

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2778

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2778, providing for relief for members of the Armed Forces currently serving on peacekeeping missions in Bosnia.

This bill will provide benefits to those peacekeeping troops currently in Bosnia as part of Operation Joint Endeavor. For these military personnel, there should be no penalty for delays or tax on pay related to their service overseas.

Specifically, the troops would receive an extension for filing income tax returns without penalty, exclusion of combat pay for taxation, forgiveness of income tax, and a reduction in estate taxes for those who die or are injured during the mission.

In addition, military personnel in the combat zone also would be able to make long distance phone calls without being subject to the 3 percent excise tax. Tax benefits would be retroactive to December 4, 1995, and in effect until substantial U.S. involvement in the peacekeeping mission came to an end.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that Congress try to alleviate as much of the burden as possible on our troops in Bosnia, and this small step will help those families trying to make ends meet while their loved ones are keeping the peace overseas. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, this legislation would allow five historically black graduate schools to continue to compete for Federal grant funds under section 326 of title III of the Higher Education Act. Morehouse School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, Clark-Atlanta University, Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School, and Tuskegee University School of Medicine are all in danger of becoming ineligible for grant funds. These funds support the purchase of laboratory equipment, improvements to classrooms, libraries and laboratories, faculty development, and academic instruction. It is important that this Congress reaffirm its commitment to high quality graduate level education for young African-Americans in this country. This amendment allows us to continue that tradition.

Historically black graduate schools train half of this country's African-American physicians, pharmacists, and dentists, as well as three quarters of all African-American veterinarians. For the most part, these individuals practice in poor urban and rural areas, where they serve large portions of disadvantaged Americans. These schools and individuals are providing a valuable service to this country by meeting one of the major challenges currently facing our health care system. They deserve our appreciation and our support whenever possible.

This piece of legislation will continue these schools' grant eligibility, without any fiscal implications for the Federal Government. Passage of this legislation allows these fine graduate institutions to continue to provide top quality education and training to their students.

The other 11 historically black graduate programs have no opposition to the continued eligibility of these 5 schools, and the decision to fund this particular section remains in the hands of the Appropriations Committee. There is no reason to restrict access to these funds.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL J. CADY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to ask that you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in paying tribute to Mr. Daniel J. Cady of my hometown Flint, MI.

Mr. Cady is being honored today by his many family members and friends for 36 years of service to the Flint Community School District. Mr. Cady began his career with the Flint Community Schools in 1960, and has held numerous positions to include Community School director; coordinator instructor—Associate Community School Director Program; director of the Mott Program leadership training; consultant for staff development and leadership training; coordinator for staff development and leadership training; and director of Community Education Programs and Services; a position which he held until his retirement on January 31, 1996.

Mr. Cady's dedication to his profession has been much more than just doing a job. Over the 36 years that he has worked in the field of community education his leadership has been an inspiration for others at the local level, and also the State and national levels where he served as the president of both the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education and the National Community Education Association. Additionally, he traveled throughout the United States assisting others as they learned the power of involving the people of their community in both education and Government.

During the 1930's, Charles Stewart Mott and Frank Manley began this program of opening school buildings to the community, and from there the formation of the community education concept. Over the years there have been a number of different individuals who have been leaders in this movement; Dan Cady is one who has carried on the responsibility of those before him by serving as a role model for many. Mr. Cady now is moving on to a new challenge as the director of the National Center for Community Education. I know he will provide the same dedication and commitment to his new position as he has to all previous.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Daniel J. Cady on his retirement from 36 years with the Flint Community Schools and also wish him well in his new position as director of the National Center for Community Education.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO
MR. AND MRS. ELBERT
TEFFERTILLER

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an occasion that is becoming an extremely rare event. Elbert "Bert" Teffertiller and his wife Alice will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 12. It is with great respect and admiration that I offer them my congratulations on reaching this glorious milestone.

The Teffertiller's were married shortly after Bert returned from over 3 years of service in the Army during World War II. The couple settle in McLeansboro in 1947 and have resided in Hamilton County ever since. They raise their two children there, and have since been blessed with five grandchildren. In and of itself, 50 years in the institution of marriage is a remarkable achievement. The commitment to spouse and family is truly momentous, and this kind of devotion often means there is less time for outside activities. This is certainly not the case with the Teffertillers.

Since they opened their first clothing store in McLeansboro the year of their marriage, Bert and Alice have gradually expanded their businesses to include shoes, furniture, cars, and homes, all the while helping to improve the local economy. Their devotion to their customers is legendary in the region, as they are known for their fantastic promotions featuring carnival rides, beauty queens, and television stars, refreshments, and a fair and honest deal. In 49 years of proprietorship, the Teffertillers have never forced payment, which speaks to another kind of commitment, to their community. Bert has served on numerous boards and associations, including as president of the McLeansboro Merchant's Association and president of the Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce. Also, both the Teffertillers are active members of their church.

Mr. Speaker, Bert Teffertiller has said he has tried to give back to the community more than he received, and it seems this family has accomplished that worthy goal. Their dedicated service to each other, to their family, and to their fellow citizens has set a tremendous example for the entire Nation. I wish them many more happy years of marriage, and it is my great pleasure to represent them in the U.S. Congress.

TRIBUTE TO HISPANAS ORGA- NIZED FOR POLITICAL EQUITY (HOPE)

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 8, 1996, Hispanas Organized for Political Equity [Hope] Education and Leadership Fund's Fifth Annual Symposium is taking place in California's 33d Congressional District in honor of the past and future accomplishments of Latinas.

This year's theme, "A Proud Past * * * A Powerful Tomorrow," is certainly appropriate. As Latinas, we are at a crossroads. Today, we are prouder than ever to be rooted in our cultural traditions. At the same time, we are breaking the glass ceiling and pioneering into areas our mothers never would have dreamed possible. Latinas own major businesses, serve as executives in our Nation's largest corporations, and are being elected to public office in increasing numbers throughout all levels of government. As our accomplishments grow, we continue to fulfill our role as the nurturers and educators of our children.

I am extremely optimistic about our future. In 25 years, it is estimated that Latinos will become the majority population group in California. Our new role tomorrow demands that Latinas continue to tackle new challenges and responsibilities today. HOPE will play a crucial role in preparing Latinas to lead California into the future.

I salute the HOPE Education and Leadership Fund for their commitment to Latinas and our children and, in their honor, proclaim March 8, 1996, as Latina History Day.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL WILLIAMS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues one of the tireless soldiers in the army of justice and equality—Daniel Williams.

Danny, as he is affectionately known, was honored by the Giblin Association on Sunday, February 18, 1996. Tribute was paid to him for his dedication to a number of communities—labor, civic, and social. Over the years, Danny has taken his place amongst a variety of individuals to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to live, learn, and succeed.

Most of his work has been done in conjunction with the labor movement. A strong labor activist, Danny has used his experience and opportunities to draw attention to matters that affect the very fiber of our community. He is active with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 68-68A-68B. He serves this organization as director of community relations. He uses this position to interact with the national organizations of the NAACP, the Urban League, the A. Philip Randolph Institute, as well as other civil rights organizations.

Danny is also active in his local community. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Vailsburg Block Association and the Reynolds Place Block Association. He is a district leader representing the 36th district of Newark's west ward for the Essex County Democratic Committee. Always willing to serve, he is the sergeant-at-arms for the executive board of the Essex County Democratic Committee.

I am proud to have this dedicated citizen in my district. I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Danny and his wife, Bernice.

A BILL TO AMEND THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I am cosponsoring a bill introduced by Mr. NORWOOD and Mr. CLAY, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow five historically black graduate professional schools to remain eligible for grant funding under section 326 of title III of that act.

These institutions compete for grant funds made available through the appropriations process. The Secretary of Education selects recipients who are making a substantial contribution to the legal, medical, dental, veterinary or other graduate opportunity for African Americans. The five original institutions, including Morehouse School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, Clark-Atlanta University, Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School, and Tuskegee University School of Medicine will become ineligible for grant funding after the next appropriations cycle. Although these institutions may still need grant funds and may be making the substantial contribution required under the statute, they will be ineligible simply due to the fact that they have received two 5-year grants.

This bill simply allows these institutions to continue to compete for funds along with other eligible institutions. Rather than terminating their eligibility solely due to timing, the decision will be based on meeting the requirements of the Secretary in determining substantial contributions to the fields outlined above.

The schools which compete for funds under section 326 of title III train 50 percent of the African American physicians, pharmacists and dentists in this country, as well as, 75 percent of African American veterinarians. Many of the medical schools serve large numbers of disadvantaged individuals who have no health insurance and are in dire need of quality health care. In light of the current health care problems facing this country, I believe that Congress should continue to support the important role of historically black graduate professional schools in helping to address this key issue.

TRIBUTE TO GWEN TOWNS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Gwen Towns attended college in her home State of North Carolina where she received a bachelor of science in early childhood education from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Later, she earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Brooklyn College, and obtained post master credits from Pace University.

As an advocate for quality education for children and adults, she has taught in New York for several organizations, including the Women's House of Detention and the board of education. In addition, Mrs. Towns has served as a member of various national and local education committees.

Mrs. Towns has been recognized on numerous occasions for her commitment and leadership on issues related to education and her efforts as a community activist. Also, she serves on the board of directors for the Brooklyn Children's Museum, St. Joseph's Home for Children, and president of the Interfaith Medical Auxiliary. She is a member of the NYC chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Concerned Women of Brooklyn, and an active member of Berean Missionary Baptist Church.

Most importantly, she and Congressman Ed Towns are the proud parents of two children, Assemblyman Darryl Towns and Deidra Towns, and the grandparents of Kiara Towns and Jasmine Towns.

IN HONOR OF MAYOR DENNIS P. COLLINS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 7, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very distinguished and outstanding citizen from my district. Dennis P. Collins, former mayor of Bayonne, has long understood the importance of community development and service. In recognition of his altruistic efforts, Mayor Collins will be honored by the Bayonne Family YMCA on March 10, 1996, at the 4th Annual Distinguished Service Award Brunch at the Hi-Hat Restaurant in Bayonne.

Tradition and experience are key words when speaking of this truly dedicated citizen. Mayor Collins has been a life-long resident of the city of Bayonne. After proudly serving in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, he returned to complete his post-secondary education at St. Peter's College and the State University of New Jersey. His educational accomplishments allowed him to further develop his career in various arenas.

Mayor Collins' successful political career began in 1962 when he was elected the first ward councilman. Four years later, he was elected councilman at large. His leadership, influence, and commitment to the community led the residents of Bayonne to elect him mayor in 1974. As a result of his work and dedication, Mayor Collins was reelected to three terms.

Bayonne and its citizens benefited from the hard work and dedication of Mayor Collins. As mayor, he developed a strong economic policy at a time when the country and State were in recession. He dramatically improved public services and was directly involved in the process of refurbishing many of the city's public parks and facilities.

In his community, Mayor Collins has also played an active role and dedicated many hours of service to various institutions. He has taken part in veterans group activities and is a faithful parishioner at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. He has had the pleasure of working with the Knights of Columbus and was a standard bearer of the New Frontier Democrats.

Mayor Collins has worked endlessly to promote a sense of community in Bayonne, and he serves as a role model for our public officials. I am proud to have him as a congressional staff member, and it is with great pleasure that I honor such a special constituent and leader.