

Nelda Barton-Collings is a 40-year resident of Corbin (Whitley County) in Kentucky's 5th Congressional District, which I represent. Nelda is more than a constituent. She is a friend, a certified medical technologist, a licensed nursing home administrator, a successful business entrepreneur, a political activist, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother, and an inspiration to thousands of people in my home State of Kentucky.

When President Dwight D. Eisenhower said that politics should be a part-time profession for every citizen who wants to protect the rights and privileges of free people and wants to preserve what is good in our national heritage, he must have been thinking of Nelda Barton-Collings.

Nelda first ventured into politics during the late 1950's when her brother-in-law ran for tax commissioner of Whitley County. Since then, she has emerged as an effective leader in the Kentucky GOP, a committed representative for our State, and a prominent national figure. She served as Kentucky's Republican National Committeewoman for nearly 29 years—longer than any of the RNC's other members—and during the last four years she had the honor of serving as the RNC's national secretary. She was also the first woman from Kentucky to give a major address during a Republican National Convention (1980).

But, Nelda is more than a woman involved in Republican politics. She is an accomplished businesswoman, and she has a long history of being very involved in her community. In 1990 she was elected the first woman chairman of the board for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. From 1990–92 she sat on the National Advisory Council to the Small Business Administration. She was appointed by President Reagan to the Federal Council on Aging and by President George Bush to the President's Council on Rural America.

The many awards and honors she has received over the years speak volumes regarding her concern for and investment in Kentucky. She was recognized in 1992 by the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities when they established the Nelda Barton Community Service Award in her honor. October 22, 1973, was proclaimed Nelda Barton Day by the mayor of Corbin. Additionally, she has received the Kentucky Medical Association's Outstanding Layperson Award (1992); Cumberland College's Medal of Honor (1988); the Kentucky Business and Professional Women's Kentucky Woman of Achievement Award (1982–1983); Kentucky Federation Republican Woman of the year (1968); the Tri-County Woman of Achievement (1982); the Dwight David Eisenhower Award (1970); and I could go on and on.

Although there is no one I know of that has devoted more time and attention to Republican activities than Nelda, she has always been very well-respected by people of all political persuasions. Her number one priority has been bringing people together and pursuing ideals that will make our Nation strong. Her politics have always been marked by her concern for those around her. She has made her mark in Kentucky with a touch of class and an abundance of style.

I want to thank Nelda for all her hard work over the years on behalf of Kentuckians. While she will be greatly missed as Kentucky's representative on the Republican National Committee, I have no doubt that she will continue

to serve as an inspiration to the men and women of our State.

# SALUTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION AND BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLIC SERVANTS MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 1997*

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute eight outstanding individuals who will be honored later this week at a special ceremony. On February 14, 1997, the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association will host the 51st Public Servants Merit Awards Luncheon. At the luncheon, the honorees will receive the Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Merit Award. The individuals to be honored are: Delores Bell; Charles T. Birmelin; Michael Flanagan; Deborah Fleischer; John P. Garmon; Rosanne O'Brien; Fred W. Papay; and Maryellen Reddy.

The Public Servants Merit Award is named in honor of a distinguished lawyer, the late Franklin A. Polk. During his career, attorney Polk was committed to recognizing the contributions of public servants. He also chaired the annual awards luncheon for 40 years.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in saluting the 1997 Public Servants Merit Award recipients. Each of the individuals is more than deserving of this level of recognition. At this time, I want to share with my colleagues and the Nation some information regarding the honorees.

Delores A. Bell, as an employee of the Cleveland Municipal Clerk of Courts since 1972, Delores holds the title of deputy clerk. She is responsible for maintaining a safe and secure office, sorting caseloads from the previous day, initial processing of tickets from the division of building and housing as well as the Department of Health and the City Income Tax Dept.

During the late 1960's through the early 1970's, Delores worked inside the voting booth on each election day.

Married to John for nearly 35 years, she is the mother of three grown children, Monte, Sonita and Tyronn. She states that her most outstanding accomplishment has been to raise her three children and be the very best mother possible. She is also proud of the fact that one child has earned two college degrees and the other two will soon earn their degrees as well. Delores states, "If I could live my life over, there are a few things I would do differently, but I would not change my walk with the eternal deity. It is best to give your children all of the time you can when they are young".

Her activities include walking miles around the track in the spring, summer and fall. For relaxation she enjoys traveling, going to the movies and meditating.

Charles T. Birmelin, a 1961 graduate of the Stenotype Institute of Washington, DC, Charles T. Birmelin began his career in the field of court reporting with Mehler and Hagestrom as a free-lance reporter for 5 years. In 1970 he came to work for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas taking the position of assistant official court reporter. By 1979, Charles has assumed the very demanding position of chief official court reporter. His responsibilities include oversee-

ing the staff of 42 court reporters, plus two administrative staff. He services 33 judges of the court of common pleas; provides answers to persons who may have questions relating to the court reporters; as well as provide answers for the general overall supervision of the entire court reporting department and staff.

A native of Mansfield, OH, Charles also enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1962 and was decorated with the "Good Conduct Award" and the "Distinguished Service Award" before being discharged in 1965. Charles lists his outstanding accomplishments as being elected president of the Ohio Court Reporters in both 1978 and 1979 and receiving an award of being a fellow of the national court reporters Assoc. He was also an Eagle Scout and a troop leader in the Boy Scouts of America, Mansfield, OH.

For relaxation Charles enjoys fishing, boating and camping. He says he also likes to go to auctions to find that "good buy" of an antique.

Michael E. Flanagan, St. Edward's and Cleveland State undergraduate, Michael Edward Flanagan comes to his position as chief deputy bailiff of Cleveland Municipal Court based on a long family commitment to public service. His father was Chief Bailiff from 1948 to 1984 and his grandfather served in the Cleveland police department from 1921 to 1951. Michael's current responsibilities in the administrative services department include being a project leader to review current court programs to improve and modernize them. Since 1988, he has also been responsible for the design and implementation of the court's computerization [CJIS]. He also has participated in "Bailiff Basic Training" through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council as well.

Michael is equally committed to his family and his community. The father of Colleen, Kevin, Kathleen, and Megan, and husband for 18 years to Maureen, Michael devotes his time to St. Christopher Catholic Church, Ohio Association of Court Administrators, Normandy Nursing Home, Rocky River Municipal Court Security Advisory Committee, and still finds time to coach girls softball among other activities.

In his "free" time he enjoys traveling, hiking, canoeing, and family camping. He loves spending time working on his home computer which translates into better service to the Court.

Deborah Jean Fleischer, Deborah Jean Fleischer has spent the last 27 years of her life working for the Cuyahoga County Probate Court. At the age of 19, she assumed her first position with probate court in the docket department. Ten years later she transferred to the order department where she would eventually become supervisor in 1987. Prior to this position, Deborah worked part-time in a gift shop at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport while still attending high school.

Her duties at the court include: Certifying court documents; preparing court records for filing in the Court of Appeals; doing genealogical research; and assisting the general public when necessary.

Deborah has always been involved with her community. She was a volunteer for the project learn organization which helped teach illiterate adults to read. She volunteers through her church to help deliver food to local shelters, and she is also a very strong animal rights advocate, being involved in the Berea Animal Rescue Center.

In her spare time, she loves traveling and has visited many European locales including Italy, Austria, Zurich, and Switzerland. Traveling isn't the only thing she loves to do; she has a love of animals for which her neighbors can attest. She can often be seen

picking up stray animals and taking them home for care.

John P. Garmone, as clerk of court for the Lyndhurst Municipal Court, John Garmone is responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the docket, general index and other court records. He is also responsible for collecting all monies payable to the clerk's office including fines, court costs and fees, bail, garnishments, bank attachments and trusteeships. In addition to signing and issuing arrest warrants, John also supervises a staff of seven full-time deputy clerks and two part-time deputy clerks.

After graduating in 1974 from Cleveland State with a bachelor of science degree, John immediately took a position with the municipal court in Cleveland as chief deputy clerk. John also was a bail investigator with the Cuyahoga County Bail Commissions interviewing and recruiting county prisoners for probationary diversion programs.

John lists his being a past president of Northeastern Ohio Municipal Court Clerks Association in 1993 as one of his outstanding accomplishments.

Married to Kathleen for nearly 3 years, he enjoys music and the theater and trying "to keep his wife in the style of living to which she has become accustomed." John also states that, "Trying to treat everyone as I would appreciate whether they are the public, coworkers, whomever and keep a sense of humor while doing it". John describes a typical day as, "Everyday is a Joke! And I would not have it any other way".

Rosanne M. O'Brien, born in Washington Island, WI, Rosanne O'Brien took a position with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court in her senior year of high school as part of a career class. While holding a number of positions such as general clerk, numbering clerk, docketing clerk, and senior clerk typist since 1972. Her current position, assistant courtroom coordinator, is her most challenging yet. She is responsible for scheduling and reviewing cases prior to court and must speak with probation officers, attorneys, and clients to assure a smooth hearing in the courtroom. With such a diversified background, it is no wonder she has been nominated for employee of the year five times.

Rosanne is also very committed to her community, being a campaign volunteer for the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Easter Seals and United Way. On the political side, she is also an elected precinct committee member and Chairperson for membership and attendance with the Lakewood Democratic Club.

Rosanne and her husband, James, have enjoyed over 18 years of marriage. Her two golden retrievers, Sandy and Dusty, keep her busy when she's not bowling or doing needle crafts.

Fred W. Papay, born in Cleveland, Fred W. Papay graduated from West Technical High School. He began his work with the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts at the age of 24 in 1971. Nominated by Gerald E. Fuerst, clerk of courts for Cuyahoga County, Fred W. Papay is chief filing clerk. His responsibilities include overseeing all of the filing for both civil and divorce cases, and all subsequent pleadings in those cases.

A sergeant with the U.S. Air Force for 3 years, Fred is a Vietnam war veteran. After serving his country, he remained on inactive duty for another 2 years.

When Fred is not busy at work filing court documents, he enjoys sports. Fred is also an avid collector of any type of sports memorabilia. He says that in addition to his fascination with sports, he loves to collect elephant statues.

Maryellen Reddy, as a journal clerk/court community service liaison in Cuyahoga

County domestic relations court for over 20 years, Maryellen Reddy has a wide range of job responsibilities. Her position requires her to review all journal entries prior to any hearings or the judges' signature. She also makes sure that all documents required by the State or local rules are attached to all entries. She monitors all contempt of court cases with the court's orders for compliance with the court community service.

Maryellen has been active in the political arena as well as being an executive board committee member of the Democratic Precinct, Ward 19.

An avid Cleveland sports fan, Maryellen is proud of the fact that she has been an eighteen year season ticket holder in the "Dawg Pound". She also enjoys Cleveland baseball, having season tickets for the Cleveland Indians. In her leisure time, Maryellen enjoys spending time with her family and cuddling up to a good book.

## OPPORTUNITIES BEING LOST

HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 11, 1997*

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to my colleagues' attention the following editorial by my good friend Charles William Maynes. Charles is retiring from his position as editor of Foreign Policy, the magazine of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

I laud Charles for his thoughts in this editorial. He clearly outlines the need for the political will to aid the developing world, both overseas and here in the United States. He makes the case for aid in international development as a tool to achieve our national interest of peacefully coexisting constitutional democracies.

Charles is not unaware of the challenges facing the disbursement of international aid. He presents several concrete ideas for reforming the way in which aid reaches developing economies. The international economic system that is the rubic under which aid is now being administered demands changes in the way development aid is collected and distributed.

As the Congress debates the level of international aid the United States should contribute, I hope my colleagues will familiarize themselves with the following article, and the rest of Charles William Maynes' work.

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### OPPORTUNITIES BEING LOST

(By Charles William Maynes)

Charles Williams Maynes is retiring as editor of Foreign Policy, the magazine published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Its editor since 1980, he delivered a farewell address in Washington to a closing session Jan. 15 of the International Development Conference, which is attended annually by more than 1,000 analysts, diplomats, businessmen and politicians involved with development work in the Third World. The following are excerpts from his address, which sets out his view of the world in the years head:

We are in one of the most plastic periods in modern history. It is rare in history for all of the great powers to be essentially at peace with one another and for all of them to accept one another's international legitimacy. In this remarkable moment, we have such a

consensus, yet we are failing to exploit it, and opportunities are being lost every day.

Anti-immigrant feeling has never been higher in the postwar period. The vicious political infighting has already resumed on Capitol Hill. Concern for others is down. The publishing sensation of the country in recent years has been a study of white and black education performance, with the subliminal message one of resignation. Why continue efforts to lift others out of their current state if those you want to help are predisposed to remain there? Why try to help others catch up, when studies show that they never will?

The country is increasingly skeptical and cynical. Few believe that government can work. And if it can't work at home, how can it possibly work abroad in cultures we scarcely comprehend? If we cannot construct sensible development programs for south-central Los Angeles, how can we possibly expect to develop them for Haiti?

### AMERICANS ARE GROWING FEARFUL

We are facing, in other words, a new pessimism that threatens all sound programs for change and reform. Much of this new pessimism toward the developing world rests on a dark vision of the future . . .

[But] the World Bank forecasts that over the next 10 years, developing countries, including the former Soviet bloc, will grow by nearly 5 percent a year, compared with a rate of 2.7 percent in the rich industrial North. In other words, the Third World is going to be the growth engine of the world economy in the coming decade.

In addition, the share of the developing countries of the world economy is already much greater than common discourse allows. If output is measured on the basis of purchasing-power parities, then the developing countries and the former Soviet bloc already account for 44 percent of the world's output. If the World Bank's estimates turn out to be right, by the year 2020, these countries will have 60 percent of the world's global output.

What is the explanation for this deep pessimism that pervades American thinking?

We have to look for the answer not in facts, but in politics. What we are witnessing is the collapse of a powerful governmental paradigm, which governed our affairs for much of the post-World War Two period. After the great war, in part because of the genuine and heroic accomplishments of that struggle, in which everyone played a role from the president to the private to Rosie the Riveter, there was a widespread belief that government could work. Men and women could band together to accomplish high and noble goals. After all, they had already done it.

### LOSS OF FAITH IN GOVERNMENT

In all of our political cultures, the dominant ideology became a disguised form of social democracy, which rested on the belief that governments, if well-organized and properly funded, could change societies for the better.

Even conservatives, with the evidence of the war effort so near, were hard pressed to reject this vision. And if the war memory did not persuade them, then they were converted because they feared that unless their society had answers for searing social and economic problems, the masses might be drawn to communism, which did promise answers.

Much of the international development effort rested on that ideology of social democracy, which has now collapsed. It was believed that if the New Deal could work at home, it could work abroad. The problem was simply to find the money.

Now communism has gone as an ideological challenge. But more important, also gone is our belief that we know what works. The result is a collapse in American leadership in the development field.