

passed a resolution supporting the goals and ideas of National Donor Day. Miracles don't just happen—people make them happen.

As the success of this hand transplant demonstrates, a family's contribution of their loved one's organs can not only save a life, but improve the quality of life for others. I salute all those, doctors and donors alike, whose contributions help patients worry less about the little things in life that most people take for granted.

I am forever impressed by the kinds of medical miracles we can achieve when we support research endeavors in this country. I am honored to have such a fine team of doctors in Louisville and hope that the contribution of Jewish Hospital, the University of Louisville, and the doctors of Kleinert and Kutz can continue to be built upon by others. Their enthusiasm and dedication add to the vitality of the Louisville community and can-do attitude for all to follow.

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be here today to introduce legislation to authorize the organ and tissue donation awareness "semi-postal" stamp.

With 67,000 people on the organ donation waiting list, there is no time to lose in educating the public about the importance of organ and tissue donation.

As a result of strong congressional interest, the U.S. Postal Service issued a 32-cent organ donation commemorative stamp in August 1998, but the postal rate increased to 33 cents just five months later. Even though this commemorative stamp is still available at some post offices, purchasers have to buy a 1-cent stamp to make up the difference in postage, which works to discourage people from buying and using the organ donation stamp. Despite these difficulties, there are less than 3 million of these stamps remaining from the 50 million that the post office printed.

This time, we are seeking authorization for a "semi-postal" stamp that would sell for up to 25 percent above the value of a first-class stamp with the surplus revenues going to programs to increase organ donor awareness.

The decision to donate an organ is a life-saving decision, but one that is unfortunately not communicated among family members and loved ones. We strongly believe that every effort we make to remind people that this is a decision that should not wait until tragedy strikes, is an effort toward saving lives. Whether it is an organ and tissue donation postage stamp or a box that drivers may mark as they are renewing their drivers' licenses—these all serve to raise attention to the important issue of communicating a decision to become an organ donor with family members and friends before tragedy strikes.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues, Representatives MOAKLEY, THURMAN, and FRANKS, for being original cosponsors of this legislation. I urge you and other Members of this Congress to join with us and cosponsor this very worthwhile measure.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THOMAS
R. WINTERS ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay special tribute to a truly outstanding individual from the state in Ohio. On Sunday, March 12, 2000, Mr. Thomas R. Winters will celebrate his fiftieth birthday. I certainly want to extend my warmest wishes to him on this event.

Tom Winters has attained a long and illustrious career working in all aspects of government and politics in Ohio. Tom served for more than ten years as a top assistant and Chief of Staff to then Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Vern Riffe. In that time, Tom served as Clerk of the House, Executive Secretary of the House, and Majority Counsel. During his service, Tom worked very closely with members of the Ohio General Assembly and has maintained a strong relationship with current and past members of the Ohio House and Senate.

As President of the Ohio Senate, I had the opportunity to work with Tom first-hand and found him to be talented and helpful in my dealings with Speaker Riffe and the entire Ohio House. Although we were on opposite sides of the political fence, Tom worked aggressively for the benefit of all Ohioans, not just a select few. His commitment to sound public policy and positive legislative accomplishments is well documented and deserves our commendation.

Currently, Tom is a partner in the Columbus office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Pease LLP where he represents governments, businesses, and trade associations on legislative matters at the national, state, local, and administrative agency levels. As an attorney, Tom works diligently on behalf of his clients to ensure that their interests are represented with the highest level of character and integrity. While I do not have the opportunity to see Tom as often as I did while I served in the Ohio Senate, I know that his words are true and his intentions honorable.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Winters has spent more than twenty-five years working to improve public policy and build our system. It is often said that America prospers due to the unwavering commitment of her sons and daughters. Without question, Tom Winters has freely given of his time and talents to the betterment of government and politics. For that, we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in wishing Thomas R. Winters a very Happy Birthday. We look forward to his continued success and we extend our best wishes to him, his wife, Mary, and his entire family.

CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL N. CASTLE
STATEMENT IN RECOGNITION
OF NATIONAL TRIO DAY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to my colleagues' attention National TRIO Day, celebrated on the last Saturday of February.

The federal TRIO programs, which include Talent Search, Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement, Educational Opportunity Centers, Staff Development programs, and GEAR UP, were established to compliment student aid programs and help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers to higher education.

As mandated by Congress, two-thirds of the students served must come from families with low incomes where neither parent graduated from college. Today, 2,000 colleges, universities and community agencies sponsor TRIO programs, and more than 780,000 students between the ages of 11 and 27 benefit from these services.

In my state of Delaware, there are 15 TRIO programs, including those at Delaware State University, the University of Delaware, and Delaware Technical & Community College. TRIO programs at these schools serve nearly 3,000 Delawareans, and studies show that these students will be more likely to remain in college and earn an undergraduate degree than students from similar backgrounds who did not participate in TRIO.

One of the beneficiaries of the Delaware TRIO programs is Jean-Marie Nixon. Ms. Nixon worked in hospitality management until a major industrial accident prevented her from returning to her old job. Ms. Nixon enrolled in classes at Delaware Technical & Community College and, with the help of the TRIO program, she graduated from her program with honors and is now an Instructional Tutor.

Access and retention services are absolutely essential to help ensure equal educational opportunity for students like Ms. Nixon. I would like to encourage my colleagues to visit the TRIO programs in their districts and learn for themselves how valuable these programs are to our nation.

TRIBUTE TO DOLLIE M. SHIBLES

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Dollie M. Shibles who recently turned 100 years old. Dollie truly is one of Maine's state treasures.

Dollie was born on Know Ridge in Montville, Maine, in 1899 and married her husband, Perry Shibles, in 1924. They raised their son, Foster, together and were nearly inseparable for 67 years of marriage until Perry's death in 1991.

Dollie always has dedicated herself to her family, and she has been an integral part of every community in which she has ever lived. She has been an active member of a number

of civic and church groups—some of which she has outlived!—including The Women's Group, The Cecilia Society, Missionary Guild, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Penney Memorial Baptist Church.

Today, Dollie continues to live a rich and fulfilling life in Augusta, Maine, at the St. Mark's Home for Women. In addition to her son, she is very proud of her three grandsons and six great-grandchildren. Although Dollie does not point to any one key to her longevity, it probably did not hurt that she never smoked a cigarette or had a drink of alcohol. I expect that the beautiful environment and clean air in Maine have contributed as well.

I am pleased to join many of her friends and family in wishing Dollie Shibbes all the best as she enters her second century of life.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
WALTER C. CORISH, JR., GA ANG

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and honor the retirement of one of Georgia's finest citizens. Walter C. Corish, Jr., Brigadier General, Georgia Air National Guard, will end his duties as an outstanding guardsman on March 4, 2000. On this day, he deserves our respect and gratitude for his 32 years of honorable and dedicated service to this great nation.

Outside of family, church, and friends, General Corish lives two lives—one protecting our freedom and the other serving as a business and civic leader. As a soldier, General Corish sets the standard for the National Guard. His duties include Commander of the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron, Communications-Computer Staff Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the Commander, and Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard. His professional military education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff Course, and the National Security Management Course. His military decorations consist of the Air Force Meritorious Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Combat Readiness Medal, the Georgia Meritorious Service Medal and the Georgia Commendation Medal.

As a civilian, Walter is President of Corish and Company, a successful independent insurance agency. He served as an Alderman for the City of Savannah, President of the National Guard Association of Georgia, member of the Savannah Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Committee, plus many other church, civic and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Speaker, General Corish is a shining example of what is best about the National Guard. He epitomizes the great admiration many of my colleagues here in Congress have for the men and women who serve our nation while maintaining their occupational and family responsibilities.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to get to know Walter on a personal basis. As a citizen soldier, he embodies virtues of duty, honor, and love of country. Furthermore, he is a man of courage, dignity, enthusiasm, and

impeccable morality. His devotion to church, family, the Guard, business, and his community goes beyond the highest level. I am personally grateful for what Walter and his family have sacrificed over the years, a sacrifice so many of us take for granted.

I am happy and proud to join Walter's wife, Patty, his two children, Trey and Kathy, other family, friends, and the National Guard on this special occasion. On behalf of millions of grateful Americans everywhere, and especially on behalf of the people of the First District of Georgia, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Walter for the many years of service rendered to a grateful nation.

A TRIBUTE TO EVELYN "TESSIE"
WILLIAMS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a dedicated city employee, Evelyn "Tessie" Williams.

"Tessie", as she is affectionately known to all her friends and co-workers, was born in Salisbury, North Carolina. Her family moved to the Fort Greene neighborhood in Brooklyn when she was 7 years old. Tessie is the mother of five children and grandmother of 13. She developed an interest in better quality education for children in the New York City school system and served as the P.T.A. President at P.S. 46 in Community School District 13 for four years.

Her volunteer service led to employment as one of the first para-professionals in the City, enabling her to resume her education at New York City Community College and Richmond College (presently The College of Staten Island), as a student of early childhood education. Tessie then enrolled at John Jay College of Criminal Justice to study Government and Public Administration.

In 1979, Tessie became District Manager of Community Board #2. She brought her skills and talents acquired during her five years in the private sector as a program coordinator of the NY/NJ Minority Purchasing Council. Her varied abilities and new position reaffirmed an earlier awareness that true change in government begins when one becomes involved and gains knowledge of how the system works. As District Manager, she shares that knowledge and is truly committed to making a difference in the community she grew up in and now represents.

Tessie was the co-founder of the Better Education Committee, Community of Business Labor, Educational Services (CABLE), and the Brooklyn Women's Political Caucus. She is also on several boards, is an affiliate with many organizations and the recipient of numerous honors. Please join me in recognizing the contributions of one of Brooklyn's most respected city employees, Evelyn "Tessie" Williams.

NEW JERSEY SUPPORTS THE
UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the United Negro College Fund, and to call attention to its annual campaign celebration that will occur on March 2, 2000, in Trenton, NJ.

For nearly six decades, the United Negro College Fund has had a long and rich history of helping students in New Jersey and nationwide obtain a higher education.

In 1943, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, wrote an open letter which appeared in the Pittsburgh Courier newspaper, which called on the presidents of the nation's private black colleges to join with him to "pool their small monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience." His words became the guiding principle for what was to become one of the world's leading education assistance organizations. One year later, on April 25 1994, the United Negro College Fund was incorporated with 27 member colleges and a combined enrollment of just 14,000 students.

Fifty-six years later, UNCF has grown to become one of our nation's oldest and most-respected educational organizations. Today, the UNCF is a strong consortium of 39 private, accredited, four-year historically black colleges and universities.

In recent years, UNCF has broadened its focus by offering programs designed to enhance educational quality provide financial assistance to deserving students, raise funds for member colleges and universities, and supply technical assistance to member institutions.

More than 300,000 men and women have obtained an education with the support they received from the United Negro College Fund. In communities from central New Jersey to central California and every place in between, UNCF graduates are working to build a stronger nation as community leaders in every walk of life.

On Thursday, March 2, 2000, the United Negro College Fund will kick off its yearly events with a ceremony held in Trenton, New Jersey. Through its hard work and the commitment of community leaders, including Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, and citizens, the UNCF was able to offer scholarships to several students last year, and campaign organizers hope to double their efforts in the year ahead.

Mr. Speaker, education is the admission ticket to opportunity on today's economy. The efforts and commitment of organizations like the United Negro College Fund, which have made a positive difference in the lives of so many young Americans, are to be commended and recognized.

I hope that my colleagues will join in me paying tribute to the efforts of the United Negro College Fund in central New Jersey and nationwide.