

Brother Claude Sharrieff, a well known Harlem icon served his Nation during World War II at the age of 16 with the mighty 784th Black Battalion Tank Unit. Proud and active, Claude dedicated his life-work to celebrating and supporting the contributions and sacrifices made by Black Veterans of all wars. He was a life member of the fighting 369th Harlem Hellfighters, the Colonel Charles Young American Legion Post 398 and the 784th Tank Battalion Association, Inc., to name just a few. I always look forward to participating in his regular annual salute to veterans that occurs each and every year at his beloved Windows Over Harlem Restaurant and Catering establishment.

Upon his return after World War II, Claude enrolled in and eventually graduated from College of New Rochelle with a Bachelor's in Arts in Social Science degree. He went on to hold the position of Deputy Director for the Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, eventually also earning a Paralegal Certificate from Bronx Community College in 1987.

Claude loved his beloved Harlem and contributed greatly to many important historic episodes of this world renowned community. From the early days of the struggle for the right to own and work in businesses along 125th Street to the rise of Black Nationalism and Islam, Claude Sharrieff bore witness and stood on the front line. So proud of his military achievements and African heritage, Claude's discipline led him to Mosque No. 7 and the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. As a servant of Allah, he was so proud when he was able to bring Windows Over Harlem to the community of Harlem, especially housed in the building of his beloved idol and close friend, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Sharrieff also rendered bookkeeping and tax services to small businesses in the Harlem community.

Windows became an international gathering place where he catered to many luminaries, entertainers and personalities like me. He also used Windows to host News & Views at 9:30 a.m. on WPAT Radio, for 11 years, keeping the community informed by tackling issues that affected New York City as a whole and Harlem in particular. Claude used Window's to embrace the entire African Diaspora from the Middle East, North, West, Central and southern regions of the continent to the shores of our great Nation. His Windows Over Harlem bridged and united communities from West Africa to Asia, becoming a place where you could express who you are, where you come from and gain employment.

Sharrieff spent the last years of his life as the Chief Fiscal Officer for Windows Over Harlem Restaurant and Catering. Windows Over Harlem was his dream come true as it allowed him to serve and cater to the people of Harlem, in the spirit of his great idol and close personal friend. Sharrieff would sometimes say, "We're doing what Adam would want to see done in Harlem." Even in hard times and doubting moments, he would remain unfazed, sidestepping worries with a simple, "I have a plan."

Claude Sharrieff Frazier was also an active member in the Harlem Republican Club, where he eventually became President, yet he never wavered in his support for me. On Friday, March 19th, 2010, Sharrieff was called home to Allah after a short illness. He will be remembered in a very special Harlem world

salute on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at his grandfather's beloved landmark, St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Harlem.

Madam Speaker. I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe and experience his example as a personal inspiration. Though Sharrieff is no longer with us, his memory will remain alive in our hearts and minds behind a great written legacy summed up in his own words: "Freedom of Spirit and the interaction with humanity remain my focus in life. I love the history of our ancestors for their sacrifices and the contributions that they made towards the growth and development of America, even during slavery and unto this day."

We are all blessed to have known Claude A. Sharrieff Frazier, a titan of a man who gave us all life.

TRIBUTE TO MORGAN SMITH

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent Morgan Smith, of Nevada, Iowa, and congratulate her on her acceptance to the People to People World Leadership Forum held in Washington, D.C. from the 21st through the 26th of June 2010.

Chosen for her academic excellence, community involvement and leadership potential, this forum will provide Morgan with daily leadership oriented curriculum, as well as allow her to visit the historic sights of Washington, D.C. and its surrounding areas.

The People to People Ambassador Programs, founded by President Eisenhower in 1956 to promote cross cultural and political understanding, currently operates on all seven continents, has over 400,000 alumni and provides students with the opportunity to learn and establish the necessary tools to become an effective leader.

Madam Speaker, I commend Morgan Smith for her commitment to academic and personal development. She is a future leader of this country of whom Iowa is very proud. I am honored to represent Morgan and her family in the United States Congress and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RANDY YARNOLD

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Randy Yarnold. His accomplishments are numerous, but his service to the students of Wynne High School and the community of Wynne over the past four decades is what warrants our recognition and our thanks today.

Randall Mitchell Yarnold was born in Malvern, Arkansas on March 8, 1948, the second of four children of Clyde and Velma Yarnold. In 1966, he graduated as commencement speaker from Malvern High and enrolled at Henderson State University, where he graduated with a BSE in Speech and Debate four

years later. That fall, he began his teaching career at Wynne High School. Sponsorship of the Drama Club was included in his duties, and so began a legacy that would lead him to direct 60 plays and touch thousands of lives over his 40-year career.

Yarnold is retiring from his profession after having taught over 13,000 students in the classroom, including every graduating student at Wynne High School since 1994. He also served as the voice of Yellowjacket football as the school's stadium announcer. Between 1975 and 2006, he never missed a home game, and due in part to his personality, Yellowjacket Stadium was named the fourth best place to see an Arkansas high school football game.

His patient guidance and passion for theatre have inspired many of his students to pursue successful careers on stage over the years, while his contagious enthusiasm for all the things he did—teaching, directing, and community service—moved many of his peers, including his creative partner, Ms. Sherry Phillians, to volunteer their time towards achieving whatever goal he pursued.

Yarnold is truly devoted to his students—supporting them at games, recitals, and pep-rallies. It is his dedication to his home, however, that moves me to speak today. The values of service to others and commitment to community are rarely seen with such distinction and dedication. His impact was good and great. On behalf of the United States Congress I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the lifetime and career achievements of Randy Yarnold.

DR. FRANK S. GREENE, JR.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Frank S. Greene, Jr., technology professional, electrical engineer, venture capitalist, entrepreneur, philanthropist, parent, grandparent and friend. With his passing, December 26, 2009, at the age of 71, we are reminded of his life's journey, his prolific career and the joyful legacy he has inspired.

Dr. Greene was born on October 19, 1938, in Washington, DC, to Frank S. Green, Sr. and Irma Olivia Swygert. He was raised in St. Louis, Missouri, where, in 1961, he became one of the first African-American students to graduate from Washington University. He was also among the first cohort of black students to complete the university's U.S. Air Force ROTC Program, and was ultimately promoted to the rank of Air Force Captain, helping to develop high performance computers for the National Security Agency.

An avid and industrious scholar, Dr. Greene earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University, and his Ph.D. from Santa Clara University, where he was later elected as the first African-American Trustee. As Dr. Greene began a career in the private sector, he maintained close ties to academia and academic pursuits, teaching university courses in electrical engineering and computer science at prestigious universities across the country.