

DEA Administrator, Tom Constantine, a fellow New Yorker, attended a memorial service for the officers of the Colombian National Police [CNP], who have given their lives in the struggle against illicit drugs.

Our own courageous and outstanding DEA has also suffered losses in this dangerous battle, although not nearly as many as the thousands of men and women of CNP. These men and women in law enforcement, whether here or in Latin America, died for the sake of our kids, our future generations, our democratic institutions, and way of life.

Not long ago in Peru, five dedicated young DEA agents gave their lives in a plane crash in the mountains of Peru during pursuit of a drug trafficker. For those officers and those of the CNP the war on drugs was no cliché.

Administrator Constantine had important words last month to say to the men and women of CNP, who are led by outstanding men like Gen. Jose Serrano, and the chief of their elite antidrug unit, the DANTI, Col. Leonardo Gallego, both of whom visited with Members of the House here in the Capitol just last week.

A few excerpts from Mr. Constantine's remarks underscore the heroes we have in our own DEA, recognize other heroes when they see and work with them. Mr. Constantine said: "We gather today to praise an organization of heroes—the Colombian National Police—men and women whose courage and sacrifice have contributed so much to Colombia—and to the rest of the world. * * * You are a beacon of hope to the law enforcement agencies around the world faced with the danger and destruction caused by ruthless drug-trafficking syndicates."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the full text of our DEA Administrator's remarks at the CNP police memorial follow in the RECORD. The powerful statement will help my colleagues appreciate the human dimension in the struggle against illicit drugs, and especially the impact it has on the men and women we put on the front lines to wage this war. In many ways, only those who have carried a badge and gun can know the real meaning of loyalty and devotion that fellow police officers have to each other—whether here or abroad—in our war on drugs, which is real for them, each and every day.

NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 1997

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the legacy and future of historically black colleges and universities [HBCU] during National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week.

HBCU's were founded to eliminate the disparity of educational opportunities for minorities in the United States. In our struggle to offer the ideal of an equal education for all Americans, HBCU's have played a critical role to enrich and inspire postsecondary education

for African-Americans, low income, and educationally disadvantaged Americans. For many generations from slavery to segregation, HBCU's were the only institutions in which minorities could receive a postsecondary education. HBCU's offer a welcoming and nurturing environment for students while providing quality education and the skills needed for success. I am fortunate to have two HBCU's in my district—Wiley College and Jarvis Christian College.

Wiley College, located in my hometown of Marshall, TX, has been an educational, spiritual, cultural, and economic anchor for the community since 1873. The college encourages students to strive for academic excellence through its Honor Track Program. In addition, the college offers several adult and continuing education programs and community service programs to assist in the students' overall development.

Jarvis Christian College, another faith-oriented institution, has maintained its mission of educating African-Americans with head, heart, and hand together since 1912. This college has produced three of its presidents, and has several alliances with universities and businesses to encourage further education and job placement opportunities for its students. For instance, the college's biomedical science program, in partnership with Meharry Medical College, is designed to encourage and better prepare minority students to enter medicine, dentistry, and other health professions.

Continuing the legacy of their founders, HBCU's today offer minorities choice and diversity in educational opportunities; cultural, financial, and social support; and serve as the backbone for community revitalization and development. For many African-Americans and others, HBCU's have created and enhanced opportunities for leadership and citizenship through their mentor and support programs. Today, HBCU's award almost 30 percent of all bachelor degrees awarded to African-Americans in the United States.

HBCU's also reach out to high school students through the Upward Bound Program. Upward Bound, which is part of the outreach programs at both Wiley College and Jarvis Christian College, encourages African-American high school students to pursue a college degree. The Upward Bound Program offers high school students tutoring in various subjects, academic counseling, and career guidance. Specifically, this program serves many counties in east Texas, including but not limited to, Camp, Gregg, Harrison, Morris, Smith, Upsher, and Wood.

Through creative means, HBCU's also address the needs of the community by continually addressing historic preservation and the economic and housing needs of communities. Wiley College has taken the old segregated high school for African-Americans and has developed it into a community center that serves youth and seniors of all races. Next year, Wiley will continue this development by adding a wellness center for the community.

In recent years, there has been much debate concerning the relevance of HBCU's and Federal funding of these institutions. I believe the importance of HBCU's can be seen in their mentor programs for youth; the lawyers, doctors, teachers, architects, and civic leaders they have produced; the community service

and historic preservation programs that are parts of their agenda; and economic and housing development that are so important to growth and fairness in our society. Yet the relevance of historically black colleges and universities truly lies in the evidence of things not seen. I congratulate HBCU's on the momentous work they have done, and wish them continued success in the future.

IN HONOR OF CLAIRE F. MORGENSTERN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Claire Morgenstern, who will receive an award this week for outstanding contributions to the Greater Cleveland community from International Services Center [ISC] in Cleveland, OH.

International Services Center is an agency that assists refugees, immigrants, and other newcomers to the United States to overcome social and economic barriers and adjust to a new culture and way of life. The organization is honoring four individuals this year for their exceptional work on intercultural and interracial issues. These individuals have been chosen because of their commitment to the community and their lifelong achievements which reflect the spirit and the mission of ISC.

Claire Morgenstern is a past president and lifetime trustee of ISC and has spent many years as an active proponent of various charitable and community causes. It is the dedication of people like Ms. Morgenstern that makes the difference in the life of neighborhoods and communities.

Ms. Morgenstern graduated from the University of Wisconsin and has pursued graduate studies at Case Western Reserve University. She is a dedicated community leader and for many years has demonstrated tremendously effective work in numerous organizations including United Way Services, the Cleveland International Program, the Epilepsy Foundation, Call for Action, the Temple Tifereth Israel, and Piano International. She served as president of ISC from 1988–90, leading the organization through a critical time of transition.

Ms. Morgenstern has encouraged and supported innovation and growth. She was one of the founders and the first chairwoman of the annual International Holiday Folk Festival in Cleveland. She continues to be one of the festival's greatest supporters as it has grown in stature and popularity. The festival not only provides a needed source of revenue for ISC, it is a major cultural event in the Greater Cleveland area fostering intercultural and interracial harmony.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating Claire Morgenstern, devoted grandmother, mother, wife, and dedicated community leader, on a lifetime of wonderful work for the multicultural community in the Greater Cleveland area.

COMMEMORATING THE 1972 NATIONAL BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to commend the 1972 National Black Political Convention's 25th Anniversary celebration. This event will take place tomorrow, September 27, 1997, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, IN.

With great vision and dedication, the citizens of Gary, IN successfully hosted the First Black Political Convention 25 years ago. In 1972, 10,000 African-Americans trailblazed their way to Gary to bring together mainstream political leaders, labor officials, and ordinary people to forge a landmark and milestone in our country's struggle for economic justice and fair share of political power.

In 1972, there were 300 African-Americans elected to public office, nationwide; today, there are 7,000 in Federal, State, and local office. In 1972, there were 12 Members of Congress, and in 1997 there are 40 African-Americans in the U.S. Congress. The issues facing African-Americans today are different now than in 1972. The conference this weekend signals the shift from marches to the political arena, to using the political arena as the most effective avenue of opportunity.

In 1972, the convention agenda focused on political and economic empowerment, human development, international policy, communications, rural development, environmental protection, and self-determination. Twenty-five years later, some of the original organizers, including then Gary Mayor Richard Hatcher, are bringing together many of the same players for an anniversary celebration. U.S. Representative MAXINE WATERS of California, chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, will speak at the Genesis Center tomorrow evening. Many social conditions continue to place African-Americans at a disadvantage in finding employment and adequate housing. As a result, the public is being asked to join in the celebration for a weekend of solidarity and discussion, which will focus on striving to eliminate the burdens plaguing African-Americans.

A host of the Nation's most respected academic and political activists, including Dick Gregory, Dr. Ron Walters, Ron Daniels, U.S. Representative DANNY K. DAVIS, and Dr. Ron Karenga, have confirmed their attendance. I am proud to be a part of this celebration and would also like to commend the efforts of the members of the Gary Committee to Commemorate the 1972 National Black Political Convention: Richard Gordon Hatcher, James Holland, Dozier T. Allen, Morris Carter, Judy Cherry, Carolyn McCrady, and a host of other participants working to make this anniversary celebration a success. As the U.S. Representative of Indiana's First Congressional District, I am proud to represent the place of my birth, Gary, IN. I look forward to continuing to work with my African-American colleagues in making this country a better place for all people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commemorating the 25 year anniversary of the 1972 Black

Political Convention and to encourage public participation in carrying out their vision into the future.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2267) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to the Hefley amendment which would reduce funding for the economic development agency [EDA] by \$90 million.

The EDA plays a vital role in providing support to communities in high economic distress. An anecdote from my district illustrates how the EDA can work for all of our cities and towns. A large community in western Massachusetts just experienced sizable defense industry layoffs. Modest economic development money can inject economic life into communities facing similar hardships. EDA grants fund utilities construction to create industrial parks, provide capital for small business loans, fund regional economic planning for small communities to coordinate job creation efforts, and turn former military bases into centers for new businesses.

EDA funds help to build infrastructure, attract private investment, and create jobs. This is the kind of help that every district needs.

I urge my colleagues to preserve EDA funding and reject the Hefley amendment.

HONORING RABBI BERTRAM KORN

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 1997

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who, in his all-too-brief 60 years of life, accomplished more than most could in three lifetimes. Rabbi Bertram W. Korn was a man of deep faith, a devoted family man, a heroic military officer, and a community leader in the 13th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Rabbi Korn served Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, PA, as its senior rabbi from 1949 until his death in 1979. During that period, Keneseth Israel grew to become the largest synagogue in the Delaware Valley and a keystone of the religious community of Montgomery County, PA. He was the first senior rabbi to be educated, Bar Mitzvahed, and confirmed at the synagogue he led for so many years.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Korn was a dynamic and energetic leader who was known for his charismatic leadership and a catalyst for progressive change. He was entirely devoted to

his congregation and would be there for them at important events throughout their lives. While his title comes from the Hebrew rabbi, meaning "my master," Bertram Korn spent his life in service to the congregation of Keneseth Israel.

Rabbi Korn was a trailblazer, patriot, and military leader. Since World War II, he faithfully served the U.S. Navy becoming the first Jewish admiral in the Naval chaplaincy. He was a scholar, historian, and humanitarian with numerous books and writings to his credit.

Now, the congregation he loved and served so conscientiously will honor him by dedicating its sanctuary to Rabbi Korn's memory at Shabbat services this evening. Mr. Speaker, in Judaism, the sanctuary is the spiritual center of our synagogue and it is fitting that Keneseth Israel is dedicating their sanctuary to Rabbi Korn because for them, he was their spiritual center for many years and his memory and influence still lingers. The sanctuary is where our families gather for prayer and where we keep the Torah, which contains the entire body of Jewish religious law and learning including sacred literature and oral tradition. Rabbi Korn exemplified what is best about the family and the power of prayer for generations of our people.

Leading tonight's ceremonies will be Keneseth Israel's new senior rabbi, Bradley Bleefeld as well as Rabbi Aaron Landes of Beth Shalom Congregation. Rabbi Landes was both a rabbinical and Navy colleague of Rabbi Korn and will be the featured speaker and will be followed by Charles Pollack, head of the Bertram Korn Memorial Committee.

At the end of the service there will be two dedications. The first is a dedication of a mezuzah commissioned by the Korn family including his sister, Jean, and his two children, Bertram Jr., and Judy. A mezuzah is a copy of the Hebrew text of Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 1:13-21 in a container marked with the word Shaddai, the name of God. Rabbi Korn's son, Bertram W. Korn Jr., is the executive editor of the Jewish Exponent newspaper in Philadelphia. The second dedication will be the dedication of the sanctuary.

In association with this celebration, Temple Judea Museum of Keneseth Israel is opening a display of artifacts honoring Rabbi Korn to coincide with the dedications. In the entire 150-year history of the synagogue, there have only been seven rabbis. Of all of them, Rabbi Korn, is noted for having 13 or 14 of his students go onto rabbinical college.

E. Harris Baum, current president of Keneseth Israel, said that part of this celebration is designed to introduce a new generation of young Jews to the legacy of a great rabbi and to rekindle interest in his intellectual work and all that he gave to Reform Judaism. Mr. Baum said the message he received from Rabbi Korn was that each individual in the world has a responsibility to the other—not just Jews, but to all human beings.

Recently, Mr. Speaker, we honored Mother Teresa of Calcutta for similar reasons. Both of these individuals recognized that human kindness and our obligation to care for each other should not be limited by national origins or differences in religious practice. Compassion for each other is something that can bring the world's religious together just as Rabbi Korn's humanity pulled the families of his synagogue