

of the children in the program she became a volunteer administrator for the non-profit school. Her first hand experience with the important role the nursery had in the Paterson community, Georgette knew that she was exactly where she was meant to be.

For the next 3 decades, Georgette served as the head of the Memorial Day Nursery School and is still there today. Through her position at the nursery school, she became aware of the need for quality educational facilities for the children of Paterson. Georgette became part of a formative group looking to provide just that. She helped to form Paterson's first charter school. Although the charter school did not succeed, it gave Georgette further insight into the City's educational needs.

Since her experience with the charter school, Georgette has continued to work towards expanding and improving the City's preschool program. As head of the State of New Jersey's oldest nursery school, Georgette has witnessed many changes in her 35 years there.

Today, the Memorial Day Nursery is celebrating its 116th anniversary with the grand opening of its new campus, appropriately named the Hauser Campus. The legacy Georgette has created at the Memorial Day School and the City of Paterson will live on forever.

Georgette has stated that while she may be turning 80 next year, she still has more work to do. When asked about retiring Georgette has been quoted as saying "What am I going to do if I retire? Sit and chitchat? Forget it."

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of individuals like Georgette Hauser. Her concern for the education and well being of children is unparalleled. We are grateful for her years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the children of Paterson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Paterson, Georgette's family and friends, all those who have been touched by Georgette and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Ms. Georgette Hauser.

HONORING ALBERT DEWITT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, Mr. STARK and I rise today to honor the memory of Alameda City Councilmember Albert DeWitt. Al passed Thursday, July 3, 2003 at the age of 70 after a two-year battle with stomach cancer. He was a staunch advocate for racial equality and affordable housing.

Al spent 9 years on the council after he retired as a mechanic at the Alameda Naval Air Station and almost 40 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he earned the rank of Colonel. He was elected on November 8, 1994 as the first African-American Alameda City Council member. He served as Vice Mayor for two years and then acting Mayor for a time last year.

Mr. DeWitt was born and raised in Alabama. He joined the Army in 1950 and served for three years in Germany, where he met and married Josepha Kerler. The couple moved to

Berkeley and then Alameda, and raised three children: Albert Hans, Barry and Lisa. He faced prejudice and racism as he rose through the ranks of the Army and Army reserve, but that did not embitter him. He served our country with dedication and distinction.

Councilmember DeWitt studied at Oakland Jr. College. He later went to Golden Gate University at night while working days as a mechanic. In later years, he moved to Washington, D.C. and earned a master's degree in public administration at George Washington University. He was also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.

Al served as president of the local NAACP and as a commissioner with the Alameda Housing Authority. He was active with the American Legion, Boys and Girls Club, Library 2000, Kiwanis, Alameda Historic Society and Museum, Navy League and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Council Boy Scouts of America.

Councilmember DeWitt was a remarkable human being who dedicated his life in service to others. He shared his wisdom and provided us tremendous support. He leaves his wife Virginia, ex-wife, six brothers and sisters, three children, and three grandchildren to cherish his memory. We take great pride in joining his friends, colleagues, constituents and family to salute the wonderful Albert DeWitt. Let us celebrate his legacy by undertaking to uphold the ideals of equality that he held so dear.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. MOSCINSKI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a man I am proud to represent in Congress, Mr. John R. Moscinski. John was recognized on Monday, May 05, 2003 by the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey.

It is only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for he has a long history of dedication, leadership, and commitment to his community.

John Moscinski was born on October 25, 1920. After graduating from a local high school John proudly served his nation in the Second World War as a Tech Sergeant. Upon his return to the United States, he enrolled in New York University under the G.I. Bill. After two years, however, he had to leave his college studies to support his wife and two children by working two jobs.

John attributes his life's accomplishments to the values and training he received while in the Civilian Conservation Corps, a program initiated by President Roosevelt during the great depression. Beyond the physical skills he acquired working in this program, John also gained valuable leadership qualities. His leadership abilities would prove to be essential when he took a position with the modern day replica of the CCC, the Northeast Americorps Advisory Board. John continues to remain active in his community.

He is currently a member of senior citizen groups in Little Falls and West Paterson, New

Jersey as well as a member of the support group at the Veterans Administration hospital in Lyons, New Jersey.

In addition to his involvement in the community, John has remained steadfast in his desire to complete his college education. At the age of 78 he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services from Montclair State University and this year, at the age of 82 he will receive his Master of Arts degree in Community Health as well.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of individuals like John Moscinski. I applaud the Township of Little Falls for their initiative in naming May 9, 2003 as John Moscinski Day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Township of Little Falls, John's family and friends, all those who have been touched by John and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable achievements of John Moscinski.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, as I was absent during the legislative days of July 8, 9, and 10, 2003 on an authorized Congressional Delegation trip abroad, I would like to submit, for the record, the way I would have voted on rollcall votes No. 334 through No. 353: No. 334: "No"; No. 335: "Yes"; No. 336: "Yes"; No. 337: "Yes"; No. 338: "Yes"; No. 339: "Yes"; No. 340: "Yes"; No. 341: "Yes"; No. 342: "Yes"; No. 343: "Yes"; No. 344: "Yes"; No. 345: "Yes"; No. 346: "Yes"; No. 347: "No"; No. 348: "No"; No. 349: "No"; No. 350: "No"; No. 351: "No"; No. 352: "Yes"; No. 353: "Yes".

TRIBUTE TO MR. EUGENE DE BELLIS

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the work of an outstanding individual, Mr. Eugene De Bellis, of Clifton, New Jersey, who was recognized by the De Bellis School of Performing Arts on Sunday, June 22, 2003, for his lifelong dedication to musical education and the performance arts.

As a musician and music educator, Mr. De Bellis has spent his life fostering the arts. His creativity, boundless generosity, and commitment to the cultural enrichment of others have helped to shape the careers of a number of professionals within the music industry. Therefore, it is only fitting that Mr. Eugene De Bellis be honored, in this, the permanent record of that greatest freely elected body on earth.

Eugene De Bellis began what would become a distinguished career in music at the early age of nine when he first undertook the study of solfeggio, violin, piano, and accordion. Eugene's musical talent was soon recognized and, several years later, he was invited