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HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in commemorating the 46th year of the first edition of TEMAS magazine, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations for the wonderful job that for these more than four decades TEMAS has performed for Spanish-speaking communities throughout the United States.

TEMAS' philosophy, under expert supervision and with the collaboration of a distinguished staff, has always contributed to social peace in our communities, progress and brotherhood within our diverse society. People of all ethnic backgrounds invariably find an effective and honest fighter for their rights in TEMAS.

For all this, and much more, I would like to publicly congratulate TEMAS and pledge my continued support for their efforts. I wish Ana Perera, her staff, and TEMAS continued success and good fortune.

IN HONOR OF THE MARY T. NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to three outstanding citizens: Martha Lewin, Yvonne Bryant, and Joan Doherty Lovero. These women will be honored for their invaluable contributions to their community with the Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award on September 16, 1996 at the Meadowlands Hilton.

Ms. Martha Lewis has a long record of service in Hudson County, NJ. Since 1974, she has been part of the senior management for the YWCA of Hudson County, a unique provider of counseling, guidance, and support for more than 1,000 Hudson County families. Ms. Lewis also acts as a voice for her Jersey City community as a member of the executive and advocacy committees of the Non Profit Affordable Housing Network of Corporations, the York Street Project Board, and the Hudson County Coalition of Non Profit Corporations. For 30 years, Ms. Martha Lewis has worked to make a difference in her community.

Ms. Yvonne Bryant has led a life dedicated to serving others. She has worked for the Social Security Administration in the Philadelphia area and today acts as the district manager for the Social Security Administration in Hudson County. She served as the chairperson of the New York Region's Women's Committee as well as a volunteer in various community organizations.

Ms. Joan Doherty Lovero holds a true love for learning and has shared that love with the

residents of Hudson County for many years. She has worked for the Jersey City Public Library for 25 years, and is very much involved with adapting the library to new technologies in order to make it as beneficial as possible to the community. Ms. Lovero's love for Hudson County is evinced in her 1986 book, "Hudson County: The Left Bank." A longtime admirer of Hudson County's first Congresswoman, Mary T. Norton, she continues to write various articles on the late Congresswoman and Hudson County.

It is an honor to have these three exceptional individuals residing in my district. I ask my colleagues to join me in the recognition of Martha Lewin, Yvonne Bryant, and Joan Doherty Lovero's lifelong commitment to their community.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ANTONIA PANTOJA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Antonia Pantoja who will be honored today by President Bill Clinton with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Dr. Pantoja is the first Puerto Rican woman to receive this Presidential award. She is being honored for her lifetime achievements in the creation and development of numerous organizations to serve the Puerto Rican community.

Dr. Pantoja was born in San Juan, PR. She lived with her grandfather, a cigar maker, in the workers' neighborhood of Barrio Obrero. From her grandparents she learned the value of workers' unions and their ability to achieve common goals. She witnessed first hand a successful strike of cigar makers that helped improve working conditions.

Pantoja's parents taught her the importance of education. Young Pantoja completed a 2-year degree at the University of Puerto Rico and soon afterward she started teaching in the rural neighborhoods of Puerto Rico. Although she loved teaching, the pay was very low.

In 1944, she came to New York City in search of a better economic future for her family. She moved to the Bronx and started working as a welder in a factory. Soon she witnessed the struggles of the Puerto Rican community and the lack of opportunities to improve their economic conditions.

She found a job at a community center, which enabled her to attend Hunter College and complete her bachelor's degree in social work. Full of aspirations for her Puerto Rican community, Pantoja founded the Puerto Rican Forum, an organization that would assist in the creation of Puerto Rican institutions.

The Puerto Rican Forum led to the creation of ASPIRA, an agency to help Puerto Rican youth focus in their studies and obtain higher education. Under Pantoja's leadership,

ASPIRA grew fast and is now one of the most influential organizations helping the Hispanic community. Currently, ASPIRA has chapters in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

Pantoja's work was just starting. She went to teach at the Columbia University School of Social Work as an associate professor. Later on she worked on her doctorate project, the establishment of a university in Washington, DC, to serve Puerto Rican students in the United States. Universidad Boricua served as a repository of information on Puerto Rican studies—its history, culture, and the community itself. Most recently, Dr. Pantoja established the organization Producir to help in the community development of the workers' neighborhoods or barrios in Puerto Rico.

Her desire to serve the community is demonstrated in many committees and boards on which she has served throughout her career. Dr. Pantoja was a member at large of the Constitutional Convention of New York State. At the convention, she was the chairperson of the subcommittee that wrote the article on education opportunities and the article on job economic development. She also worked on the decentralization of New York City schools.

Among many other memberships, Dr. Pantoja also served as a commissioner for the Study Commission for Undergraduate Education and the Education of Teachers. She was a member of the Evaluation Committee of the National Endowment for the Arts and of the National Endowment for the Humanities. She was awarded a doctorate degree, *Honoris Causa*, from the City University of New York, Queens College School of Law.

Dr. Pantoja has been honored with the Ellis Island Medal of Liberty, the National Puerto Rican Coalition Life Achievement Award, the Hispanic Heritage Award, the U.S. Hispanic Congress Hero Award, and the John W. Gardner Leadership Award from Independent Sector, among other awards.

Dr. Pantoja has dedicated her life to the advancement of the Puerto Rican community, to education and the betterment of community relations. Her extraordinary life is an example of achievement through leadership, perseverance, and faith in your own abilities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Antonia Pantoja, for her life of achievements helping our Puerto Rican community, New York, and the Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO CLIFFORD JONES—LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Clifford Jones who will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the B'nai B'rith Foundation of the United States on September 10, 1996.

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B'nai B'rith chose Clifford Jones as the 1996 recipient of this prestigious award for his selfless dedication to the betterment of the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Whether it was in the private or public sector, he gave his very best to improve the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians.

In serving three Pennsylvania Governors in three cabinet positions, Cliff set a standard of excellence in commerce, industry, and the environment for all future Pennsylvania cabinet members. One of his greatest achievements as a public servant was his pivotal role in forging a coalition of support for passage of the State's original Hazardous Waste Act.

Cliff also played an important role in Pennsylvania politics, serving as chairman of the Republican Party of Pennsylvania and president of Pennsylvanians for Effective Government. He has long been active in the pursuit of quality legislative candidates. There are many in the Pennsylvania Legislature who were discovered and recruited by Cliff.

He helped to retain and recruit business to Pennsylvania as president of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry and transition president for Capitol Region Economic Development Corp. He recently received the "Entrepreneur of the Year" award for his support of entrepreneurship to add to his collection of awards for many worthy causes.

While much of Cliff's career has centered around business and government, he has also dedicated much of his time toward improving the quality of education and health for Americans. A long-time supporter of student internships, he served on the board of the Finnigan Foundation which places student interns in various positions within the Pennsylvania State government.

Currently, Cliff is a college professor and part-time project facilitator. He has many non-profit affiliations including the Messiah College Board of Associates, the Whitaker Center for Arts, Science and Education, the Capitol Region Health Futures Board, the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, and the Pennsylvania Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to stand here in the well of the House of Representatives and join Cliff's wife, Jean, his children and grandchildren in honoring a friend, a constituent, dedicated public servant, and great American role model. If every American can accomplish only a fraction of what Clifford Jones has fulfilled in his lifetime, I have great hopes for this beloved country of ours.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HELEN CHENOWETH

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes No. 402 and No. 403.

Had I been here, I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall No. 402; and "yes" on rollcall No. 403.

I ask unanimous consent to have my statement appear in the appropriate place in the RECORD.

HONORING UKRAINE

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our friend and ally, Ukraine, as it heads into its sixth year of self-rule. On August 23, the people of Kiev (Kyiv) and their countrymen throughout Ukraine celebrated independence with parades and festivals. They were joined by thousands of Americans and Canadians of Ukrainian descent, from Chicago to Calgary, who expressed their unyielding support for their ancestral homeland and the hope that democracy and freedom will continue to prosper there.

On this fifth anniversary of Ukrainian independence, I believe the Ukrainian people have much to celebrate. While Ukraine is still adjusting from economic centralization and control to a more liberalized market system, economic growth has been gradually improving. Democratic institutions and traditions are slowly taking root in this land.

The critics who predicated the collapse of the Ukrainian economy in the early 1990's and a return to authoritarian rule and a centrally controlled economy, have been proven wrong. This alone is reason to celebrate, for surmounting the numerous obstacles faced by the Ukrainian people in the first year of their independence was no easy task.

I believe that the United States must maintain its strong financial commitment to aid Ukraine in its continued transition to a market-based economy. We must assist the people of Ukraine in shutting down the Chernobyl nuclear plant and other similarly constructed plants. We should also aid Ukraine in the development of alternative energy sources by the end of the decade.

In addition, I feel strongly that we must continue to work with Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma, who has advocated for greater market reforms, respect for human rights and the expansion of civil freedoms on a par with Western standards. Ukraine's participation in the Partnership for Peace [PFP] and the peacekeeping mission in Bosnia are also evidence of the commitment of President Kuchma and the Ukrainian people to peace in Eastern Europe and alliance within the Atlantic community.

So, as we commemorate 5 years of Ukrainian self-rule, let us also recognize the role the United States can play in furthering market reforms and democracy in Ukraine.

I wish the people of the Ukraine and the thousands of Americans of Ukrainian descent, in particular the Ukrainian-American community in Chicago, another year of progress, prosperity and friendship.

KHALRA KIDNAPING: 1 YEAR OF TERROR

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, it has now been 1 full year since the Indian regime kidnaped Jaswant Singh Khalsa, the gen-

eral secretary of the Human Rights Wing, Shiromani Akali Dal. For 1 year, Mr. Khalsa has been subjected to imprisonment and torture in the world's largest democracy.

What did Mr. Khalsa do to deserve such a fate? He exposed the brutal tyranny of the regime. Mr. Khalsa published a report in which he exposed the fact that more than 25,000 Sikhs have been abducted by the regime, tortured, murdered, and then cremated after their bodies were declared unidentified. Many families are still waiting for some word on their loved ones. The cremations were to cover up the responsibility of the police.

Mr. Khalsa is in the custody of the intelligence bureau. An eyewitness has confirmed that he has been tortured severely. He was threatened by the Tarn Taran police chief, Ajit Sandhu, after publishing his report. "We made 25,000 disappear," Mr. Sandhu told him. "It would not be hard to make one more disappear." This is a clear threat to Mr. Khalsa and all others who might expose the Indian regime. Is this how India defines freedom of speech?

Mr. Speaker, the kidnaping of Jaswant Singh Khalsa is just one of many examples of India's tyranny against the Sikhs and others who are outside the rigid caste system. Their national integrity and their basic human rights are violated on a daily basis. America is the conscience of the world. It is our responsibility to oppose this kind of oppression with everything we have. The United States Government must demand the immediate release of Jaswant Singh Khalsa and we must support the Sikh Nation in achieving the full and complete independence of the Sikh homeland, Khalistan.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ALVIN C. MCPHERSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to congratulate and recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Alvin C. McPherson. I commend his storied dedication and exceptional community commitment to my colleagues.

Born in Princess Anne County, VA on October 28, 1928, to a family of 17 children, Mr. McPherson would soon assume the great task of caring for his younger siblings before joining the U.S. Army.

Mr. McPherson's demonstration of leadership and ability extends from his early childhood. Accordingly, upon completing his military duties, he moved to Brooklyn, NY, where he worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs, retiring in 1984 after 30 years of service.

Led by his strong conviction to serve, Alvin McPherson has been an active member of many organizations involved in civic activities. His concerns led him to be a member of the New York Urban League, past chairperson and associate member of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. and past correspondence secretary of the Mary McCloud Day Care Center.

In addition, Mr. McPherson has served his community in a similar fashion as; a chartered member of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Block Association, and as a member of the board of directors, BHRAGGS, Inc. Currently, Mr.