

and long-term commitment; strong leadership and disciplinary policies; staff development; parental involvement; interagency partnerships and community links; and a culturally sensitive and developmentally appropriate approach.

I am proud to join my colleague from New Jersey, Congressman ROBERT MENENDEZ as a cosponsor of the School Anti-Violence Empowerment Act because it includes many of the recommendations of the GAO report. This bill would:

Provide grants for school districts to hire crisis prevention counselors and fund anti-school violence initiatives. 50% of the grants would go to fund crisis prevention counselors and crisis prevention programs. 50% would go to school districts who would have the flexibility to spend these funds on projects which would best improve security at their schools.

Increased funding for COPS. 50% of the funding would be targeted for cooperative school-police partnerships to place safety officers in schools.

Implements after school and life skills programs for at-risk youth.

Directs the Department of Education to work with the Department of Justice to develop a model violence prevention program for school districts to use. In addition, the Department of Education would create a clearinghouse of anti-school violence to allow school districts to see what types of initiatives are working in other schools across the nation.

It is imperative that we implement aggressive and comprehensive approaches to keep our children safe. They deserve to have an educational experience free from fear or the threat of violence.

LAW ENFORCEMENT
APPRECIATION MONTH

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Month to pay tribute to our nation's more than 700,000 men and women who serve our communities as law enforcement officers. We owe these individuals a tremendous debt of gratitude for the many sacrifices they make so that we might enjoy safer places to live and work.

Each day, America's law enforcement officers put their lives on the line as our first defense from violent crime. But these public servants do so much more than apprehend criminals: law enforcement officers are community activists, role models for our nation's young people and defenders of law and order.

This month, in honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Month, I hope that Americans will take time to thank their local law enforcement officers for their dedication and hard work. We should also take this moment to remember the ultimate sacrifice made by the many officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and pay our respects to the families these individuals have left behind. Most importantly, as this month comes to a close, we should strive to honor these brave officers each day and give them our support so that together we might make our communities an even better place to live.

CONGRATULATING LEON MEDVEDOW ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to recognize Leon Medvedow as he celebrates his 70th birthday. This evening friends, family, and the New Haven community will gather to pay tribute to Leon for a lifetime of contributions to the City of New Haven.

A respected leader of the community, Leon has served the City of New Haven and its residents with an unparalleled commitment for over fifty years. His distinguished record of public service began with his election as New Haven's Old Third Ward Alderman in 1953. For decades, Leon continued his leadership and vision for New Haven in many other capacities including City Clerk, Chairman of the Board of Finance, and Chairman of the 25th Ward Democratic Committee.

Leon was honored by former President Jimmy Carter with an appointment to the Federal Small Business Administration Advisory Council in recognition of his professionalism as a small business owner. Today he remains president of Leon A. Medvedow & Associates, Inc., a printing company he built from the ground up, and continues his political career as Campaign General Chairman for New Haven's current mayor, John DeStefano, Jr. His exceptional talents remain focused on the improvement of the New Haven community.

The generosity Leon has shown throughout his life has made him a true friend to the community. He gives his seemingly endless time and energy to many community organizations. Currently, he is a member of Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel as well as the Board of Directors for the New Haven Jewish Community Center, overseeing a myriad of social programs for New Haven's Jewish community. He is a former trustee of the University of Connecticut's Alumni Association and a founder and past president of the UCONN Club. An avid basketball fan, he is a fifty year veteran basketball season ticket holder showing true loyalty and spirit for his alma mater. His passion for the sport led him to sponsor a local team, the New Haven Elms, bringing the game he loves to the City of New Haven.

After five decades of accomplishments, you wouldn't think Leon would have anything left to achieve and yet he continues to add to his extraordinary life. Just five days ago, Leon celebrated his Bar Mitzvah, fulfilling a promise he made to himself over fifty years ago when circumstances forced the ceremony to fall by the wayside.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join Leon's wife, Phyllis, children, grandchildren, friends, and the entire New Haven community to wish my good friend a very happy 70th birthday. Leon's work and commitment have truly left this community a better place and for that we thank him.

TAIWAN'S 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in Chinese history, Taiwan held a truly democratic presidential election three years ago. As the people of Taiwan celebrate their president's third anniversary in office on May 20, 1999, I send them my congratulations.

I applaud President Lee's recent proposal that Taiwan and the mainland work together in drafting a comprehensive financial plan to help solve the current financial crisis affecting their neighbors in Asia. President Lee's innovative ideas deserve serious consideration by the mainland China authorities.

The Chinese people as well as the international Community, stand to benefit if Taiwan and China continue to have a meaningful dialogue about their hopeful unification. Taiwan and the Chinese mainland have much to learn from each other. Taiwan's economic miracle and a thriving democracy will be a useful guide to the mainland China's progress toward a free and open economic and political climate.

Congratulations to President Lee Teng-hui and best regards to Foreign Minister Jason Hu for their effort on behalf of democracy in the Pacific Rim.

IN HONOR OF BELVA DAVIS AND
ROLLIN POST

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to mark the contributions of two highly respected California journalists. On Sunday, May 23, 1999, veteran Bay Area television journalists Belva Davis and Rollin Post will be honored at the San Francisco City Hall Rotunda. Their combined experience spans 70 years, a long and rich engagement with the social, cultural, and political history of the Bay Area.

Belva Davis, winner of multiple professional awards, has worked continuously on television since 1966, when she became the first African-American female reporter on the West Coast. Since that breakthrough, Belva has contributed significantly to the shape and the texture of today's television news. Her sharp, poignant reports stimulate community awareness. Her commitment is further demonstrated by deep involvement in numerous community organizations. She is also a labor activist and a visible supporter of African-American culture and history.

During her career, Belva Davis has reported for, or anchored, such public affairs programs as KRON's "California This Week" with Political Analyst Rollin Post, BayTV's "Close-up with Belva Davis" and "Bay Area Close UP," KQED's "A Closer Look" and "Evening Edition." She has also served as News Centers

4's anchor and urban affairs specialist. Most recently, she joined Congresswoman Barbara Lee's citizen delegation to report a week-long series on the people, culture and politics of Cuba and on Cuba's relationship with the United States.

Belva has received six local Emmys, the 1996 Governor's Award of the Northern California Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, a Certificate of Excellence from the California Associated Press Television and Radio Association, and the Golden Gadget Award of the Media Alliance. She has honorary doctorates from Golden Gate University and John F. Kennedy Universities. The Media Academy of Oakland offers an annual journalism scholarship in Ms. Davis's name.

When Rollin Post announced his retirement, Belva said: "I've been learning from Rollin Post for three decades, and we have become the real political odd couple. He has taught me how to make the most complicated political issues interesting to a sometimes disinterested electorate."

Rollin Post has covered politics in the San Francisco Bay Area for more than 40 years. With keen understanding of public affairs, Rollin has covered 14 national political conventions. In addition to state and local political issues, Rollin reported from Cuba in 1978 on trade, tourism, and hijacking. In 1986, Rollin was on special assignment in the Philippines during the transition to democracy.

"Rollin is an old-fashioned reporter who gives you the facts and is genuinely interested in the process, the politics, the issues and ideas. He is exceptionally fair-minded and doesn't have a cynical bone in his body," wrote John Jacobs, political editor of McClatchy Newspapers. With a passion for politics, along with a touch of idealism, Rollin brought clarity and understanding to the political process.

Early in his career, Rollin worked for KPIX-TV, where he concentrated on politics and general assignments. He was also head writer and producer for "The Paul Coates Report," a nationally syndicated television interview show. Rollin joined KQED in 1973 to work on three programs: "A Closer Look," "Newsroom," and "California Tonight." In September 1979, Rollin joined KRON-TV, where he served as NewsCenter4's political editor for 18 years. While co-anchoring on KRON's "California This Week," Rollin and Belva brought passion and insight to the issues of the day. Because of their pioneering spirit and leadership, Rollin and Belva became mentors to the next generation of journalists. Rollin speaks of Belva with great affection: "She's a Type A; I'm the type who likes to take naps."

Currently, Rollin hosts "Our World This Week," an international news show produced by BayTV in cooperation with the World Affairs Council of Northern California.

Among his many awards, Rollin received the prestigious Broadcast Preceptor Award from the 32nd annual San Francisco State University Broadcast Industry Conference. He has also been honored by the Coro Foundation for his influential leadership in the public arena.

In celebrating the lives and careers of Belva Davis and Rollin Post, we are paying tribute to two remarkable people whom we are also fortunate to know as friends.

A TRIBUTE TO CITY YEAR SAN ANTONIO

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask unanimous consent to submit into the RECORD an article that appeared in the San Antonio Express News recently.

The article highlights City Year San Antonio, a unique public and private partnership program for the national service movement. City Year San Antonio has contributed more than 30,000 hours of service to the San Antonio community in its 3 years of service. City Year San Antonio has established a mentor and tutor program for children from elementary school through high school, including programs on the environment, domestic violence prevention, HIV/Aids awareness, and technology education.

I am proud of the work and the service that City Year provides to the San Antonio community. I look forward to the continued success and future progress of City Year San Antonio.

AMERICORPS WORKERS HELPING OTHERS CITYWIDE

(By Joseph Barrios)

... Nathan Miller grew up in a quiet Kansas City, Kan., neighborhood but wanted to travel and learn about different places.

He graduated from high school and then applied to serve with City Year, one of the AmeriCorps volunteer programs operating in San Antonio.

The 19-year-old Miller now works 12-hour days, sometimes tutoring West Side children as part of Project Learn to Read and sometimes working with San Antonio Alternative Housing on minor construction for elderly neighbors.

His favorite responsibility is helping teach a nighttime English class for adults seeking citizenship.

"I feel like I help them get along better in their lives," Miller said. "I have a chance to meet people in drastically different life situations from mine."

Miller is one of more than 140 full-time volunteers in the San Antonio area serving with various AmeriCorps programs. Although the volunteers are affiliated with different funding agencies, their goals are the same.

They want to tackle some of San Antonio's blight and improve people's lives. AmeriCorps is the national service program started by Congress and President Clinton in 1993. Programs can be funded with federal dollars or matched by a local "parent" organization.

The George Gervin Youth Center has 20 full-time AmeriCorps volunteers and Habitat for Humanity has a dozen full-time volunteers working in San Antonio.

Miller works for the 10-year-old City Year program, which has 70 AmeriCorps volunteers and works out of an office downtown.

An average day for him varies somewhat from Rudy Beltran, 23, a full-time volunteer with the Just Serve AmeriCorps program run by San Antonio Fighting Back of the United Way.

Beltran, based at the Barbara Jordan center of the city's East Side, is a full-time student at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He also teaches an evening, English-as-a-Second-Language class at Highlands High School and tutors high school students in English.

Recently, Beltran helped several students prepare for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test.

"I definitely get a lot out of it," Beltran said. "A couple of students came up to me

and said it really helped them. They thought they had passed it."

Fighting Back, a substance abuse, crime and violence prevention and community development program, has 60 full-time volunteers. They are recruiting more than 100 high school students for a new part-time service program in San Antonio.

City Year and Southside High School recently started a part-time volunteer program for students called City Heroes.

Most of the full-time volunteers started their year of service in August and will finish in June.

Volunteers operate primarily on the city's West, East and South sides but can participate in programs anywhere in the city, said Scott Hirsch of the Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. Volunteers themselves come from all areas of town and sometimes—like Miller—from out of town.

Hirsch said the commission is working on guidelines to evaluate how effective volunteers throughout Texas have been in the past five years since the AmeriCorps program was founded. Overall, the various volunteer programs are going strong.

Hirsch added that associations with other programs can cause confusion. "Sometimes, when you're at a cocktail party and you mention you work for AmeriCorps, people think it no longer exists," Hirsch said.

Some of the benefits to the program are intangible, said Bill Blair, director at the George Gervin Youth Center.

Regularly, when volunteers are painting a house or cleaning up an abandoned lot, neighbors will stop by and offer their help.

"I say, 'Sure, come on and join us.' You can't beat that sort of thing," Blair said.

Neighbors can also submit ideas for service projects to any of the programs like City Year or Fighting Back.

AmeriCorps volunteer benefits can include health insurance, a weekly stipend, uniforms and a post-service education award of \$4,725 that can pay for school or student loans. The program requires a minimum of 1,700 hours a year from volunteers.

This fall, Miller will begin college in Vermont. He said his favorite times as a volunteer come when someone thanks him for work that an AmeriCorps volunteer did.

"I have people come up to me all the time. They see your shirt and want to thank you," Miller said. "They can be thanking you for something that happened three years or three days ago."

WORKING ON A SOLUTION

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, in the matter of the Columbine Massacre, I hereby submit to the RECORD a statement issued by the Colorado State Board of Education.

These remarks, I commend to my colleagues upon consideration of various proposals pending this Congress. Clearly, the thoughts offered by the Colorado State Board of Education, signed a thoughtful approach to any legislative initiatives we might consider here and establish a reasonable framework from which to view our responsibilities.

The statement of the Board is as follows:

WHAT IS TO BE DONE: SEARCHING FOR MEANING IN OUR TRAGEDY

In the aftermath of the most terrible day in Colorado education, when the pain and