

Center providing social services to seniors in Halifax and Warren Counties. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Twin County Rural Health Association in Essex, NC, and a member of American Legion Post No. 425 Women's Auxiliary in Littleton, NC. Mrs. Johnson is a life member of Lee's Chapel Baptist Church, in Littleton, NC, where she has been president of the Missionary Circle for the last 30 years. She has seven grandchildren, one daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law, three sisters, and six brothers.

Mr. Speaker, I join in the celebration with the friends and family members of Mrs. Eva Silver Johnson as they celebrate her 75th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH B. ALSTON,
SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the contribution of Joseph B. Alston, Sr. He is the president of the Brooklyn Branch of the NAACP. Joseph is a graduate of the Metropolitan School of Horology and the New York School of Gemology. He is also the founder and owner of the Alston's Jewelers, Plaques, Trophies, and Award Medals, located at 1393 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY.

Joseph is a member of Bridge Street AME Church and is a senior steward, in addition to being a member of the male chorus and president of the South Carolina Club. His other organizational memberships include the Bride Street Business Association and the economic development committee.

Mr. Alston's business and community involvement is an integral part of his life. He is a board member of the Medgar Evers College and participates on the community advisory board of the Bedford/Stuyvesant Community Mental Health Center, Inc. Among his other endeavors, Joseph Alston educates African-American youth about the merits of entrepreneurship and owning your own business. He is also active in promoting antidrug awareness. I am proud to introduce Joseph B. Alston, Sr., to my House colleagues.

TOBACCO SUBSIDIES

HON. RANDY TATE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address the House today on the important matter of tobacco subsidies.

In the November 1994 elections, the American people voted for a Congress that would balance the budget, scrutinize every cent the Federal Government spends and examine every Federal program, including corporate welfare.

This Congress is serious about ridding the Tax Code of ridiculous corporate welfare breaks. We are working hard to lower spending and to put more money back into your pocket. Corporate welfare must end, my constituents demand nothing less.

Last year, during consideration of the fiscal year 1996 agriculture appropriations bill, I voted for a Durbin amendment to eliminate two major programs that benefit the tobacco industry—Federal crop insurance for tobacco farmers and tobacco-related extension services. Mr. DURBIN offered a similar amendment this year where the \$25 million in savings derived from cuts in tobacco subsidies will be used to fund programs to ensure that every American family has safe water to drink and to improve telecommunications systems in rural areas. I support this amendment.

In an era of deficit reduction, when we are working hard to balance the budget and lower taxes for American families, the Government should not continue to subsidize a prosperous tobacco industry.

The time for cheating our children has ended. The time to balance the budget has arrived. America's future requires a new dialog and a new partnership with the American people. That is what I am dedicated to achieve, and that is why I have consistently voted to end egregious corporate welfare programs that take money away from hard-working Americans and give it to wealthy corporations.

Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult to justify a program that benefits the tobacco industry while hurting American families. For this reason, I have opposed tobacco subsidies in the past and will oppose tobacco subsidies in the future.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES A. STRAWDER,
JR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge an individual with a longstanding commitment to the Brooklyn community and has dedicated a great part of the last 15 years of his practice of architecture to the problems and tasks of rebuilding and revitalizing the urban community's housing and commercial fabric.

James A. Strawder, Jr. was raised and educated in Brooklyn, and has been an eyewitness to the physical deterioration of Brooklyn's unique communities and beautiful building stock. Once attractive and vibrant neighborhoods such as east New York and Brownsville have fallen prey to the ravages of social and economic neglect, as have so many of this Nation's urban communities. It's been the mission of his firm, working in concert with many other concerned professional and community organizations, to attempt to make a positive impact on restoring the housing and commercial reserves, and in doing so, giving back some of the riches given to him.

Mr. Strawder attended public school in Brooklyn, graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School and Columbia University's School of Architecture, where he received his bachelor of architecture degree. He is presently registered to practice in the States of New York, New Jersey, and Florida and is a certified member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards [NCARB]. I am proud to introduce James A. Strawder, Jr. to my House colleagues.

SALUTING LT. COL. RICHARD
SEYMOUR (RET.)

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, after joining my fellow Americans in remembering our Nation's veterans this past Memorial Day, I would like to take an opportunity to recognize the passing of one particular individual who served this Nation for over 20 years. On Thursday, May 30, retired Lt. Col. Richard Seymour lost a difficult battle with illness, but I rise today to call attention to life's victories.

Richard Seymour was born on August 20, 1950. He spent his childhood in Oklahoma, Florida, and Texas, graduating from Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio. He then attended Southwest Texas State University where he was enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program and received his degree in education. Upon graduation he was commissioned as 2d lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Richard Seymour's service to this Nation was impeccable. As an Air Force pilot, he logged over 6,000 flight hours including missions which transported this Nation's top military leaders as well as Members of Congress. Throughout his military service, Richard Seymour received many commendations, too many to list, but each a distinguished mark of honor on his journey to the rank of lieutenant colonel at which he retired. His proudest mission was assisting in the repatriation of foreign citizens in Kuwait at the outbreak of the Persian Gulf war.

Upon retirement, lieutenant colonel Seymour continued service to this Nation. He began a second career in the classroom, returning to San Antonio and focusing his energy on the education of tomorrow's leaders. We feel sorrow and loss that his time with our Nation's children was cut short.

Mr. Speaker, in light of knowing that Richard Seymour touched so many lives in as many ways, I ask that my colleagues join me in offering our most sincere respect and thanks to the service of Lt. Col. Richard Seymour and that when the House adjourns today it do so in his memory and honor.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE KUANG-CHAO
TUNG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the work and service of Mr. George Kuang-Chao Tung, president of C-2 Printing & Photostats Corp. in Brooklyn.

Six years ago, Mr. Chao-Tung, without any advertising, witnessed his business prosper because of his gracious and friendly personality. His reliability has earned him a loyal clientele base, and critical corporate projects from companies such as Gas Energy Inc. and Chase Manhattan Bank. According to his customers, Mr. Chao Tung provides consistent and unparalleled services to the Brooklyn area.

In addition to his entrepreneurial success, Mr. Chao-Tung is a tireless contributor to his community.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Chao-Tung on receiving this impressive honor, and extend to him my best wishes for continued success in business and in his community.

INTRODUCTION OF JUNK GUNS LEGISLATION

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, kids deserve a chance to succeed. An environment free of crime—and the gun violence that claims the lives of thousands of our Nation's children every year—provides this opportunity.

Recent events are a painful reminder of the devastation that firearms cause for children in every part of our country. Last month, 4-year-old Marimal Colon was playing in front of her house in my home State of Rhode Island. As she prepared to accompany her siblings to a candy store, she was hit in the back by a stray bullet, fired in an exchange between two cars passing her home.

Since coming to Congress, I have worked hard to stop this violence by enacting tough new laws, like the Brady bill and the assault weapons ban, that keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

These laws are making an impact, but we must do more to stop the plague of gun violence. We must stop criminals from obtaining their weapons of choice: junk guns.

These firearms, also known as Saturday night specials, are cheap, small, easily concealable, made of cheap materials, and lack adequate safety devices.

Junk guns are not hunting weapons, but they are 3.4 times as likely to be used in crime as are other firearms. Indeed, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms reports that 8 of the 10 firearms most frequently traced at crime scenes in 1995 were junk guns.

The Junk Gun Violence Protection Act that I am introducing today takes a stand against junk guns. This bill and Senator BOXER's companion legislation ban the junk guns that criminals prefer.

In the past, Congress has recognized the danger of junk guns, and taken bipartisan action to combat the abuse of these weapons. In 1968, Congress passed the Gun Control Act to prohibit the importation of junk guns. This measure unintentionally led to the creation of a vast domestic junk gun industry. In 1972, the Senate passed a bill to apply the import standards to domestically produced guns by a vote of 68 to 25.

The Reed-Boxer bill is modeled after this impressive example. The measure, which at last closes the deadly loophole that protects domestic junk guns, is an important step toward safe communities.

I look forward to working with Senator BOXER, our colleagues, and the millions of Americans committed to reducing the toll of gun violence to ensure that this critical goal becomes a reality.

TRIBUTE TO JUANITA E. FISHER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding community leader, Ms. Juanita E. Fisher, president of the Florentino Plaza Tenant Association. Since her tenure as president she has worked to improve the quality of life within the Florentino Plaza and surrounding community.

The tenants association under her leadership has been instrumental in caretaking and maintenance upgrade. In addition to grounds beautification and maintenance, she has created activities and developed programs designed to reach all people.

The myriad of duties she performs include organizing voter registration drives and being an active member of the East New York Council Presidents. In addition to advocacy work, Ms. Fisher is a tireless grandmother and enjoys spending quality time with all of her 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Fisher on receiving this impressive honor, and extend to her my best wishes for continued success in the Brooklyn community.

TRIBUTE TO MILTON J. STRONG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Milton J. Strong for a career of service dedicated to the children of New York City. After attending Frederick Douglass Junior High School and DeWitt Clinton High School, he received a football scholarship to Virginia State College. He later transferred to New York University where he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees. He later obtained his professional diploma from Columbia University.

Over the course of 40 years, Mr. Strong has moved through the ranks to achieve his current position of principal. For the past 22 years he has served the children and residents of Community School District 19 as principal of George Gershwin Intermediate School. During his tenure he has graduated almost 10,000 students.

Married to Marjorie, his wife of 30 years, a high school reading teacher, they have two sons, Otto and Kirk. It is my pleasure to highlight the contributions of Milton J. Strong.

TRIBUTE TO WINCHESTER KEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Winchester Key has been a resident of the east New York community for over 20 years. He is a role model for young people in the community by serving on boards that work to provide positive opportunities for youth.

Mr. Key serves as the first vice president, and is the past president of Community Board

19. He is also the senior legislative assistant to Assistant Speaker Edward Griffith of the New York State Assembly. Winchester is the chairman of the Issues Committee of African-American Clergy and is also the coordinator for the East New York Brownsville Clergy which has created a revitalization program for east Brooklyn.

Winchester serves as chairman of the East New York Urban Youth Housing Corporation. Mr. Key served in the U.S. Army and presently serves as the lieutenant commander of the East New York Brooklyn Squadron No. 4 Civil Air Patrol Program, which teaches youngsters 13 to 21 discipline, aerospace, education, leadership and gives cadets an opportunity to learn how to fly aircraft. I am proud to introduce Winchester Key to my colleagues in the House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT C. DORF

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Mr. Robert C. Dorf. He was born in Manhattan in 1943 and is a Jewish war baby who was raised along a north-south line stretching from New York to Miami. His cumulative experiences include graduating from the University of Florida, serving in the U.S. Army, serving as a counselor for the Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program, Harlem Hospital Division, and the Bronx District Attorney's Office where he served as an assistant district attorney.

Robert Dorf has lived in Brooklyn for 25 years. He and his wife Wendy have two children, Andrew and Jessica. For most of his time in Brooklyn he has been a practicing attorney, litigating criminal and civil cases in both Federal and State court. He is now employed as an attorney for the unified court system of the State of New York, assisting the Honorable James G. Starkey, supreme court, Kings County.

Robert is a prolific author on criminal justice, especially intellectual property, and he is an avid motorcyclist. It is my pleasure to highlight his personal and professional achievements.

IN HONOR OF ROLANDO FAJARDO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to congratulate a man much distinguished for his humanitarian efforts and desire to help others in need, Mr. Rolando Fajardo. Rolando has been recently elected to the board of directors of the Metropolitan New York Chapter of AATSP [American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese]. In the past, he was awarded the Proud City Award of the New York City Council and has been an executive member of the board of directors of the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center.

Since immigrating to the United States, Rolando has used his linguistic and teaching