

LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BOB SCHAFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay humble tribute to the students, teachers and parents of Lincoln Junior High School in Colorado for their efforts to help the needy during the holidays. I commend the faculty of the school as well as all the students, parents and individuals who contributed to their special benefit. Their selfless dedication has provided warmth, comfort and happiness to the needy families in Colorado. That the school produced so much from their giving tree, toy drive and Basket-of-Books program is testament to the true meaning and spirit of Christmas and Hanukkah. Let us remember, as these good people have, that the holiday season is one of giving, one of joy, and one of hope. Let the children's example during the holidays be a beacon to us all throughout the year.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM J. SCOTT

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William J. Scott, a man who for the past 30 years has made the streets and neighborhoods of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, a safer place to live and raise a family. As a veteran of the Longmeadow Police Department, Sergeant Scott consistently served his community with compassion, courage and dignity. Tonight as his friends and family celebrate his retirement, I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to congratulate Bill on a job well done, and wish him the best for a happy and healthy future.

Bill Scott joined the Longmeadow Police Department in the Spring of 1965 and quickly earned the reputation as a consummate law enforcement professional. He excelled at every level, from Safety Officer, to Detective, and finally Sergeant, to which he was promoted in 1981. When he announced his retirement in February, he did so as the most senior Sergeant on the force. He leaves with an impeccable reputation as a dedicated, honest and hard working cop who will be genuinely missed by his fellow officers.

Bill Scott is also known in western Massachusetts as a sports enthusiast, which dates back to even before his days as a standout athlete at Springfield's Technical High School. Whether it is an adult hockey league or the old-timers softball team, you are sure to find Bill competing year round, surrounded by his many loyal friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is also fitting at this time to pay tribute to Bill's wife Judy, with whom he has celebrated over 35 years of marriage, their two children Bill Jr. and Beth, their spouses Marybeth and Kevin, and their grandchildren Kaitlin and T.J. For their caring and support, they too deserve special recognition on this important occasion.

On behalf of the United States of America, I am proud to join Bill's family, friends and col-

leagues who are gathered at the Log Cabin tonight in offering my sincere congratulations on your retirement from the Longmeadow Police Department after more than three decades of unprecedented service.

HONORING HORTENSE TATE ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, March 9th will be a landmark date for a special person in Montclair, NJ, as Mrs. Hortense Tate celebrates her 100th birthday. Mrs. Tate has distinguished herself through her generous contributions of her time and talent to the Montclair community over the course of many years. She is greatly admired and respected by all who have had the privilege of knowing her.

Mrs. Tate's career has spanned seven decades of service through education as a teacher and guidance counselor, the enrichment and development of young women through the Montclair YWCA and the AKA Sorority, through her Christian faith and over 70 years of dedicated service to St. Mark's Methodist Church to address social and community issues.

Mrs. Tate was an educator and guidance counselor in the Newark and Montclair Public School systems and continued to tutor junior high and high school students for the Montclair School System until she reached 88 years of age. When I began teaching in 1957 at Newark's Robert Treat School Mrs. Tate was a member of the faculty. She was very helpful, especially to new teachers. She was so inspirational and supportive. Her lifelong dedication to the education and development of young people was inspired by her father Ezekiel Ridley, a teacher and later principal of Topeka, Kansas, for 50 years. Mrs. Tate graduated from Washburn University in Topeka in 1920 and settled in Montclair, NJ. In 1921, she began her lifelong mission of service to young women at the Montclair YWCA as secretary in charge of club activities. In addition to her service to the YWCA and the Newark and Montclair Public Schools systems, she has been an important member of the Montclair Public Library, establishing programs for the cultural enrichment of young people.

Mrs. Tate has been a member of St. Mark's Church for more than 75 years, holding countless positions, including Chairperson of the History Committee and President of the Women's Society, and has served in many outreach and community programs to enrich the lives of her parish and the Montclair community.

Mrs. Tate was a member and United National Observer of the National Council of Negro Women, working for international peace.

Mrs. Tate recently was honored as a Diamond Member of 75 years of membership in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, which she has dedicated her life's work to and has been a founding member of five separate chapters.

In 1992, Mrs. Tate received the National Sojourner Truth Award for Meritorious Service from the National Association of Negro Busi-

ness and Professional Women's Clubs for her many years of service to the development of African American women.

As you can imagine, the Tate family is an important one to our society. Her son, the late Herbert Tate, Sr., was an outstanding foreign service officer. He served our country in Pakistan. He was a leader in the international and national YMCA movement. Her grandson, Herbert Tate, Jr., was the first African American Prosecutor for Essex County, New Jersey. He continues the legacy of public service as he currently serves as Chairman of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in sending Mrs. Tate our appreciation for her spirit of community service and our best wishes for a wonderful birthday.

TRIBUTE TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND THE CLOSE-UP FOUNDATION

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to several accomplished young men and women from Tennessee's Ninth Congressional District who are in Washington this week to participate in two prestigious youth conferences.

Natalie Fant of Whitehaven High School, William Smith and LaToya Amos of Hillcrest High School are participating in the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. This national program brings together students from throughout the United States and foreign countries who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, academic and citizenship qualities. The theme of this year's conference is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. They are meeting with some of our nation's most prominent public officials and are participating in uniquely designed group discussions on the most pressing issues of the day.

The following students from St. Mary's Episcopal School are also in Washington participating in the Close Up Foundation's educational program: Sara Dike, Jennifer Hirsch, Kathleen Holladay, Lauren Jacks, Nishta Mehra, Mary Rochelle, Jay Tamboli and Mrs. Sheila Patrick. Like the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the Close Up Foundation brings extraordinary young people to Washington in order to help them become even better citizens. The philosophy of the Close Up Foundation: "democracy is not a spectator sport—it requires the active participation of citizens," says it best.

These programs are so crucial today because political participation among America's youth is dangerously low. According to a survey on youth attitudes by the National Association of Secretaries of State, since 18 year olds were first given the chance to exercise their right to vote in the 1972 elections, the voter turnout rate of 18 to 24 year olds has steadily declined. In 1972, 50% of 18 to 24 year olds exercised their right to vote. By the 1996 elections, only 32% of 18 to 24 year olds turned out at the polls. Turnout among this age group in 1998 is projected to have been

below 20%, perhaps the lowest in our nation's history.

Moreover, this is a generation divided about the country's future and wary of other people. Barely half (51%) of today's 15 to 24 year olds believe that America's best years are ahead of us, while fully 39% worry that our best years may already be behind us. Asked whether they generally believe that most people can be trusted (32%) or whether most people should be approached with caution (65%), young people take the more cautious posture by more than a two to one margin.

Mr. Speaker, these young people deserve our recognition and support not only for their personal achievements, but also for their commitment to their fellow citizens and the nation. Please join me today in honoring them.

IN HONOR OF ROWLAND SCHAEFER

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rowland Schaefer, this year's recipient of the prestigious National Community Service Award given annually by the Simon Wiesenthal Center. I cannot think of a more deserving individual for this great honor given Rowland's extensive record of community activism.

Rowland's unwavering commitment to his community is reflected in the multitude of community organizations that he is actively involved with. Rowland is a member of the Board of Governors and Chairman of the South Florida Chapter for the Weizmann Institute of Science. Through his involvement with the institute, Rowland has worked to advance the benefits of solar energy. His efforts were recently recognized by the Weizmann Institute when they named their solar research complex in his honor. In addition to his work with the Institute, Rowland is also actively involved with diabetes research. He is a long standing member of the Board of Governors of the Diabetes Research Institute.

Locally, Rowland is an extremely active member within the Jewish community. As a Board member of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Rowland has worked tirelessly to ensure that the heritage of the Jewish people is preserved for generations to come. He was awarded the special distinction of Honorary Vice-President and Humanitarian Founder of the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged for all of his efforts in support of the hospital. Additionally, Rowland is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, one of the world's foremost Jewish human rights organizations.

Rowland Schaefer's tireless devotion to his community and to the preservation of his Jewish heritage make him uniquely deserving of this award. All who know him or know of him will surely agree that Rowland Schaefer is an extraordinary figure who exhibits an intense desire to help his fellow man and contribute to the betterment of society. I wish heartfelt congratulations to Rowland, his wife, and their five children for this great honor.

LIVERMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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OF COLORADO

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REPORT ON NORTH KOREA

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, North Korea policy is undoubtedly one of this country's most pressing foreign policy challenges. With the discovery of a secret underground nuclear weapons-related facility and the launch of a three-stage Taepo Dong ballistic missile over our troops and allies in Asia, our policy towards North Korea has been called into serious question. And rightfully, so.

Today, I received a copy of a study done by a working group of Asia experts under the able guidance of former Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Armitage. The National Defense University Strategic Forum "A Comprehensive Approach to North Korea" is a timely and insightful study which will add much to the ongoing debate about the direction of our policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

I commend this report to my colleagues and the foreign and defense policy community and ask that they give due consideration to the report's findings and recommendation as we work together to craft a policy which protects and advances American interests on the Korean peninsula.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, I ask that the National Defense University's Strategic Forum Number 159 of March 1999 be inserted at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

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A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO NORTH KOREA

(By Richard L. Armitage)¹

Since the Agreed Framework (AF) was signed by the United States and North Korea

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on October 21, 1994, the security situation on the Korean peninsula and in Northeast Asia has changed qualitatively for the worse. The discovery last year of a suspect North Korean nuclear site and the August 31 launch of a Taepo Dong missile have combined to raise fundamental questions about Pyongyang's intentions, its commitment to the agreement, and the possibility of North-South reconciliation. These developments also raise profound questions about the sustainability of current U.S. policy toward the Korean peninsula.

The Agreed Framework successfully addressed a specific security problem—North Korea's plutonium production at the Yongbyon and Taechon facilities. Under the agreement, operations were frozen at the two facilities and Pyongyang was prevented from obtaining fissile material from the fuel rods of the reactor core for five to six nuclear weapons. Had the program continued unabated, North Korea might have been able to produce enough fissile material for a substantial nuclear arsenal. Arguably, the Agreed Framework was a necessary but not sufficient response to the multiple security challenges posed by North Korea. Indeed, the development of the Taepo Dong missile poses an expanding security threat to Northeast Asia and, increasingly, to the Middle East, Europe, and even the United States itself.

CHANGING ASSUMPTIONS

Experience in dealing with Pyongyang since the Agreed Framework was signed challenges several critical assumptions on which public and Congressional support for U.S. policy has been based.

The first is the assumption made by some senior administration officials that the Agreed Framework had ended North Korea's nuclear program.

The second is that North Korea is a failed state on the verge of collapse and that a "hard landing"—collapse perhaps accompanied by aggression—should be avoided.

The third is that the Agreed Framework would induce North Korea to open up to the outside world, initiate a gradual process of North-South reconciliation, and lead to real reform and a "soft landing."

These assumptions suggested that, even if little progress was made on other political/security issues, the Agreed Framework was an effective, time-buying strategy. At a minimum, North Korea's conventional capabilities would continue to degrade (as they have). Optimally, the North would solve our problems by ultimately reconciling or uniting with the South. These assumptions are now open to question.

REALITY CHECK

The disclosure of at least one suspect site—on which construction began prior to the agreement—reinforces the possibility that Pyongyang has frozen only a portion of its nuclear program or is seeking to develop a covert nuclear weapons program. The Agreed Framework was structured to become stronger over time in constraining the

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