarding Companies has promoted skateboarding and encouraged young people to enjoy the outdoors and exercise while strengthening their coordination, focus, and cardiovascular health. Skateboarding builds confidence and self-esteem while promoting teamwork and group participation. As a representative in Congress, one of my most important priorities is promoting and maintaining healthy living opportunities, and I thank the International Association of Skateboarding Companies for their efforts toward this important goal.

I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledgement and support of Go Skateboarding Day, this June 21st.

SAGEN BLACKWELL

HON. BOB INGLIS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise to highlight the accomplishments of Sagen Blackwell, a 15-year-old from Woodruff, South Carolina.

In 2006, Sagen visited Walter Reed with her family and saw the sacrifices made by America's heroic servicemembers. She felt called to service, so she started by sending care packages to Walter Reed.

In April 2007, Sagen became President of the South Carolina Society of Children of the American Revolution. For her State project, she chose to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project.

So far, Sagen has raised over \$50,000 through a variety of fundraising initiatives, including the Carolinas Challenge Soldier Ride. She has touched the lives of over 500 families. Sagen's service is an example to us all.

She shows us the difference that one person can make, when we answer the call to service that we feel in our hearts. America's future is bright in the hands of a generation of Sagens.

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HON. TOM UDALL
OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today the House will take one of the final steps in securing a long overdue resolution to a dispute between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County in the State of New