

Rest now, as thy will be done!
 As your fine soul, as up to heaven has so
 flown . . .
 As up to our Lord, as an Angel . . . as now
 where you so belong!
 All In The Army of Our Lord, who has now
 come home!
 To fight the darkness, as over our world you
 so watch . . . so roam . . .
 To watch over us, as thy will be done . . .
 And as we lay your most sacred body down
 to rest . . .
 You Nic, are but one of America's very best!
 Her Blessed Son!
 Your loving parents' and family's, divine
 one!
 As a brave heart who once stood!
 All in his most magnificent shades of green,
 turning evil into good!
 As a United States Marine, all in your most
 golden sheen with all you could!
 Of selfless sacrifice, you most brilliant . . .
 most brilliant of all lights!
 As an American Treasure, who but gave That
 Last Full Measure!
 All for what is true and what is right, all for
 that old Red, White, and Blue . . .
 As now our tears roll down our trembling
 cheeks, when thinking of you we so
 weep . . .
 Our Most Blessed Son, this most beautiful of
 all ones . . . as for you our heart's ache
 so deep!
 Hooo . . . rah! You United States Marine, as
 up in Heaven you are now so seen!
 All for your loss, all in our pain we now so
 weep . . . at but the cost to freedom to
 so keep!
 And at night, as you lay your head down to
 sleep . . .
 Across North Carolina, but comes a gentle
 rain so very deep . . .
 Are but our Lord's tears, from up in Heaven
 . . . for all of your souls to so keep . . .
 To ease your pain, now so carried within you
 so very deep . . .
 Until, up in Heaven once again you all shall
 meet . . .
 As our Lord weeps, knowing of your fine
 son's life . . . as for what he did so for-
 sake!
 But, for the greater good . . . in all that he
 so could, take this with you as you
 wake!
 Moments, are all we have!
 To grab hearts! To turn the good into the
 bad!
 To make a difference with in all! As your
 fine Son had!
 To Heaven to seek!
 Rest my Son!
 You most beautiful Irish one, Lance Corporal
 O'Brien!
 As when we think of you, Irish eyes are smil-
 ing!
 For we will hear you on the wind . . . your
 footsteps up in Heaven time and
 again . . .
 And feel you next to us as we sleep . . .
 Until, one fine day . . . all up in Heaven,
 once again we shall all so meet!
 And we won't have to cry anymore . . .
 You, Our Most Blessed of All Son's!
 Your Family's, and America's Most Heroic of
 All Ones!
 As we lay your fine body down to rest!
 Lord, take America's son . . . her very Best
 . . . he's your's!
 Amen!

THE LINKS INCORPORATED'S
 DADE COUNTY CHAPTER 25TH
 ANNIVERSARY

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of The Links Incorporated's Dade County Chapter. On June 18, 2011, The Links Incorporated will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the InterContinental Hotel in Miami, Florida.

A group of trailblazers seeking to better their community came together on a beautiful Sunday on June 1, 1986, at Miami's Pavilion Hotel, now the Intercontinental Hotel, to launch their beloved Chapter, officially. The Dade County Chapter has continued to fulfill its mission and has grown tremendously.

The Links, Incorporated is an organization of accomplished, dedicated women who are active in the community. The Links members are newsmakers, role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work toward the realization of making the name "Links" not only a chain of friendship, but also a chain of purposeful service.

Among its many accomplishments, the Dade County Chapter has established many programs accessible to all the members in its community. In addition, it has managed to serve and empower Miami-Dade's most underserved, women and children, with unprecedented dedication. Impressively, The Dade County Chapter of Links Inc. has amassed over 100,000 hours of community service.

Spanning the last 25 years, The Links of Miami-Dade has provided educational assistance to students at middle school, high school, and collegiate levels in all areas of study including the arts.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me as I honor The Dade County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Today I pay tribute to The Link's History and applaud their current undertaking to secure a bright and prosperous future for African-Americans of Miami-Dade county, the nation, and the world.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
 THE LIFE OF VINCENT LEO
 DIANA, SR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Vincent Leo Diana, Sr., an accomplished attorney, loving husband, veteran, and dear friend. Vincent, a resident of Manchester, Connecticut, passed away on May 27 at the age of 81.

Vinny was a proud Connecticut resident with deep roots in the community. Born in Manchester in 1930, he went to the Nathan Hale School, graduated from Manchester High in 1948, and from Hartford's Trinity College in 1952. After Trinity, he went on to attend law school and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1955. For the next two years, Vinny was on active duty in the U.S. Air Force, entering as a Second Lieutenant. He served his

country and as a Judge Advocate, spending most of his time in Tokyo, Japan. When Vinny left the Air Force as a Captain, he returned to practicing law.

A talented and accomplished attorney, Vinny was a man of character and one who used his skills for good outside of his law office at Diana, Conti, & Tunila. Vinny served as a Master and Trial Referee for the Superior Court and was a member of Hartford County's Legal Aid Board. He was also active in the Hartford Country Bar Association, where he was a Director for 25 years. In 2005, Vinny was honored by the Manchester and Hartford Bar Associations for his 50 years of service in the region. On this point I can personally attest to his finely honed legal skills, diligent representation of his clients, and his ethical standards. As a young attorney years ago, I watched Vinny in court handle his advocacy with skill and compassion. He was one of the giants of the Bar in Hartford and Tolland Counties in Connecticut.

Vinny cared very much about his friends and colleagues in Manchester, demonstrating this commitment through leadership of important causes and organizations in town. He was Chairman of the Board for Dyslexic Children, a director of the Girl Scout Committee, and an instrumental player in getting fluoride added to the Manchester water system. He helped young people learn practical management skills as President of the Manchester Jaycees, ensured opportunity for local students as a founding member of his town's Scholarship Foundation, and even chaired the reunion committee for Manchester High's Class of 1948. He was a lifelong Republican and member of Manchester's Republican Town Committee for 50 years.

Vinny was also a spiritual man who, as one might expect, put in many years of faithful service to his parish. In 2009, Hartford's Archbishop, Henry J. Mansell, awarded him the St. Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation for his work.

With all the dedication and devotion Vinny put into each aspect of his life, he saved most of it for his loving wife Gloria, his seven children, and 22 grandchildren. I know of few men who gave as much to their country, profession, congregation, community and family as Vinny did. His lifetime of service will live on for generations in the countless people he helped along the way. I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss and celebrating the life of Vincent Leo Diana, Sr.

A TRIBUTE TO NORMA BANG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Norma Bang.

Norma is a native New Yorker, born and raised in Red Hook, Brooklyn. She graduated from John Jay High School in Park Slope Brooklyn, New York in 1978.

Norma has worked in various positions throughout her career including seven years working in New York's Garment center, two years working on Wall Street in Bank Operations, and twelve years as a Facilities Manager for a large non-profit organization, Homes for the Homeless.