

many of her major works to the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), including self-portraits painted by the famous Andy Warhol and Alex Katz. She also sponsored several poetry readings at MoMA, which gathered poets and artists alike in support of their crusade in advancing education of modern art and poetry.

Dr. Hornick was extremely involved with the St. Mark's Poetry Project and Columbia University, where she recently donated her archive of papers and writings.

Dr. Hornick received her B.A. from Barnard and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia. An evening poetry reading memorial will be held at MoMA later this year in her honor.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert into the RECORD a biographical article written by Dr. Hornick's family entitled "Lita."

Dr. Lita Hornick will be sadly missed, and I extend my thoughts, my condolences, and prayers to the Hornick Family.

#### LITA

Sometimes you meet people who just don't add up, alluring characters who somehow are not what they ought to be. At first sight Lita Hornick is a charming and urbane Park Avenue doyenne who has devoted her life to her family and her collection of contemporary art. This in itself is interesting enough, but immediately you recognize something quite different behind the smile, quite naughty behind the look. For Lita is also the Kulchur Queen, champion of the irreverent "beats" and of avant-garde poets and artists ever since. Behind that demure face are locked the secrets of a life led at the vortex of this counter-culture, that she releases in sharp, tantalizing tidbits, well aware of both their value and her ability to shock.

"The paradoxes in my life have been quite deliberate," she admits with endearing honesty, "since they arose from a conscious effort to escape the stereotype, my background and my culture." This path took Lita out of her taffeta-lined social groove into the kaleidoscopic world of avant-garde literature where she has reigned for three decades as publisher, editor, writer, critic and patron. Like her friend Andy Warhol, she was an observer of that frenetic era between the late 50's and the early 70's. She was the admirer of such notable "beats" as Allen Ginsberg, Gregory Corso, William Burroughs and Jack Kerouac—a group once characterized by the media as "the most vicious characters in America". And throughout it all she gave a steady, supportive voice to the avant-garde movement through her Kulchur Magazine, Press and today's Foundation.

Yet Lita, although intimately involved in this other world, was never a part of it, preserving instead a steadfast individualism. "I am not a leftist politically and I have never joined the anarchist pacifists," she states emphatically, alluding to the flower generation. Nor was she a member of her inherited social group; "my work" she says with understatement, "was alien to my class." For Lita refuses to be pigeon-holed, preserving her independence through a defiance that is generously directed everywhere at once—though never malicious and always with an unfathomable sense of humor. She smiles, "I just like people who spit in the face of authority, any authority!"

It was this rebelliousness that impelled Lita first to do her Ph.D. thesis on Dylan Thomas—"because he was persona non grata at the time"—and later to search out those revolutionaries who were instigating change, typically not from the top but from the grass roots of society: the avant-garde poets, musicians and artists.

The poetry has been perhaps the greatest claimant on Lita's considerable talent and energies, appealing to her as she says, parapraising Swift, "because it raises the human race out of this pernicious gutter." Whatever the reason, Lita has altruistically devoted herself and her dollars to Kulchur—promoting poetry to a small, though significant core of supporters around the world. Why? Because she thought the work important and, although not commercially viable, it deserved recognition. Lita boasts proudly of her part in breaking down the pornography laws and attacking the civil rights issue, but considers her greatest accomplishment to be the forty-two poetry books published by Kulchur Press, "each of which," she says, "is like a child to me."

As for music, Lita is equally enthusiastic, calling it "the purest form to which all art aspires." And yet she isn't referring to the classic composers as one might expect. In this, as with everything else, Lita is contrary and ever-adventurous. She specifically means those contemporary musicians that rocked the social foundations and her parties during the Sixties. Instead of the usual Park Avenue dinner at eight, Lita recalls with obvious glee those wild evenings spent with her flock of avant-garde friends, loud with the sounds of Nico and the Velvet Underground, Philip Glass, Meredith Monk and a punk rock band called the Stimulators.

Further evidence of Lita's derringdo is her patronage of contemporary art. In the early days this was another activity frowned upon by her family and society friends, "until it started appreciating," she says with a twinkle in her eye. But for Lita, who sees a connection between all the arts, it was a natural extension of her love for avant-garde poetry to collect its equivalent in visual art.

Today her collection reads like a list of celebrated names, totalling over five hundred pieces. It ranges from a multiple portrait of herself by Warhol, a sofa modelled by Man Ray after the lips of his famous, though unfaithful, mistress, Kiki, twenty-two Jo Brainard drawings in her bedroom alone, to a fifty-six foot high Alexander Lieberman sculpture. Not to mention the sculpture garden at her country house and the works donated to the MOMA, the Whitney and the University of Pennsylvania. "In the Sixties I collected hard-edged abstraction; in the Seventies, pattern and decoration pieces," she explains, "then in the Eighties, I started going all over the lot, getting very pluralistic, from landscapes to neo pop-art."

But again typically atypical there is that other side to the Kulchur Queen. Throughout her outrageousness and despite her zest for the shocking, Lita also played the sedate role of mother, grandmother and wife. Morton J. Hornick, her late husband, was far removed from his wife's adopted world being the successful CEO of a draperie and curtain manufacturing company that had been in his family since 1917. Morton slowly became absorbed in Lita's avant-garde concerns, until he was working actively as a fundraiser for the poetry readings and an art collector. Although Lita recalls fondly, "I don't think he ever read anything I ever published."

Lita gives out these golden glimpses of her past like jig-saw pieces whose only consistency seems to be their inconsistency. Then suddenly, you stumble across a consistent thread that helps make sense of the final picture: for her whole life Lita, the maverick, has been having fun, outrageous fun! She has been laughing at herself, at her class, at the system—at everything. "It takes strength of character to amuse yourself," she explains, briefly shining a light deep into the serious depths of her character, "most people are taught not to amuse themselves—that's the whole purpose of civilization."

#### CRIME OF HATE AGAINST THE 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

##### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today, the district office of the people of Illinois' 9th Congressional District was vandalized with an anti-Semitic obscenity. While I am pleased to say that we, as a community, are prepared to stand tall in the path of any and all acts of hate and words of bigotry, today's action is a sad reminder that there are those among us that fear diversity and refuse to view it as the sign of strength and tradition that it is.

Acts of hate directed against Jews, Catholics, Protestants, Muslims or any other group or person in this country are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. I am proud to represent one of the most ethnically diverse districts in America. The diversity and tolerance in our district is symbolic of what our nation should be. We will not be silent whenever hatred shows its ugly face.

I wish to commend the brave officers of the Niles Police Department, Chief Sheehan, and FBI officials for their prompt response and effort on behalf of the people of the 9th Congressional District. This crime of hate is a cowardly act that will not go unpunished. There are those who view the 9th Congressional District, because of its diversity, as a prime location to spread their hateful venom. I am confident that the rich tradition and values of the people of the 9th Congressional District will always prevail.

#### TRIBUTE TO SOCIAL VOCATIONAL SERVICES, INC. AND PEOPLE FIRST OF THE SOUTH BAY

##### HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special organization in my district, Social Vocational Services, Inc. (SVS). Established in 1978, SVS' mission is to design and deliver vocational and residential services to persons with disabilities that will result in their full participation in all aspects of community life.

On Monday, February 28th, SVS will host the 7th anniversary celebration of "People First of the South Bay" and honor special guest Michael Long. SVS facilities People First of the South Bay, a self-advocacy group by and for persons with disabilities. PFSB improves the lives of people with disabilities by fostering a sense of belonging, self esteem and confidence, friendship and recreation, community involvement, civic responsibilities, and leadership opportunities and training.

I commend Michael Long on this achievement. Michael has had a distinguished career. An individual with a developmental disability, Michael serves as Consumer Advocate, Department of Developmental Service, Sacramento and he is also a published author.

The men and women of SVS have touched the lives of many. SVS serves 2,500 persons

with disabilities and employs over 800 staff and administrators. SVS is a pioneer organization within the development disabled community. They strive to enhance opportunities for growth and independence.

I commend the staff and volunteers of Social Vocational Services for their efforts in improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. You have made a difference in the lives of many, and I wish you continued success. The South Bay is grateful for your services.

#### TRIBUTE TO DALE MORRIS

##### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding American, Mr. Dale Morris. Mr. Morris has devoted his career to helping individuals in public service. As the Manager of Special Services and Government Affairs for American Airlines, Mr. Morris is responsible for handling elected officials and other government VIPs, including diplomats and Members of Congress, as they make their way throughout the world. As a registered lobbyist, he also is responsible for advocating on behalf of American Airlines' varied interests with respect to the myriad regulations that challenge airlines and help keep American citizens safe.

Mr. Morris is departing the Washington area for Dallas, Texas, where he will serve as Company Spokesperson at American Airlines' Corporate Communications office. He will be missed by those of us who have counted on his commitment to top notch customer service, and especially for his ability to find simple solutions to complicated challenges. Mr. Morris's promotion is a phenomenal reflection of his own achievements as well as American Airlines' commitment to equal opportunity. As an African American, Mr. Morris has overcome tremendous obstacles throughout his career. He began in the industry eighteen years ago as a passenger sales representative for United Airlines. His professional honors and accomplishments are numerous, and include being awarded the NATO commendation medal from Field Marshall Sir Richard Vincent, GBE, KCB, DSO and Chairman of the Military Committee; organizing the "Ax the Fuel Tax" airline rally in Washington, D.C.; assisting with Wright Amendment legislation; serving as an "On Air" spokesperson for American Airlines during the pilots' proposed strike; and personally interacting with Senator John McCain on the "Passenger Bill of Rights."

Regarding Dale Morris' professional triumphs, it might be said that they are merely genetic. His father, William Morris, was awarded the Bronze Star for operations during the Invasion of Normandy during World War II with the all Black 6th Calvary Infantry unit. His great uncle Leroy Calhoun also served with the Black Stevedores/Pioneer Infantry unit in France during World War II, and another uncle played baseball for the all Black Fresno Giants of the Negro Leagues. As the proud father of Dale, Jr., Keith Ernest, and Erin Mitchell, and the reverent husband of Janet Leigh Riley Morris, Dale has managed to soar professionally while keeping his primary focus on his

family, which in his view, is the only reason worth living. He has given his family a great deal of which to be proud. As his friend, and the beneficiary of his sincere devotion to professional integrity, I am equally proud. It is on behalf of the countless other Members of Congress who have appreciated his fine service, that I congratulate Dale on his remarkable promotion, and on this, the 29th day of February, 2000, not only his last day in the Washington office of American Airlines but his birthday, I wish him every personal and professional success.

#### HONORING CHRISTOPHER DOLS

##### HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate and honor a young Texas student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community. Christopher Dols of Houston has just been named one of my state's top honorees in The 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Dols, a ninth-grader at Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School, is being recognized for developing a Pre-Teen Health Information Line for the Harris County Hospital District. This information line provides free bilingual health information on 24 topics of special interest to young adults.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Mr. Dols are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by the Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. In only five years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with nearly 75,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Mr. Dols should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. Mr. Speaker, I heartily applaud Mr. Dols for his initiative in seeking to make his community a better place to live, and for the positive impact he has had on the lives of others. He has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. His actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities,

and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

#### COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR, SANDY HANSON

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Colorado National Guard Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Sandy Hanson. Sandy was nominated for the award by the officers on the local and state level boards consisting of high-ranking officers. Sandy has been on the Army Reserves and now the Colorado National Guard for thirteen years. She presently holds the rank of E-5, Sergeant, and is a member of the Montrose-based Unit C of the 109th Area Support Medical Battalion of the Charlie Company.

Every year soldiers are chosen to go before the "boards" to be tested verbally on every subject related to the military from history to marksmanship. Sandy's precision and excellent knowledge have won her the distinction of being the best noncommissioned officer in the entire State of Colorado.

Sandy was the only one that was surprised when she received the award. Everyone around her knows that she is very focused and disciplined when it comes to organizing her busy lifestyle. In addition to being in the Colorado National Guard, which takes her away from her family one weekend a month and two full weeks every summer, she has two children, a full-time job and she still finds time to study for the boards on the national level.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer this tribute to Sandy Hanson and congratulate her on a job well done. She has served her country well.

#### EAGLE SCOUTS HONORED

##### HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it always gives me great pleasure to bring to the attention of my colleagues the accomplishments of Chicagoland constituents. Today, I rise to honor sixteen outstanding young individuals from the 3rd Congressional District of Illinois, all who have completed a major goal in their scouting career.

The following young men of the 3rd Congressional District of Illinois have earned the high rank of Eagle Scout in the winter and spring seasons: James A. Donovan, Eric Alfredson, James M. Siniawski, Bryan Jonathan Balin, Steve Beyer, Raju Shah, Matt Mottel, David J. Giblin, Michael T. Fitzgibbon, John D. Kenney, Matthew K. Vari, Andrew Thomas Giger, John F. Ponce de Leon, Anthony R. Kubes, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, and Alexander T. Yount.

These young men have demonstrated their commitment to their communities, and have perpetuated the principles of scouting. It is important to note that less than two percent of all