

Frank Horton of New York from 1973 until 1992. In this capacity, Ruby Moy was very involved in public policy, and the development of legislation.

As the new staff director for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Ruby Moy will bring an understanding and dedication to a position of extreme importance to the minority communities of America. She will be shepherding a program whose purpose is freedom and equality for all. As the vice chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, I commend President Clinton for his choice of Ruby Moy. I expect her to be one of the finest Directors that the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has ever had. I also direct her to be an advocate for the least, the last, and the lost of our society. We are depending on her to walk the second mile in this most important position.

THE JONES ACT

HON. JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to report to my colleagues on the continuing success of House Concurrent Resolution 65, which endorses the Jones Act. As many of you know, the Jones Act requires that waterborne cargo moving between two points in the United States must be transported on American-built, American-owned, American-flagged, and American-crewed vessels.

In just 2 months, 178 Members have cosponsored this important resolution. Most striking is the bipartisan nature of this support. Cosponsors include Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives. Support for the Jones Act cuts across philosophical and partylines. The one thing these cosponsors have in common is an understanding about the important national security, economic, safety and environmental benefits of the act.

The support among the Members of the subcommittees of jurisdiction is particularly strong. Two House Subcommittees have jurisdiction: the Merchant Marine panel of the National Security Committee and the Maritime Transportation Subcommittee of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Of the 19 members of these two panels, 17 have shown their clear commitment to the Jones Act by signing dear colleague letters and opposing changes to the Jones Act.

I am pleased to be the sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 65 and I am delighted, although not particularly surprised, by its extraordinary bipartisan support and success.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR JACK EVANS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a friend and one of the great mayors of Dallas, Mr. Jack Evans. His vision and drive have made Dallas a great place to live, and it is illustrated by his civic achievements over his lifetime for our city.

Jack Evans served as mayor of Dallas for one term from 1981 to 1983. He is cited by many as a mayor who accomplished a great deal during his short term. He believed in building alliances, creating opportunities and solving problems, and he accomplished this by working with people. Jack Evans truly was a mayor for all of Dallas. He rode with paramedics in ambulances, he helped patrol the streets with police and he picked up trash with sanitation workers. He did this because he wanted a sense of what really made the city work on a day-to-day basis, and it served him well in public service and as a businessman.

Without Jack Evans, there would be no Downtown Dallas Art's District. He saw an area of land next to downtown Dallas and has the forethought to create a thriving area which would allow everyone from the Metroplex to experience the best of arts and entertainment through museums, galleries and city living. Another major accomplishment, while Jack Evans was mayor in the 80's, was his strong push to make sure that businesses invested in southern Dallas. He knew the value of contributing to our community, and how the benefits would be received for many years after the initial investment.

Jack Evans' work ethic and commitment to public service was learned at an early age. As a young man working in his family's east Dallas grocery store, he learned the value of business and used his knowledge to work his way through the grocery business to eventually hold the position of president of the Tom Thumb grocery store chain.

During his years as the chairman of the Dallas Citizens Council, Mr. Evans carried the message of equal opportunity to the corporate world. Also, he was awarded the Henry Cohn Humanitarian Award from the Anti-Defamation League for his unwavering commitment to stamping out bigotry and preserving human rights.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to rise with me in this tribute and take a moment to remember a great man and a good friend, Mr. Jack Evans, a man who truly exemplifies the best of Dallas.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN E. GRAHAM

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman who, over a span of almost three decades, has touched the lives and helped to shape the futures of untold thousands of Texas children. As such, she is representative of a group of largely unsung heroes and heroines, our public school teachers.

Susan E. Graham, of Roquemore Elementary School in Arlington, TX, will retire next month after devoting 28 years of her life to the education of elementary school children. Early in her career she taught various grade levels at several different schools in Texas. Her last eighteen years, however, have been at Roquemore Elementary School, and the last ten of those years were spent teaching and nurturing a lot of very lucky first graders. She was named Teacher of the Year at Roquemore for the 1992-93 school year, and

was nominated for the AWARE Foundation Award in 1995.

I've had the personal privilege of visiting Susan's class and witnessing the fruits of her labor in the bright, shining, energetic faces of her children; I have no doubt that the foundation which she gives those children puts them on very solid footing for all future educational endeavors.

For the last 6 or so years, Susan has had the full-time volunteer assistance of her husband, Jay Graham, and her students have been doubly enriched by the dedication of this remarkable couple.

In a few weeks Susan will officially retire. However, it comes as no surprise that she, and Jay, plan to continue doing volunteer work at Roquemore, especially with their HOSTS, mentoring, program. On July 3d it will be my pleasure to visit Susan's class for the last time and talk with her students about our U.S. flag and the meaning of Independence Day. And, I will extend to Susan and Jay my personal gratitude and best wishes for their well-deserved retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE NASA ADMINISTRATOR'S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of the 1997-98 NASA Administrator's Fellows of Cleveland, OH.

Four NASA employees of the Lewis Research Center; Maria E. Perez-Davis, Jon C. Goldsby, Yolanda R. Hicks, and Mark D. Kankam have received this award.

They plan to teach and conduct research at various universities for a period of 6 months to 2 academic years. Their knowledge of NASA programs and real world experience will assist them in the teaching process.

The Fellowship Program is designed to enhance the development of science, mathematics, and engineering faculty at historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions and tribal colleges.

Let us join NASA in acknowledging the efforts and accomplishments of Maria E. Perez-Davis, Jon C. Goldsby, Yolanda R. Hicks, and Mark D. Kankam.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK J. CARROLL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 28, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will honor Frank J. Carroll, Jr. for his recent appointment to the office of International vice president, 2d district, I.B.E.W. I am very pleased to rise today to congratulate my good friend, Frank Carroll.

As a proud member of I.B.E.W. for over 30 years, Frank has dedicated his life to advocating on behalf of workers. I have known and worked with Frank for a number of years and I consider him a great friend. His commitment

to working people is extraordinary and his work on behalf of I.B.E.W. is a testament to his deeply held belief in the power of unions to make life better for workers. Frank has spent a lifetime working hard to ensure that union members are guaranteed decent wages, a safe workplace and fair conditions. He has long been a champion of electrical workers, coming from a family with a long history in the profession.

The best example I can offer to illustrate Frank's commitment to protecting workers on the job is his actions after the L'Ambiance Plaza collapse on April 23, 1987. Twenty-eight union members were killed in Bridgeport on that terrible day after substandard building conditions caused the building to collapse. This tragedy placed a national spotlight on the need for strict standards to ensure the safety of workers. In response, Frank played an instrumental role in supporting legislation which would ban the lift-slab construction method used at L'Ambiance Plaza. Frank's testimony was pivotal to passing this legislation and this method of construction is no longer in use. I applaud Frank's efforts on this and other safety issues that are so crucial to our Nation's workers.

Frank is the first person from Connecticut to assume the position of international vice president, 2d district. This new position will provide an opportunity for his experience and wisdom to benefit all I.B.E.W. members throughout New England. I know that he will bring his activism, energy and enthusiasm to this new role and his tenure will be creative and productive.

I am very pleased to join Frank's wife, Patty, and his children, Frank III, Raymond and Amy Lynn in congratulating his on his new appointment. I feel confident that Frank will once again, prove successful as he takes on these new challenges. I wish him all the best.

IN HONOR OF RAPHAEL VITALE
FOR DISTINGUISHED AND DEDICATED
SERVICE TO HUDSON
COUNTY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a special gentleman, Raphael Vitale, who has distinguished himself through his continuous dedication to the residents of my district. Mr. Vitale will be honored by his family and friends on June 29, 1997 at Anthony's Restaurant in his hometown of Hoboken, NJ. Sunday's celebration recognizes his long history of selfless service to his community.

Throughout his long career, Mr. Vitale has been a religious man, a model citizen and devoted family man. He entered the St. Francis Seminary in New York at the age of 17. He later joined the film and production industry as a member of the Spotlight Production Co. in New York. In 1941, he became the production coordinator for Koven's in Dover, NJ where he supervised the production of military equipment for our country's effort in World War II.

Mr. Vitale embarked on his public career in 1959 when he took his first assignment as a park attendant, helping to ensure the safety of his community. In 1961, he assumed the responsibilities of deputy director of health and

welfare, and pursued the high safety and health standards of our area's restaurants, hospitals and clinics. In 1963, he started his tenure as Hoboken's director of Public Works, Revenue and Finance. In 1979, Mr. Vitale began serving Hudson County, as its production coordinator. In this position, he was the county troubleshooter for numerous vital issues, particularly budgeting and allocation of public funds.

His 19 years of service to Hoboken and his 9 years to Hudson County are an example of commitment and loyal service. His record stands on its own. He is a firm believer that hard work is the best way to meet the challenges of the future.

Family has always played a major role in Mr. Vitale's life. This year Mr. Vitale's wife, Lina, his three sons, Michael, William and Joseph, and his two stepsons, Michael and Matthew Canarozzi, celebrated his 80th birthday on June 2, 1997. Raphael and Lina are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren and the great grandparents of one child.

Mr. Vitale epitomizes excellence in community service, and has had a positive impact on many lives. It is an honor and pleasure to have such a remarkable individual residing in my district.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE
IX

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today in commemorating the 25th anniversary of a civil rights law that has changed the way American girls and women think about themselves and their futures.

Title IX prohibits gender discrimination in education programs. Title IX is not just about access to sports and it is an integral player in gender equity. Greater athletic opportunity does build leadership and teamwork skills that serve every person throughout his or her life. More women have received higher education in the past 25 years through athletic scholarships. The ratio of high school girls playing sports has gone from 1 in 27 to 1 in 3.

With the recent success of women Olympic athletes and the unveiling of a new professional women's basketball league, we do not lack athletic role models for young girls. Women's participation in collegiate sports has risen from 2 percent in 1972 to 35 percent in 1996. But title IX has also provided more lasting academic results, increasing the participation of girls and women in non-traditional educational and professional environments—math, science, engineering and technology.

Today we celebrate 25 years of women's achievement through sports and education. But we know that the progress we have made is not near enough. Today the National Coalition of Girls and Women in Education ranked the United States with a grade of "C" in gender equity in education. Enforcement of title IX has been inconsistent at best over the last 25 years. All but two states have eliminated or reduced title IX enforcement staff positions, despite the federal law's requirement that each state department of education must have a Title IX designee.

Title IX services provide training for school districts on sexual harassment in schools, identify and address gender bias in classrooms, support programs to infuse women's history into school curriculums. They assist young women in forming a strong identity, receiving support from peers and learning how to interact effectively with others.

Title IX and other programs supportive of girls' education send a clear message to American girls that their education and future is important. As a mother of four adult daughters, I have seen the positive results. We are seeing a generation of young women growing in an environment that does not make them limit themselves by identifying roles or opportunities as "men's" or "women's". Young women today believe they can do anything. And they can. And we have a great responsibility to do all that we can to support them in that belief.

TRIBUTE TO AMANDA BUCKNER

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Miss Amanda Buckner of Gadsden, AL. Miss Buckner won statewide first place honors in the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy Contest and third place honors in the national contest. I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD her prize winning script. I am very proud of Miss Buckner's accomplishments, and of the way she represented Alabama in our Nation's capital.

DEMOCRACY ABOVE AND BEYOND

Welcome fans, to the 49th Olympics. You are about to see the relay event. On America's team we have five exceptional runners. The first is George Washington. Next we have Abraham Lincoln. On the third leg is Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ronald Reagan takes the fourth leg. The last leg is a bit different. America has a surprise runner. I will announce his name later. Ladies and Gentlemen, this team should carry democracy above and beyond.

The runners take their marks. One . . . Two . . . Three . . . Go! Washington holds his baton of democracy tight and begins the run. Not only is he running, he is shaping this race for freedom. Washington is setting the pace for democracy with grace, authority, and peace. Earlier in an interview, Washington said he hopes this team prospers, focuses on their goals and sticks together. He wants to show everyone what a wonderful experience freedom can be. And boy has he! Although the older, stronger countries are trying to push him out of the way, he fights on. Washington has carried democracy above and beyond, but now he must pass it along.

Honest Abe takes control. At this point democracy has fallen behind in the race. Slavery and economic unrest seem to be slowing them down. Yes, it looks as if they are at war with themselves. . . Wait, Lincoln refuses to let the injury of ignorance and racial discord tear this team apart. He is holding his own. He is showing the rest of the world that freedom will rise, and democracy will continue above and beyond. Lincoln is brave to continue after such an injury. It looks as if he still has the lead. Ladies and gentlemen, freedom may survive this tragedy after all.