

whole array of people from all of the islands of the Caribbean including Haitians. It is a wonderful mixture, and represents a part of America's rainbow.

I wish to congratulate Dr. Leo Casey who was the teacher and coach of the Clara Barton team. Thanks to Dr. Casey such a winning tradition at Clara Barton High School has been established. This clearly shows his talent for nurturing the academic achievements of the students. I also want to congratulate Mrs. Florence Smith, a former high school teacher, who served as the volunteer coordinator for my office. If Members want to talk about volunteer services in harmony with the great conference recently held in Philadelphia here is an example of the kind of volunteers that we have in America. There are committed people who retire and, in some cases, spend more time in volunteer activities after retirement than they did when they were working.

Congratulations to all the people who made it happen. In my congressional district, the Clara Barton High School team is sponsored not only by my office but by the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission. In fact, the money raised to first send this team to Albany and Washington, DC was gathered by the Central Brooklyn Martin Luther King Commission. There are some other organizations that have also become sponsors. Children's Times is a publication on education. Judge Thomas Jones and his wife have been very instrumental in encouraging the young people at Clara Barton High School and in raising money to make certain that they were able to go to Albany and Washington, DC. So it has become a group enterprise of great magnitude. It is one of those activities that we should see more of nationwide.

I salute the Clara Barton High School championship team from the 11th Congressional District of New York for their outstanding performance. I would also like to congratulate all the schools and all the youngsters across America who are champions in intellectual and academic activities.

#### TRIBUTE TO GENE MEYERS

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. ROUEMA of New Jersey and I would like to call to your attention Gene Meyers of Hawthorne, New Jersey.

Gene is a lifelong resident of Hawthorne and graduated from Hawthorne High School. He is a founding member of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce and was a catalyst in making it one of the largest Chambers in North Jersey. He served in many capacities with the Chamber of Commerce including President and has been integral in implementing the Chamber's goal of making Hawthorne a more vibrant community.

Gene has been President and CEO of Hawthorne Chevrolet for three decades. Hawthorne Chevrolet was founded by his uncle, Fred C. Meyers in 1927, and Gene built the company to be the success it is today. The company is one of the largest Chevrolet Dealerships in the State of New Jersey and ranks in the top 60 in the country. Gene has also

been the President and CEO of Paramus Auto Mall since 1995 and has served as President of the Tri-State Dealers Association, an association of Chevrolet dealers in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Gene further prioritizes community through his involvement with the Hawthorne Boys and Girls Club. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors and calls Bingo every Sunday night. Even though he has been successful, he has not forgotten what is important. Gene is President of the Hawthorne Republican Unit.

Gene and his wife Florence are the proud parents of Mark, Cindy, Steven, Ron and Scott, and they have three grandchildren, Steven, Michelle and Jamie.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that you join us, our colleagues, Gene's family and friends, and the Borough of Hawthorne in recognizing Gene Meyers' outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

#### DR. BETTY SHABAZZ

#### HON. BARBARA B. KENNELLY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. It is with great sadness that I mark the passage of one of our generations' remarkable women—Dr. Betty Shabazz. She first became known to us in tragedy, and she leaves us in tragedy. But in the 30 years between her husband's assassination and her own death, she led a life filled with family, friends, and achievement.

One of her daughters said she wanted to think of her mother's death as a transition. And that would be a good way to think of her life as well. She lived all the drama and change of her generation. We saw her transition from a young woman, mother of six little children, who had seen her husband murdered before her eyes to a universally admired speaker for social justice and civil rights. We came to know her as a respected professional in the fields of nursing, public health administration, and education. To those closest to her, she was mother, confidante, friend. But to many others, she was role model, trailblazer, and inspiration. America is richer for her life and her contributions, and she will be greatly missed.

The love Betty Shabazz bore her husband survived his death. The love she bore her children and their children will survive her death. I know I join with my colleagues in offering my deepest sympathy to her family.

#### CITYHOOD FOR CITRUS HEIGHTS

#### HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention a very momentous occasion which will be taking place in my district. Next week, in recognition of a 12-year effort that went all the way to the United States Supreme Court, thousands of my constituents will join together to celebrate the recent incorporation of the City of Citrus Heights.

On November 5, 1996, by a vote of 62.5% to 37.5%, Cityhood for Citrus Heights was finally achieved. Its 14.2 miles and 88,000 residents makes it the largest city to incorporate in the State of California and the first new city in Sacramento County in half a century.

On that same day, the residents of Citrus Heights also elected five City Council members to represent them and carry forth the City's missing statement of commitment to providing high quality, economical, and responsive services to their community.

It gives me great pleasure today to recognize those inaugural Citrus Heights City Council members before the U.S. House of Representatives: Honorable William C. Hughes, Mayor, Honorable Roberta MacGlashan, Vice Mayor, Honorable Alma E. Kenyon, Council Member, Honorable Tim Raney, Council Member, and Honorable James C. Shelby, Council Member.

Ms. Speaker, you will also be interested to learn that Citrus Heights was first known in the 1850's as Sylvan and was settled by miners who raised livestock in the hills northeast of Sacramento. A real estate developer renamed the area of Citrus Heights in 1910 in an attempt to attract more settlers from the Midwest.

In 1859, Sylvan School was built and, in 1862, moved to Sylvan Corners. In 1928, the school building was renovated into a clubhouse and moved to a half-acre lot on Sylvan Road, where it currently stands and where Citrus Heights' time capsule will be buried later this month.

One of Citrus Heights' main streets, Greenback Lane, was a dirt wagon road in the 1860's and 1870's and received its name when the County paid landowners in "greenbacks" worth about 30 cents to the dollar.

Citrus Heights has one of Sacramento County's leading retail centers—Sunrise Mall—which is hosting the five-day celebration of Citrus Heights' incorporation. The "City Lights for Downtown Citrus Heights" grand celebration begins on July 1 with the "State of the City" celebration and culminates with "The Ball on the Mall" on July 5.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the residents of the City of Citrus Heights and Sacramento County in celebrating Citrus Heights' long-awaited and well-deserved entry into "Cityhood."

#### TO RECOGNIZE THE INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INCORPORATED

#### HON. JOSEPH M. McDADE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to invite my colleagues to join with me in supporting Little League Baseball by cosponsoring the resolution I have introduced to recognize the international character of Little League Baseball Incorporated.

In 1964, Little League Baseball was incorporated by the Congress in Public Law 88-378. The Little League Baseball incorporating legislation was approved unanimously in both the House and the Senate. It was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on July 16, 1964.

At that time, we in the Congress recognized the unique contribution of Little League Baseball to our Nation's young people. Little League involvement has long provided a valuable outlet for healthy activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation for generations of Americans. It teaches not just the rudiments of the game but the basics of teamwork and fair play that children need to become good and decent citizens.

The original law set out the objective and purpose of Little League Baseball. It was "to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist in all lawful ways the interest of boys who will participate in Little League baseball."

Today, Little League Baseball Incorporated is active in promoting and supervising youth—both boys and girls—worldwide in participating in Little League. It has chartered more than 18,000 baseball or softball leagues in 85 countries, across six continents.

Little League Baseball is planning a new facility—the Little League Baseball European Leadership Training Center—which will provide a home for clinics and training programs and will serve as the site for the European Little League Baseball playoffs. It is to be located in Kutno, Poland.

The Center will be a 35-acre complex to host baseball sports clinics, adult volunteer training programs as well as youth development programs.

Unfortunately, although the Polish Little League Baseball Foundation established to direct the construction of the facilities and playing fields in Kutno is a nonprofit organization, they are being denied an exemption from the Polish Value-Added Tax.

Since the Polish Finance Ministry does not classify Little League Baseball as an international organization, the VAT will be applied to the approximately \$4 million for the project.

The application of the VAT could cost this charitable organization up to \$880,000.

Let's clarify for the world to know—Little League Baseball Incorporated is a worldwide, international organization. It should be accorded all of the benefits and privileges available to nongovernmental international organizations.

I'd ask all my colleagues to cosponsor this resolution to say to the Polish Finance Ministry—Let's play ball!

#### TRIBUTE TO MILDRED JONES

#### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to a remarkable woman from my district who recently left us.

For more than 40 years, Mildred Jones served her community and nation. She represented the World YWCA at the United Nations for 15 years, worked for UNICEF, chaired the Mission Commission in the 1990s, and helped organize several international conferences on women—including the 1995 Beijing Conference. Closer to home, she served her community at the White Plains

Presbyterian Church, soliciting support for programs that provide food and shelter to the homeless and housing for senior citizens.

Mildred Jones touched the lives of people all over the world. She will be sorely missed. Mr. Speaker, in her honor, I wish to have portions of her 1997 United Presbyterian Church "Woman of the Year" nomination included in the RECORD for all to read. May she inspire each and every one of us.

#### WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA 1997

Mrs. Jones represented the World YWCA at the United Nations from 1971 until 1996. As a representative of a non-governmental organization at the UN, she chaired the NGO committee for UNICEF. During the International Year of the Child in 1979, she worked professionally in the UNICEF office and was the U.S. representative and side to Canon Moerman, head of the UN's International Year of the Child.

In her work with UNICEF, Mrs. Jones was instrumental in aggressively promoting a boycott of the Nestle Company to combat the marketing of baby formula milk to mothers in African countries. (Formula milk requires the addition of water, and the water in many African communities was typhoid-ridden. UNICEF presented alternative educational programs for breast feeding.)

As a church elder and chair of the Mission Commission in the 1990's, Mrs. Jones was an important spearhead in developing a Mentoring Program involving church members who work with the children of homeless families living in temporary housing.

Throughout her more than 40 years of service to the YMCA, UN and UNICEF (as well as her concurrent service in the White Plains Presbyterian Church), Mrs. Jones has worked creatively and effectively for the well-being of children. She helped organize international causes to reduce high child-mortality rates by means of methods such as breast-feeding, immunization, oral rehydration therapy, and growth monitoring. Helping to empower the powerless does not happen without critics. During the planning for the International Year of the Child, Mrs. Jones received an angry letter from an executive in a prominent woman's organization demanding that the U.S. withdraw support for the IYC because it was a "Communist Conspiracy". Mrs. Jones firmly rejected that idea, pointing out that, in fact, the Soviet Union had refused to participate in the IYC, stating that their children were well cared for and didn't need help.

In her mission work with the White Plains Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Jones was active in gaining support for several outreach programs: SWAP (a program to renovate old buildings in inner-city Yonkers); Ecumenical Emergency Food Pantry; Kingsley House (a senior citizens' apartment house jointly funded by the White Plains church and New York State); and SHORE (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility, a community-wide program).

Mildred Jones served on the Board of Directors of the National YWCA, 1955-1970, and was vice-president of the Board, 1967-1970. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the World YWCA, 1967-1975, and VP of the World YWCA, 1971-1975. As part of her UN and UNICEF work, Mrs. Jones helped organize three world conferences about and for women (Mexico, Copenhagen and Beijing.) She was a model for women in her church work, also: one of the first women to be ordained an elder in White Plains, Clerk of Session for eight years, a member of Session, off on an, for nearly 25 years.

#### HONORING SMITHVILLE FIDDLERS' JAMBOREE AS AN OUTSTANDING NATIONAL JAMBOREE AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 1997*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree and Crafts Festival and The National Championship for Country Musician Beginners which are a great source of civic and cultural pride in Smithville, Tennessee.

As a matter of fact, it was recently named the Official Jamboree and Crafts Festival of the State of Tennessee. Since the Festival's inception in 1972, attendance has grown from 16 States represented and 8,000 people present to 44 States and four foreign countries represented with over 110,000 people attending in 1996.

The Smithville Jamboree has set high standards of excellence for music, crafts, hospitality and fellowship. The Jamboree has been televised each year and broadcast worldwide, and has even had the distinction of being featured in the National Geographic Traveler and Southern Living. An example of how popular the Annual Jamboree has become worldwide, was its recent listing in the International Datebook of the New York Times on Sunday, June 8.

The Jamboree and Festival, which is held annually over the Fourth of July holiday, has been named one of the top 100 tourist events in North America, according to a list compiled by the American Bus Association. Additionally, the Jamboree has been selected as a "Top 20 Tourist Favorite" by the Southeast Tourism Society, which includes the states of Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Virginia.

I congratulate the founders of this event, the staff, and volunteers who have kept and continue to keep this piece of American tradition alive. I further recognize the local community organizations who have worked so diligently to make this event a success year after year. They include: Smithville/DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Merchants Association, Smithville Volunteer Fire Department and local individuals who begin planning in early January. They work all the way up until a new Champion Fiddler of the Upper Cumberland and the National Championships for Country Music Beginners are announced.

As always, the 1997 Jamboree and Crafts Festival stands to be recognized as the best ever. On behalf of all those who dedicate their hard work and effort to making this event possible, I encourage all who might be traveling through the great State of Tennessee to stop off, kick back and enjoy this time honored tradition of old-time Appalachian country music, dance, and authentic Appalachian art and culture.