

Moreover, he received Booker High School's Senior Volunteer of the year award for the 1999–2000 school year.

Mr. Speaker, while we lost General McLain on September 23, 2003, his greatest legacy lives on in the outstanding family he left behind. Patricia Ann, his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, and his four children will continue to honor their father through their exemplary contributions to our world.

The dedication of this postal facility is the least that we can do to memorialize the extraordinary gift this gentleman and hero gave our nation in dedicating his entire life to protecting freedom, promoting education, and touching lives.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON LAGRANGE NOON LION'S CLUB'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2003*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the LaGrange Noon Lion's Club on the occasion of their 75th anniversary. Since its founding, the LaGrange Noon Lion's Club has been a cornerstone of charitable service to its community. I am therefore pleased to submit this proclamation honoring the LaGrange Noon Lion's Club into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROCLAMATION, LA GRANGE NOON LION'S CLUB 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

Whereas, the LaGrange Noon Lion's Club serves the citizens of LaGrange, Fayette County, the great state of Texas and the United States of America, AND

Whereas, the La Grange Noon Lion's Club gives of their time freely for the betterment of mankind, having a membership of anonymous individual philanthropists, AND

Whereas, the International Association of Lion's Clubs all over the world offer charitable hope to the blind, provide services for youth, disabled and victims of disaster, of which the Noon Lion's Club is a subsidiary

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the Constituents of District 14 in Texas, I, Representative Ron Paul, do hereby proclaim October 12–18, 2003 the 75th Anniversary Week of the La Grange Noon Lions Club.

**FREEDOM FOR NELSON ALBERTO AGUIAR RAMÍREZ!**

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2003*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I speak today about Nelson Alberto Aguiar Ramírez, a prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

Employed as an electrician, literally turning the lights on, he was forced by Castro's tyrannical policies to pursue a different path. After years of incessant repression, Mr. Aguiar Ramírez decided to turn the lights on Castro's ruthless machinery of repression.

Mr. Aguiar Ramírez joined organizations that opposed Castro's dictatorship and supported basic human rights for the people of Cuba. Mr. Aguiar Ramírez is currently the President of

the Cuban Orthodox Party, and a member of a more recent initiative, the Assembly to Promote Civil Society.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Aguiar Ramírez chose to fight Castro's government even though he was acutely aware of the consequences of doing so. In December 1999, Mr. Aguiar Ramírez was detained by Castro's ruthless repressive apparatus in order to prevent him from commemorating the December 10th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document, enshrining the essential rights of all humans, is such a danger to Castro's repressive dictatorship that Castro prevented Mr. Aguiar Ramírez from commemorating the anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, it sadly came as no surprise to anyone who has watched the horrors that Castro inflicts on those who cry for freedom when Mr. Aguiar Ramírez was detained on March 20, 2003. He was subsequently sentenced to 13 years in Castro's inhumane dungeons.

Mr. Aguiar Ramírez is classified as a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International. His wife, Dalia, is deeply concerned about his declining health and his constant malnourishment.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Aguiar Ramírez must be released from Castro's gulag at once. My colleagues, we can not allow human beings such as Mr. Aguiar Ramírez, who rise up to claim their human rights from the clutches of tyrannical despots, to languish in the gulag for their beliefs. My colleagues, we must stand united and demand the immediate release of Nelson Alberto Aguiar Ramírez.

**A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO HAROLD A. MCMASTER FOR HIS IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO NORTHWEST OHIO**

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2003*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman from Northwest Ohio, Mr. Harold A. McMaster.

As a youth growing up in Northwest Ohio, Harold McMaster's hero was another northern Ohio product, Thomas Alva Edison. From an early age Harold understood the importance of setting goals and seeing them through.

Mr. Speaker, Harold McMaster was a unique individual who combined the foresight and analytical nature of the scientist with the acumen and "street smarts" of the successful businessman. The former helped him "see" how to do things, while the latter enabled him to commercialize his innovations.

A physicist, he held more than 100 patents dealing with glass tempering, solar energy and rotary engines. Harold McMaster was known in many circles as the father of glass tempering.

He graduated in 1938 from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics and in 1939 with a Master of Science Degree in Nuclear Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy.

In 1940, he went to work as a research physicist for Toledo, Ohio's Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, a producer of flat glass

for windows and automobile windshields. He received one of his first patents in the early days of World War II for a periscope used by fighter pilots to see behind them during combat. McMaster Motor is the fourth enterprise to be built from the germ of an idea by McMaster and his associates. Other companies founded and nurtured by Harold McMaster include: Permaglass, Inc., Glasstech, Inc. and Solar Cells, Inc.

Harold McMaster received the prestigious Phoenix Award as the national glass industry's Man of the Year in 1993. In 1987, Harold McMaster was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Toledo.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Harold A. McMaster. Northwest Ohio was served well by Harold McMaster's innovation and business skill. The legacy of his genius will continue to benefit future generations in engineering and technology.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2003*

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 563, 564, and 565, I was unavoidably absent, due to a delay in my flight. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

**DESIGNATING A BUILDING AS THE JOHN LEWIS CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE**

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 2003*

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak on the House floor today regarding legislation that I am introducing along with Representative Denise Majette to name a building in Atlanta, Georgia as the "John Lewis Civil Rights Institute."

The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site (MLKNHS) has purchased an apartment house located two doors west of Dr. King's Birth Home. The plan is to restore the building and convert it into an educational center—including four classrooms and an auditorium. The MLKNHS currently conducts educational programs in a house on Auburn Avenue, which accommodates 20 students. This new center would allow for expanded offerings of these educational programs. I am proud to introduce legislation that will name this educational center after U.S. Representative John Lewis who has spent his life promoting civil and human rights across the world.

John Lewis was born the son of sharecroppers on February 21, 1940 outside of Troy, Alabama. He grew up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Alabama. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and Philosophy from Fisk University; and he is a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee. He has also been awarded numerous honorary degrees from colleges and universities throughout the