

As an attorney, a civil rights leader, and a pioneering political candidate, C.B. King spent the remainder of his life making contributions to the cause of justice, opportunity, and dignity for all Americans. Although he remained Albany-based throughout his career, limiting his activities primarily to the areas of southwest Georgia where he was raised, he became a nationally-known figure whose impact was felt throughout our state and the nation at-large.

He was a courageous leader of the Albany Movement, suffering a severe beating and facing many threats to his life during a campaign described by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as one of the crucial battles of the civil rights struggle. He ran political races for President, Congress and as the first black gubernatorial candidate in Georgia since Reconstruction, not because he thought he would win, but because his candidacy provided a forum for the causes he represented and helped pave the way for future minority candidates. He was a compassionate citizen, devoting much of his time to pro bono law work for the poor and volunteering his time and talent in community projects for the needy. He was a Navy veteran, a faithful member of his church, and a loving husband and father. Perhaps he is remembered most of all as the lead attorney in a series of landmark law suits that broke down old walls of discrimination and opened new doors of opportunity.

It is therefore fitting, Mr. Speaker, for this Congress to name the new federal courthouse in Albany, Georgia for the late Chevene Bowers King, and I want to thank all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their wholehearted support of this legislation.

The list of breakthrough cases that he won is extensive. Among them are:

Gaines v. Dougherty County Board of Education; Lockett v. Board of Education of Muscogee County; Harrington v. Colquitt County Board of Education. These cases, involving multiple appeals over a period of years, led to full compliance with Brown v. Board of Education in those communities, accelerating the pace of desegregation in other areas.

Anderson v. City of Albany; Kelly v. Page. These cases reaffirmed the right of citizens to peaceably assemble.

Bell v. Southwell. This case ended the use of segregated polling booths, voiding an election where separate booths were used.

Brown v. Culpepper; Foster v. Sparks; Thompson v. Sheppard; Pullum v. Greene; Broadway v. Culpepper; Rabinowitz v. United States. These cases prohibited the use of jury selection lists on which blacks were under represented and ended the exclusion of blacks on juries on the basis of race.

Johnson v. City of Albany. This case led to the end of discriminatory practices in local government employment.

C.B. King possessed many extraordinary qualities. Courage was certainly one. There are countless examples of how he stood his ground in the face of danger. Although he acknowledged there were times when he was frightened, he never once backed down when he believed he was in the right. His tenacity was legendary. Once he entered the fray, you knew he would be in the thick of the battle until the end. He never gave up. His skills certainly were awesome, as his record as an attorney confirms. Through it all, he was a man who cared deeply for his community, state,

and country and for people of all races, creeds, and backgrounds.

I wonder what our state and country would be like had C.B. King not challenged the status quo in federal court and forced desegregation of the public schools in many communities, raising the quality of education for many children. Would we ever have seen the talent of a Hershel Walker, a Charlie Ward, or Judge Herbert Phipps?

Had C.B. King not gone into Albany's Federal Court to force compliance with laws prohibiting discrimination in employment based on race, creed, religion, or gender, how many local governments would have been deprived of the talent of countless African-American public-sector employees? This was a milestone in the history of the South and southwest Georgia.

What kind of justice system would we have if C.B. King had not gone into federal court to end the age-old practice of excluding blacks and women from serving on juries? What if C.B. King had not been there to have our federal courts protect the rights of citizens of all colors to peaceably assemble, have equal access to public facilities, and to be free of discrimination in voter registration, in the voting booth and in running for office? Indeed, I nor any other African-American would be able to hold public office, regardless of our qualifications or abilities, had it not been for C.B. King's work.

On March 15, 1988, this great leader passed away following a long illness.

Mr. Speaker, it's not the two dates on our tombstone that are important. It's what happens in-between. What happened in the life of C.B. King changed the course of our history.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN BADGERS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team for their outstanding season and their advancement last weekend to the NCAA Final Four.

The Badgers demonstrated outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship at the Final Four. Not since 1941 have the Badgers advanced so far in the NCAA tournament. While they may not have scored more points than Michigan State, they played with heart and spirit. In doing so, they proved to everyone that they have what it takes to win a National Championship in the future. I applaud Dick Bennett and this exemplary team for an amazing season and a truly monumental tournament.

The Badgers are a clear illustration that perseverance, determination, and hard work can take you to great places. The games over the past season have brought together the University of Wisconsin, evoked strong school spirit, and shown to everyone how thrilling it is to be a Badger! It has been an outstanding year for the Badgers and as an alumna it is exciting to be a part of something so special. I commend the basketball team and look forward to many exciting seasons to come!

IN HONOR OF THE NORTH OLMSTED HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND EAGLETS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the North Olmsted High School Marching Band and Eaglelets, of North Olmsted, Ohio.

This 194 member marching band deserves praise for their hard work and dedication. These committed young people, most having played an instrument since 5th grade, have been practicing every morning and Wednesday evening since the beginning of the year. Because of this devotion, the band had the opportunity to play in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, in Cleveland, winning both the best band and best unit categories. Under the direction of John Kepperley, Martin Witczak, and William Ciabattari, the North Olmsted Marching Band and Eaglelets will have the honor of playing in this year's Cherry Blossom Festival in D.C. on April 8, 2000.

It takes a special individual to participate in marching band. You must be a team player, sacrificing the needs of the individual for the collective interests of the unit. You must be diligent, precise, dedicated, and focused. The many hours of practice can tax even the most patient of souls. The North Olmsted marching band has made a special mark on the North Olmsted community and their experience will serve them well, as both fond memories of their trip and in knowing that their efforts have brought pleasure to their audiences.

I ask you fellow colleagues to join me in honoring The North Olmsted High School Marching Band and Eaglelets for their hard work and dedication.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLARENCE GRANGE NO. 892

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 100th Anniversary of Clarence Grange No. 892.

More than 250 years ago, George Washington wrote "I know of no pursuit in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture." Despite the passing of the centuries between our generation and that of our Founding Fathers, their wisdom is eternal.

Since its conception as an agricultural organization, the Grange has grown to be much more than that. It reflects and embraces the spirit of fellowship, community, faith and family.

For the past 100 years, Clarence members have embodied the purposes and the principles of the Grange—"meeting together, talking together, working together," striving to "secure harmony, good will and brotherhood."

As a longtime member of the Grange myself, I've seen the great work they do, their commitment to community, and devotion to faith and family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in extending both our heartiest congratulations on the 100th birthday of Clarence Grange No. 892, and our sincerest best wishes for continued success as they begin another century of service to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Ms. VELAZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, due to an error by the House Tally Clerk, I was incorrectly shown as voting "no" on rollcall No. 103, and "not voting" on rollcall No. 104. I was present during both rollcall votes and during voting for rollcall No. 103, I voted "yes", and during rollcall No. 104, I voted "no."

HONORING DR. SAMI REPISHTI ON HIS SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and congratulate an exemplary constituent of mine, Dr. Sami Repishti, on his seventy-fifth birthday. Throughout his life, Dr. Repishti has been dedicated to fighting human rights violations to which he has been long exposed.

Dr. Repishti was born in Shkoder, Albania in 1925. He and his family were victims of Italian fascist and Nazi terrorism. Despite being arrested and jailed for "pro-American" activities, Dr. Repishti immigrated to the United States in 1962. He continued his college education and eventually received a Doctorate in French in 1977 from the City University of New York and the University of Paris, France. From 1966 to 1991, he taught French and Italian in the Malverne Public School System, serving as District Chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages from 1976 to 1991, and from 1976 to 1991 was an adjunct professor at Adelphi University. He retired in 1991 after a dedicated and fruitful teaching career.

After his retirement, Dr. Repishti founded the National Albanian American Council in 1996 and served as its president until 1998. This organization is dedicated to fighting for freedom and human rights for all Albanians. He has testified before the United States Congress several times, and nobly represented the Albanian American community at the White House and Department of State. He has long been a leader of cultural and political activities and is a well-respected member of his community.

Dr. Repishti currently resides in Baldwin, New York with his wife Diane. They have two children: Daron, a physician, and Ava, a lawyer.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly honored to represent such a respectable man, Dr. Repishti's life should serve as an example for all Americans. It is my pleasure and honor, to congratulate Dr. Sami Repishti on his birthday and to sincerely offer him my best wishes.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER EDMUNETTE PACZESNY, HILBERT COLLEGE PRESIDENT

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to my longtime friend and colleague, Sister Edmunette Paczesny, who this evening will be formally recognized and honored for her 25 years of service as president of Hilbert College.

I've had the true pleasure of working closely with Sister Edmunette as a Councilman and Supervisor for the Town of Hamburg where Hilbert is located, and during these past 8 years as a Member of this Honorable Body.

Throughout the past 25 years, Sister Edmunette's tenure as president has been distinguished through the expansion from a 2-year to a 4-year institution. She has seen the college grow, with the completion of Franciscan Hall. A year ago, she added an economic crime investigation degree program, which is one of only two such degree programs nationwide.

Sister Edmunette's long-standing affiliation with Hilbert began in 1962, when she served as an instructor in psychology and philosophy and later served as Academic Dean.

In addition to her outstanding commitment to Hilbert, Sister Edmunette has been widely recognized for her tireless efforts and dedicated service to our community. She has received the Liberty Bell Award for the Erie County Bar Association, the Community Service Award from the Southtowns Coalition of Community Service, and was recently named the 1999 Citizen of the Year by the Hamburg Independent Citizens Club.

For the past 44 years, Sister Edmunette has maintained an active membership with the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph. In addition to her religious service, Sister Edmunette is a member and past secretary of the Western New York Consortium of Higher Education and the Rotary Club of Hamburg/Sunrise, a member of the Mirror Board of Mercy/Our Lady of Victory hospitals and on the board of directors of Hopevale, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join the faculty, staff, and administration of Hilbert College, the countless students who have studied at Hilbert, and indeed, all of Western New York in tribute to Sister Edmunette Paczesny. Best wishes to her in her next quarter century at Hilbert.

IN HONOR OF AL GUZMAN, RESPECTED POLICE CHIEF AND LEADER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment in order to express my gratitude and thanks to the Union City, California Chief of Police Al Guzman, who unfortunately will be retiring at the end of June.

Al Guzman came to Union City so that he could fish along the shoreline. Later, as a col-

lege student, Guzman volunteered his time to ride along with the newly founded Union City Police Department. Soon after, he was invited to join the police force as a reserve officer.

In March of 1968, Al Guzman was hired by the Union City Police Department as a full time officer and remained loyal to the force for 33 years. Moreover, he served as the Department's Chief of Police for 13 years. Chief Guzman is a leader in involving the community with police concerns so that conflicts and tensions within the city are solved more efficiently and quickly, ensuring a safe and healthy city.

Coupled with Guzman's loyal service to the police force, he worked closely with school officials and parents to address the needs of students. This resulted in his creation of the School Resource Officers program in Union City and the New Haven Unified School District.

Furthermore, through his leadership and vision, Union City initiated many innovative programs including the Head Start Child Care Center located in the Decoto Park Plaza. Additionally, another achievement of Chief Guzman's is the adoption of the graffiti abatement program and the creation of the Fred Castro Park. Chief Guzman also was a co-founder of the Police Activities League in Union City which is responsible for providing sports for young people as well as sponsoring the Community Health and Science Fair.

Despite all of Al Guzman's extraordinary accomplishments, he is also the first Police Chief in California to involve civilians in the creation of both a Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving program as well as the COPPS officers program. In addition to their creation, under Chief Guzman's leadership, two resource centers were established that housed the COPPS program with community based organizations that provide services for Union City residents. Guzman's COPPS program was recognized by Chiefs Magazine as the model program for California.

Union City recently earned recognition by the National Civic League as an All-American City and also received the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence by the League of California Cities. And all of this was accomplished during the tenure of Chief Guzman.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this great community leader and visionary. Chief Al Guzman played an immense role in making Union City a safe and model city for others to follow and respect.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF SGT. CHARLES A. DAVIS

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American role model. Sgt. Charles A. DaVis has faithfully served the residents of Eatontown and the State of New Jersey for 25 years. He has diligently performed his duties and has acted in such specialized positions including, Patrolman, Detective, Juvenile Officer, Patrol Sergeant and most recently as the Community Affairs Officer.

As a Juvenile Officer he utilized his college training in Social Sciences and began a Family Crisis Unit in Eatontown, where he spent