

15, 1987, as a general law city, and operates under a council-manager form of government. Five members are elected to the city council at large on a nonpartisan basis, with members serving overlapping terms.

Santa Clarita was founded by a group of community leaders who led the charge for a local based government where area residents could attend meetings in Santa Clarita. Their vision was for a city that embodied the best of each community while encouraging cutting edge commercial and retail industry to locate in Santa Clarita. Today, that vision is a reality as evidenced by a May 1997 Wall Street Journal article which named Santa Clarita as the west coast's fastest growing retail market.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Santa Clarita has accomplished much since its founding 10 years ago. Having been so fortunate to not only represent this wonderful community in Congress, but having served as both a city council member and mayor, I am proud to rise today and mark this special day in Santa Clarita's history. I join the residents of Santa Clarita, CA, in the pride we share for this wonderful city on its 10th anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Minneapolis Community Development Agency and the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority. These agencies are celebrating 50 years of exceptional service to the citizens and businesses of Minneapolis, MN.

The Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority [MHRA] was established on November 5, 1947, for the purpose of eliminating urban blight and developing low-cost housing for Minneapolis residents. The MHRA developed its first locally financed renewal project in 1950; built, owned, and managed its first public housing units in 1952; developed its first federally assisted project in 1955; and over the next three decades, built and managed nearly 8,000 units of public housing and implemented hundreds of redevelopment projects, providing affordable housing, commercial and industrial development sites.

In 1981, the MHRA merged with the Minneapolis Industrial Development Commission and the development division of the city coordinator's office to create the Minneapolis Community Development Agency [MCDA], a new streamlined agency to coordinate city development resources. In 1991, the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority [MPHA] separated from the MCDA, creating two independent agencies.

Mr. Speaker, the MCDA and the MPHA have made significant and lasting contributions to the quality of life in Minneapolis in the areas of housing, economic development, and the arts, and continue to forge new traditions in community building. These agencies have received numerous awards and recognitions of their outstanding achievements in the areas of housing and economic development, including

a 1971 award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development naming the MHRA the most outstanding urban renewal agency in the Nation, the first such award ever presented. Congratulations to these two agencies and best wishes for continued success in their efforts to make Minneapolis an outstanding city in which to live, work, and play.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN N. STURDIVANT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, and distinguished colleagues, today I rise to acknowledge the work of John N. Sturdivant, president of the American Federation of Government Employees, who died October 28 after a long battle with leukemia.

I admired Mr. Sturdivant for his committed advocacy on behalf of the Federal worker. Having first-hand knowledge of how very difficult it can be at times to be an outspoken friend of the Federal worker, I rise to commend his convictions and integrity in championing the national service of the Federal employee.

All too often, hard working and dedicated Federal employees become the target of unfair treatment from both the Government and citizens they serve. Nevertheless, their work is essential and vital to our constituents. Mr. Sturdivant recognized their value to this country and thus dedicated his career to their advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I want to extend my sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Mr. Sturdivant as we mourn the loss of this friend of the Federal worker.

CHARLES BLACK: A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a truly outstanding individual, my constituent Charles Black. On November 6, Charlie's family and many friends and colleagues will honor him upon his retirement from General Public Utilities [GPU] after 32 years of service to the company. He has left an indelible mark upon Morris County, NJ, having devoted countless hours to helping make it one of America's finest places to live.

Charles Black was born in Quakertown, PA, in the fall of 1938. During his summers in between college semesters, Charlie worked various jobs, from employment as a button setter at a blouse factory to getting his first start at a power company in New Jersey. In 1960, perhaps the most important year of Charlie's life, he earned his bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Gettysburg College. That year, he also married the former Joyce Hoffmann, and then began his service with the U.S. Air Force.

Charlie Black's commitment to service started with his commitment to duty and honor with the U.S. Air Force. In fact, Charlie continues

to be active with the U.S. Air Force in the reserve program, as a liaison officer commander with the U.S. Air Force Academy, and as chairman of my own 11th Congressional District Academy Review Board for prospective nominees to our Nation's service academies.

Starting with Jersey Central Power & Light Co. in 1965, Charlie has served as GPU's director of communications since 1983. This position made him a visible figure in the community, as GPU serves approximately 2 million people in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and facilitated the beginning of his long-standing service to his community. Over the last 15 years, it was a rare occasion for me to be at a charitable event in Morris County in which Charlie was not involved. He has always been there when called upon, and, although, much has been made this year on promoting volunteerism, it has been people like Charlie Black who have been a stalwart of our Nation's volunteer efforts throughout his life.

Over the years, Charlie Black's name has been synonymous with the County College of Morris Foundation, on which he served as a past president of the board of directors, so it comes as no surprise that the County College of Morris is regarded as one of the finest county colleges in the Nation. Charlie also served on the boards of directors of the Morris County United Way and the Dope Open Golf Tournament, offering a helping hand to those in need.

Although Charlie has been active on behalf of many wonderful organizations, he has been invaluable to me in his commitment to promoting and preserving the important mission at the Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center at Picatinny Arsenal which employs 4,000 people in New Jersey. When Picatinny was listed on a preliminary list for closure during the 1995 base realignment and closure process, I looked to Charlie to be a leader on my Picatinny Working Group which was a key element in recognizing the arsenal's importance to the region's economy, the identities of surrounding communities and promoting the incredible "smart" weapons being developed by Picatinny's engineers. Charlie was also a founding member of the Picatinny defense fund, and served as the organization's vice president. His work in getting the Picatinny defense fund established ensures that Picatinny Arsenal's mission will continue to be well defended in the future.

Just this past May, Charlie's commitment to Picatinny and the U.S. Air Force intertwined when he worked along with Mary Mulholland, as he so often did, to plan a luncheon honoring Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall after she toured Picatinny Arsenal. Needless to say, Charlie and Mary's luncheon for Secretary Widnall was a remarkable success. Unfortunately, Charlie could not attend the luncheon because he was wearing one of his many hats and had to deliver a speech for GPU in New Orleans.

Mr. Speaker, shortly, Charlie and his wife Joyce Black will be moving to Arizona to enjoy life in retirement. But anyone who knows Charlie knows that he won't be at rest for too long—he will be contributing to the enrichment of his new community in no time. I only hope that the State of Arizona knows what an exemplary citizen they are gaining. Good luck Charlie and Joyce.

COMMENDING THE LUBOML
EXHIBITION PROJECT

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and call attention to a project of passion and nobility, a project dedicated to the preservation of a world lost to us. It was a world of happiness and light. A world of families and children, of community and spirituality. It was the world of the Polish town of Luboml. In 1942, it was from this Earth untimely ripped—destroyed by an evil that marched across Europe leaving death in its path. More than 4,000 members of Luboml's Jewish population were killed by the Nazi barbarians. Only 51 survived.

Now, thanks to the efforts of a New York businessman, Aaron Ziegelman, we are able to get a glimpse of this lost world. Mr. Ziegelman, who was born in Luboml, came to this country in 1938 at the age of 10. When he, his mother, and his sister left for America, more than 50 residents of the town came out to bid them farewell; only one of those residents survived the Holocaust. Mr. Ziegelman has made it his mission to keep alive the memory of those who perished: the memory not only of their deaths, but of their lives.

In 1994, Mr. Ziegelman initiated the Luboml Exhibition Project. So far, the project has collected nearly 2,000 photographs and artifacts from more than 100 families and from archives from around the world. These include a hand-embroidered matzo cover; a photograph of three young girls smiling for the camera; a picture of Luboml's bustling market day; a group portrait of the "Luboml bicycling club"; a school identification card; a photo of an ice skating party. As Mr. Ziegelman said, "Before they were victims, they were people," and therein lies the deepest sense of tragedy.

Seeing life breathed into this perished world, one cannot help thinking of the hundreds, or even thousands, of towns just like Luboml. Towns where families were torn apart, where children were not allowed to grow into adults, where vibrant lives were cut short. Considering Luboml, this quintessential 20th-Century tragedy once again takes on a more concrete, more personal resonance. Thanks to the work of Mr. Ziegelman, we are once again reminded of the fundamental belief we are voicing when we say, "Never Again."

ON THE 96TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE A.J. MCCLUNG YMCA CHAPTER
COLUMBUS, GA

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 21, 1997, the citizens of Columbus, GA will celebrate 96 years of service provided by the A.J. McClung Chapter of the Young Men's Christian Association. They will gather to honor an institution that was founded in 1901 and is recognized as the oldest serving minority YMCA in the Nation. Also, they will honor the man for which it was later named—

Arthur J. McClung, mayor pro tem, city Columbus and the longest serving director of the branch.

This is an institution rich in history. Originally known as the Ninth Street Branch YMCA, it was founded through the efforts of a small prayer group led by Mr. W.E. Clark, Mr. S.W. Yarbrough, Prof. S.R. Marshall, and Dr. R.H. Cobb. Professor Marshall and Dr. Cobb both served terms as chairman of the board of management during its early years. The variety of activities and the number of boys and young men served rapidly outgrew the original small frame building on Ninth Street.

In 1907, two prominent Columbus brothers, George Foster Peabody and Royal Canfield Peabody, provided the funds to build a then-modern facility that included a dormitory, indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, game room, cafeteria, and office space. In 1925 the Army and Navy YMCA of Fort Benning and local citizens contributed funds to make additional improvements to the facility. Mr. Booker T. Washington was the guest speaker at the dedication which also featured renowned soloist Gertrude "Ma" Rainey.

After many years of service to the community, the Ninth Street YMCA Branch was destroyed when the roof collapsed from a rare Columbus snow storm. While a new facility was being built, Dr. S.P. Charleston generously provided a building he owned on Shepherd Drive to continue the mission of service provided by the YMCA.

On Sunday, November 21, 1965, the new facility was dedicated as the Brookhaven Boulevard Branch YMCA. In 1978 the facility was renamed in honor of Arthur J. McClung who provided years of leadership and service to the YMCA and the community as a whole. In 1986, the board of managers elected to become an independent association known as the A.J. McClung Young Men's Christian Association, Inc.

There have been many changes throughout the years—facilities, locations, programs, board members and executive directors—but the primary mission and purpose of the A.J. McClung YMCA has remained constant. And that is to improve the quality of life of all people. In addition to its exercise and recreational facilities, the A.J. McClung YMCA provides programs seeking to prevent heart disease, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, AIDS, school dropouts, and youth unemployment. The institution also promotes positive attitudes and values among young people.

The citizens of Columbus and Fort Benning, GA and Phenix City, AL have given generously of their time and energies to the A.J. McClung YMCA over its 96 year history. I would like to recognize the fine men who have served as chairman of the board of management. They include: Dr. E.H. Mayer, 1901–02; Prof. S.R. Marshall, 1903–04; Dr. R.H. Cobb, 1905–09; Dr. E.J. Turner 1909–12; Prof. M.H. Spencer 1912–14; Dr. R.H. Cobb, 1914–22; Dr. M.L. Taylor, 1922–25; Dr. E.J. Turner, 1925–26; Dr. R.H. Cobb, 1926–30; Dr. F. Coffee, 1930–32; Prof. F.R. Lampkin, 1939–45; Mr. M.R. Ashworth, 1945–52; Mr. Steve Knight, 1952–53; Mr. Sandy D. Allen, 1953–60; Atty. Albert W. Thompson, 1961–69; Mr. Samuel Byrd, 1970–71; Mr. Lorenzo Manns, 1972–80; Dr. Henry L. Cook, 1981–83; Mr. Robert L. Anderson, 1984–87; Mr. Scott Wise, 1987–89; Mr. Spurgeon A. Glenn, Jr., 1989–90; Mr. Robert L. Anderson, 1990–92; Mr. James Walker, 1992–present.

I also want to recognize those fine individuals who have served as director of the institution. They include A.Z. Kelsey, A.G. Randall, Joseph Allen, T.B. Neely, R.D. Kelsey, G.F. Rivers, J.L. Johnson, Henry Byrd, H.R. Williams, Joseph Rholta, L.J. Johnson, K.D. Reddick, H.R. Williams, O.R. Bryant, E.E. Farley, D.D. Moody, Theodore Rutherford, G.F. Rivers, W.S. Douglass, W.R. Bennett, Jr., Arthur J. McClung, W.T.L. Vann, Wane A. Hailes, and Ira Flowers, the present director.

Mr. Speaker, I join in congratulating the A.J. McClung Young Men's Christian Association Chapter on its 96 years of service to the communities of Columbus, Fort Benning, and Phenix City. Also, I salute the dedication and contributions of Mayor Pro Tem Arthur J. McClung to the citizens of Columbus and the YMCA named in his honor. I wish them all the best in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE NASH

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the United States was founded under the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all. Throughout our history, everyday citizens have become our heroes while they worked to protect our inalienable rights. Mike Nash, an advocate for Vietnam veterans, was one of those heroes. On May 25, 1997, Mike Nash died, but his legacy will live throughout the ages.

Mike Nash was a decorated U.S. Army veteran who fought for his country in Vietnam from 1969 through 1970. His experience in Vietnam forever changed his life. In 1987, Mike joined Chapter 154 of the Vietnam Veterans of America and served the organization at the national level and local level. His calm demeanor and tenacious spirit made him a driving force in the fight for veterans causes.

As a prominent member of the Michigan and national chapters of Vietnam Veterans of America, Mike spent his free time counseling veterans and working to find veterans who were missing in action in Vietnam. Last year Mike traveled to Vietnam to search for information on MIA's. As Mike once said, "As long as proof remains that even one MIA is still alive, we will try to find him." His passion to find missing veterans was fueled by the completeness of his family. He was so thankful to be with his wife, June and their two daughters, Jacquelyn, and Jessica. He hoped that someday, missing veterans would one day be reunited with their loved ones.

Mike Nash was a tireless advocate for Vietnam Veterans: to all who knew him, a friend; to June, Jacquelyn, and Jessica, he was a husband and father. Mike lived his life caring and serving other people. I am honored to have had the opportunity to call Mike my friend. We will all miss Mike's advocacy for Vietnam Veterans, but most of all we will miss his friendship.