

called a coalition of activists together to plan the Poor People's campaign, and he held that meeting at Paschal's. The restaurant James and his brother founded played a major role in the Civil Rights Movement.

James Paschal was a wonderful man, a very quiet man. He was very businesslike. He was always concerned that we were comfortable and checked often to make sure the food and service were to our liking. He would ask, "Is everything all right, sir? How are you doing, sir?" He was very polite and spoke to us with dignity and respect. He was a true gentleman.

There was something so stable, so dependable, so real about James Paschal. His very personality, his very being was as solid as a rock. He was very supportive of the Movement in his own quiet, deliberate way. Sometimes, when we were having a major crisis, James Paschal might decide to host the meeting—give us our meals on the house—to help facilitate our planning and action. After Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral, many of us went to eat at Paschal's. It was like a home away from home.

We were more than lucky and very blessed that a man named James Paschal came our way. He made a lasting contribution to the free exercise of civil rights in America, not just for African Americans, but all Americans. He will be deeply missed.

#### TRIBUTE TO GOV. LAWTON MAINO

### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the life and legacy of Governor Lawton Mainor Chiles, Jr., on the 10th anniversary of his death. Throughout his 40 years of public service, Governor Chiles was committed to the betterment of Florida's children and families, as well as healthcare for all. As he stated in his 1997 State of the State Address, "To be a successful State, we must nurture successful children."

Governor Chiles' political career, which began in 1958 with his election to the Florida House of Representatives, was proven to be successful when he would continue to have the distinction of never losing an election. Governor Chiles was elected to the United States Senate in 1970 for the term commencing January 3, 1971, and was reelected in 1976 and again in 1982. He served as chairman of the Senate Budget Committee during the Reagan years, as well as chairman of the Special Committee on Aging and the Committee on the Budget. During his 1970 U.S. Senate campaign, Chiles became known as "Walkin' Lawton" after a 91-day walk across Florida from Pensacola to Key West.

His 1,003 mile walk across Florida not only displayed his utmost devotion to his home State, but his dedication to Medicaid reform initiatives such as the Women, Infants and Children, WIC, food program and increased funding for prenatal care and childhood immunizations while serving his three terms in the U.S. Senate proved that he was truly a man of the people.

In 1990, Governor Chiles was elected the 41st Governor of Florida. He was the first

Democratic governor in State history to have a Republican-controlled legislature. A fourth generation Floridian, Chiles continued to advocate health coverage for the uninsured in Florida, the promotion of adoption, raising standards for education, and fighting back against big tobacco. Additionally, he fought for the creation of regional healthcare alliances throughout the State. The alliances allowed small businesses to pool their healthcare dollars and broaden coverage while saving money. He also created the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Florida Healthy Start program.

The Governor and First Lady Rhea Chiles have four children: Tandy Chiles Barrett, Lawton (Bud) Chiles III, Ed Chiles and Rhea Chiles.

On this 10th anniversary of Governor Chiles' passing, let us remember him for his outstanding public service, his commitment to children and families, his dedication to his State and country, and his contributions to our Nation's history. Governor Chiles once said, "I didn't come to stay. I came to make a difference." He truly made a difference, and this proves to be remarkably consistent and in tune with his original vision.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MAURICE WRIGHT, M.D.

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Dr. Maurice Wright. Dr. Wright is the chief of the Emergency Department and president of the Medical Board at the Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center. A graduate of Fordham University and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, he did his medical training at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital from 1987 to 1990, after which he continued to work in the Emergency Department as an attending and later as the assistant director until 1997.

Dr. Wright joined the Woodhull Staff on April 1997 as the associate director of the Emergency Department and was promoted to chief of the Emergency Department in 1998. In addition, he has held several academic appointments, including assistant clinical professor of medicine at Columbia University and Medical Director of the Harlem CUNY Physician Assistant Program at the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Sciences. He is also a member of several professional organizations, including the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), The American College of Physicians (ACP), the National Association of Public Hospitals Health System (NAPHHS), and is also a graduate of the Physician Leadership Institute of the NAPHHS '03.

As a visionary leader, he strives to foster teamwork and inspire excellence. While managing a high volume emergency department, he has achieved a high standard of care that is responsive to community needs and concerns. Among his accomplishments at Woodhull, Dr. Wright embarked on a continuous clinical performance improvement program with outstanding results in cardiac, asthma and abdominal pain care among others. This vigorous program is supported by evidence-based practice guidelines and frequent

emergency medicine conferences. He was recently honored by the New York State Physician Assistant Society as its Physician of the Year for his clinical teaching and leadership.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Maurice Wright for his extraordinary accomplishments at the Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Maurice Wright.

#### 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to urge all governments to uphold the principles established in the declaration. Although 48 countries committed to promoting and protecting the rights of all human beings, human rights violations continue to occur around the world, especially in Vietnam.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Vietnam, I am extremely concerned that despite Vietnam's many pledges to respect international norms, the Government of Vietnam continues to arrest and imprison individuals for peacefully exercising their freedom of speech and the right to assemble.

Today, I and several colleagues sent a letter to the Prime Minister of Vietnam advocating for the release of Pham Thanh Ngien and Nguyen Hoang Hai, two Vietnamese democracy activists who are currently being detained for peacefully exercising their freedom of speech and right to assemble. The letter also strongly urges the government to recommit itself to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recognize that all persons are born with fundamental rights and that it is our collective responsibility to uphold those rights.

We all have a responsibility to not only stand up for freedom but to protect those who are denied freedoms and human rights. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing today as Human Rights Day, and stand up for the rights of not only Pham Thanh Ngien and Nguyen Hoang Hai, but all those who are denied their rights as a human beings.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANK NELSON

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 10, 2008*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Frank Nelson is one of these individuals.

Frank Nelson has been a Realtor in the Corona area for 17 years. He is the current