

The Rural Hospital of the Year Award is given on the merits of demonstrated excellence in service and organization and can be viewed as a model institution for others.

Furthermore, I want to congratulate George Heck, President and CEO, as well as the entire staff of the Coffee Regional Medical Center for excelling in efficiency, quality of care, community support, volunteer programs, and relevance to the rural community of Coffee County. I wish them all continued success in serving the people of Coffee County, GA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on Monday, October 30. The following indicates how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 577, I would have voted "aye."

For rollcall vote No. 578, I would have voted "aye."

For rollcall vote No. 579, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 580, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 581, I would have voted "aye."

For rollcall vote No. 582, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 583, I would have voted "aye."

A TRIBUTE TO SID YATES

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, Sid Yates was an exemplary democrat. I have never met anyone who did a better job of helping the citizens of this country govern ourselves. Sid Yates belied the view that passion about issues and civility towards people were somehow inconsistent. He cared deeply about a broad range of issues, and knew a good deal about all of them because he was a man of deep learning and high intelligence. But he never let either his knowledge or his commitment interfere with the respect he showed to others, and his interaction with his Congressional colleagues was, as I have said, a model of how government should be carried out in a democracy.

Others will be describing his extraordinarily effective advocacy of the arts, an advocacy that meant so much because it came from someone who was himself deeply appreciative of the value of culture to the quality of human life. We knew him as well as a dedicated defender of our common natural heritage, embodied in our parks, and of his fierce defense of civil liberties and racial fairness. I want to talk here about one particularly important aspect of his work that did not get a great deal of publicity, because he did not want it to, but which was of great significance in this nation.

For all of the years that I served in Congress until he retired. Sid Yates was the sen-

ior Jewish Member of the House in point of service—as well as in other ways of an intangible sort. He presided regularly over an informal Caucus of Jewish Members on issues that were of particular importance and often of great sensitivity. During the period that Sid performed this role, there were efforts in our society to drive wedges between Jewish and African American Members of the House, as people sought to drive those wedges between our two communities elsewhere. Many of us on both sides worked hard to prevent this from happening, and no one was more important in our success in this regard than Sid Yates. Sometimes the important accomplishments of a person are the things that he or she kept from happening, as much as the things he or she caused to happen. In Sid Yates' case, among the towering monuments that this great man left us is his leadership role in frustrating the efforts of those who would have set Jewish and African American Members of Congress quarreling over the fate of negotiations in the Middle East, over the foreign aid bill, over affirmative action and other important issues. I am very proud that throughout my service we have remained largely united in defense of important steps towards justice in our nation and in the world, and Sid Yates' important role in this should be acknowledged.

Mr. Speaker there are people whom one admires, but whom one does not necessarily want as a seatmate on a long plane ride. Sid Yates was a wonderful man who did great things for society, and was a delight to be with, listen to and learn from. We miss him greatly.

TRIBUTE TO RAMON B. PRICE

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Mr. Ramon B. Price, who passed on Friday, September 29, 2000. While Ramon was the youngest brother of Chicago's late mayor Harold Washington, Ramon was better known as a great costume designer, painter, sculptor, illustrator, historian, educator, and ambassador of Afro-American Art, who devoted his life to the service of his community.

Ramon Betrell Price was born on July 18, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from the School of the Art Institute, and went on to receive a Master's Degree at Indiana University.

From the beginning of his career, Ramon had been engaged in education. His early career in education not only helped him develop his passion for art, but encouraged his enthusiasm for public service. After his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Ramon spent the next 17 years teaching art at various High Schools, and colleges, in and around Chicago.

In 1973, Ramon began his tenure as Chief Curator of the DuSable Museum of African American History—the oldest museum of African American History in the nation.

In an effort to create an exchange of ideas, and culture, Ramon traveled extensively on behalf of the DuSable. Not long before his passing, he led a group of artists and patrons to the Festival del Caribe in Santiago, Cuba.

Ramon regularly traveled to Africa, and to Bahia, Brazil, where he worked closely with the "Sisterhood of Boa Morte," a sorority which traces its origins back to the time of slavery. He was also a co-founder of both the Afro-American Artist Round Table (AVAR); and the Artists for Senhora Vadente's Settlement House in Salvador de Bahai, Brazil.

Ramon worked on many projects, assisting anyone who asked. When his friends needed assistance, support or guidance, Ramon was always one on which they could depend. To Ramon, art was inexorably linked to education. This philosophy is most beautifully, and poignantly expressed through his own words: "Art, in its broadest sense, is a culmination of all human experiences. If one is faithful to the idea that art is essentially a means of communication, then the artist as teacher is as he should be. This is especially important to me in relation to my art and its most immediate audience . . . my black brothers and sisters." Ramon was a true gentleman and scholar; and he will truly be missed.

HONORING KARAN MACKEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Karan Mackey for her 22 years of dedicated service to the people of Lake County, California. Ms. Mackey is retiring on January 2, 2001 from a distinguished 16-year career as a member of the Lake County Board of Supervisors.

Karen Mackey was raised in the Sacramento area and has resided in Lake County for over 25 years. Prior to commencing elected service, her professional background was in youth counseling, casework, adult volunteer programs, and senior center development.

Karan Mackey's career in public service began with the Lakeport City Council where she was first elected in 1978. Not long afterwards Ms. Mackey was selected to serve as Mayor of Lakeport City and did so for two terms. In 1984 she was elected to her first term on the Lake County Board of Supervisors representing the Fourth Supervisorial District. She served several terms and attained major leadership positions that included Vice Chair and Chair of the Board of Supervisors (BOS), California State Association of Counties representative for the BOS, Chair of the Clear Lake Resource Management Committee, BOS representative to the Redwood Empire Association, BOS representative on the North Coast Emergency Services Joint Powers Authority, and numerous other committees and advisory groups.

Ms. Mackey has been a tireless representative of the Fourth Supervisorial District. As spokesperson for Lake County's largest agricultural district has she has been a steadfast advocate of farming issues. Ms. Mackey was also instrumental in seeking out and securing funding for jail construction, a critical district issue. Other important district issues to which she has distinguished herself include water quality (including the Basin 2000 project), flood protection, transportation, seniors, economic development, enhancement of the Clear Lake Fishery, and public safety.

In addition to her considerable public successes, Ms. Mackey has been a dedicated wife and mother. She is married to Hugh Mackey and the two have four children: London, Chelsey, Cody and Tad.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Ms. Karan Mackey first as her State Senator and now as her Congressman. Clearly, her life has been one of great public service, dedication and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this woman for her distinguished service to the people of Lake County, California.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, as Christian Faith Baptist Church of Raleigh, North Carolina celebrates its 10th Anniversary, let me congratulate the members of the congregation and their pastor, the Rev. Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr. for their dedicated work in serving the emotional and spiritual needs of Raleigh residents. I also want to recognize Sister Gladys Graves and Sister Delores Steele for their leadership in making the celebration a success.

Since Christian Faith Baptist Church was founded on February 18, 1990, your distinguished pastor and congregation have exemplified the very best in humanity through a common commitment to the Christian faith. That's why it is altogether fitting that you chose these simple words as your anniversary theme: "Remembering God's Call, Rejoicing in God's Faithfulness and Re-committing to God's Work." Christian Faith Baptist Church has lived by these words for the past ten years.

I commend you on your immense contributions during these past 10 years. Those sixty-five kindred souls, who came together at Roberts Park Center on Sunday, February 18, 1990, are a celebration of His provision in church growth and discipleship. Now, as a closely-knit church family with over five hundred disciples working diligently to support twenty-eight ministries, the established discipleship and service has been firmly established as the focus of Christian Faith Baptist Church.

Let me again offer my sincere congratulations on this, your 10th Anniversary Celebration.

"CUBA FOR KIDS" TEACHES CHILDREN ABOUT CUBAN HISTORY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on November 12, 2000 the Cuba for Kids Foundation will celebrate the official launch of "Cuba for Kids," a bilingual book dedicated to stimulating in children an interest in Cuba and Cuban history.

"Cuba for Kids" is a children's book which explains some of Cuba's most significant his-

torical periods, teaches important historical lessons, and recounts many of the unique social and political figures in Cuban history.

Unveiled by the non-profit Cuba for Kids Foundation, "Cuba for Kids" is the product of a collaboration by noted scholars, psychologists, and social workers, including Dr. Jaime Suchlicki, Director of the University of Miami's Institute of Cuban and Cuban-American studies.

Founded by a group of young professionals and led by Dr. Ismael Roque-Velasco, author of "Cuba for Kids," the Cuba for Kids Foundation is dedicated to promoting Cuban heritage, and arousing in younger generations an interest and appreciation of Cuban culture and history.

As a former school administrator, and the mother of two school age girls, I am hopeful that parents, grandparents, and teachers will find "Cuba for Kids" a useful tool in making Cuba's dynamic culture and history accessible to children.

Noted artists including actor Andy Garcia, and musicians Gloria and Emilio Estefan have described "Cuba for Kids" as an essential document in educating our children on Cuba's beautiful heritage, as well as a beautiful way to keep Cuba and its history alive in the hearts of children.

I wish to add my voice to those community leaders in Miami such as Jon Secada, Christina Saralegui, Celia Cruz, and Arturo Sandoval who are taking part in the ceremonial launching of "Cuba for Kids."

I also wish to specifically congratulate Dr. Ismael Roque-Velasco, and men and women at the Cuba for Kids Foundation, on the release of this wonderful new book.

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH DONNELLY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sense of personal loss but also enduring respect and admiration that I come before my Colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the memory of Joe Donnelly.

Joe Donnelly was a journalist. The long-time editor and co-publisher of the Indiana Gazette in Indiana, Pennsylvania, he recently passed away at the age of 76. However these statements of fact do not begin to describe or define the man or the impact his life had on his profession and his community. His departure leaves at once both a gaping hole and an enduring legacy in the region served by the newspaper he and his late wife Lucilla published for years under the hundred-year-old daily header: "The Gazette wants to be the friend of every man, the promulgator of all that's right, and a welcome guest in the home."

That phrase could describe Joe Donnelly, the man, as well. In an age when national newspapers increasingly come under influences that are often negative and at odds with the ideals of journalistic ethics and objective reporting, Joe Donnelly remained a positive force not only through his leadership of a venerable publishing operation but through the examples he set every day in his community in-

volvement. He was extremely well respected by his colleagues both for his ethics and his management style. And, acknowledged for his active involvement in civics and his church, he once received the Benemerenti Award from Pope Paul VI in person.

It is probably no accident that the same town that produced an American hero like Jimmy Stewart also produced a man like Joe Donnelly, a Marine combat veteran of two wars. His long list of interests, awards and achievements indicate a tireless pillar of American values, which he certainly was. In his church, his town, and his family life, he set an example that will continue to influence the values of the generations who follow him. A colleague at the Gazette recalled him, "He came up the long way, from the bottom and really worked hard at it." The journalistic legacy of Joe Donnelly lives on in his son and daughters, who continue to run the Gazette even as they raise his four grandchildren. The broader lessons of the importance of hard work, of giving of oneself to church and community, and of humility, are what we can all take from the memory of this unique American.

Joe, we miss you and we thank you. Good-bye, Marine.

INTRODUCTION OF CORRECTED VERSION OF DEMOCRATIC MEDICARE AND MEDICAID GIVE-BACKS BILL

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Representative DINGELL and myself, we are re-introducing today the Democratic version of the Medicare and Medicaid give-backs bill, that includes the provisions in the House-passed bill of Thursday, October 26th plus the beneficiary and provider improvements requested by the President and detailed in the Administration's veto letter of October 17th.

Yesterday, a version of this bill was introduced (H.R. 5601), but because of mechanical problems in the electronic transmission of the bill, a number of errors occurred.

When considering the Democratic position on how to improve the Medicare, Medicaid, and S-CHIP programs, please refer to the bill introduced today H.R. 5612, not to H.R. 5601.

IN HONOR OF ELLEN COKINOS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECEIVING THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ellen Cokinos, Founder and Executive Director of Houston's Children's Assessment Center, on the occasion of her receiving the Director's Community Leadership Award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Ellen Cokinos, through her leadership and unwavering commitment to protect the most defenseless in our