

The Frederick Douglass Award was established in 1995 by the USM Board of Regents to honor individuals "who have displayed an extraordinary and active commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality, justice, and opportunity exemplified in the life of Frederick Douglass." Previous recipients include the Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, a member of Congress for the 7th District of Maryland (1996); Benjamin Quarles, scholar at Morgan State University (1997, posthumously); Samuel Lacy, Jr., sports writer for the Baltimore Afro-American (1998); the Hon. Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (1999); and Beatrice "Bea" Gaddy, advocate for the poor and homeless and a member of the Baltimore City Council (2000).

Statesman, publisher and abolitionist Frederick Douglass was the leading spokesman of American blacks in the 1800s. Born a slave in 1817 in Tuckahoe, MD, he devoted his life to the abolition of slavery and the fight for black rights. Douglass's name at birth was Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey, but he changed it when he fled from his master in Baltimore in 1838. He ended up in New Bedford, Mass., where he attempted to ply his trade as a ship caulker, but settled for collecting garbage and digging cellars. In 1841, at a meeting of the Massachusetts Antislavery Society, Douglass delivered a lecture on freedom that so impressed the society that it hired him to talk publicly about his experiences as a slave. He then began a series of protests against segregation, and published his autobiography, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, in 1845.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House take great pride in joining me in congratulating Dr. Dorothy Irene Height on this very special day for her lifelong work. She is truly deserving of the Frederick Douglass Award and I rise to congratulate her on this esteemed award.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER ARVER OF  
BRONSON, MICHIGAN, LEGRAND  
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Jennifer Arver, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Jennifer is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Jennifer Arver is an exceptional student at Bronson High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Jennifer has received numerous awards for her involvement in 4-H, as well as high school athletics. She has participated in student government and is

a member of the Youth Advisory Council. Jennifer is active in her community, volunteering as a mentor with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, and as a member of the Branch County Finance Board.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Jennifer Arver for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

THE NEW DETROIT SCIENCE  
CENTER

**HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The New Detroit Science Center on its grand opening. I am pleased to say that The New Detroit Science Center will be partnering with Marshall Field's in its grand opening festivities which will be attended by Governor and Mrs. John Engler on July 28. The celebration, "Marshall Field's Weekend of Wonder at The New Detroit Science Center—32 Hours of Exploration," will kick off at 10 AM on July 28 and continue around the clock until 6 PM on July 29.

The Detroit Science Center was founded by Detroit businessman and philanthropist Dexter Ferry nearly 30 years ago. In 1998, plans were made to transform the Detroit Science Center into a leading center for science education. The Center broke ground on its expansion and renovation in 1999. The New Detroit Science Center will serve as a vehicle to educate our children and their families in the areas of science and technology. Detroit is known as a technological hub, and this new Center will involve our children and expose them to the resources that surround them.

This Center will serve as a tremendous resource for teachers, children, and families across the State of Michigan. Its exciting programs, which include an IMAX theater, five hands-on laboratories, the DaimlerChrysler Science Stage and Sparks Theater, the Ford Learning Center, and the Digital Dome Planetarium, will create an interest in science, engineering, and technology. The New Detroit Science Center will open up a whole new world of opportunities for the children of Detroit.

I am especially pleased that so many of our community members and businesses have contributed their time and funds to this project. This commitment to our children by the community is vital. I know that the benefits of bringing such a center to our children will prove to be immeasurable.

I invite all of my colleagues to come and bring their families to visit Detroit's newest star, The New Detroit Science Center.

TRIBUTE MR. ELIO RODONI

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Elio Rodoni, who has been named Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau's 2001 Farmer of the Year.

Mr. Rodoni, is the son of Andreina and the late Dante Rodoni, and the younger brother of Mario Rodoni. Mr. Rodoni's sister Jeanne passed away two years ago. Mr. Elio Rodoni celebrates this great honor with his many friends, colleagues, and family. Mr. Rodoni and his wife Joy have three children, Catherine, Stephen, and Robert. Both of Mr. Rodoni's sons farm in the Watsonville and Moss Landing areas.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to honor Mr. Rodoni, who has been a member of the Farm Bureau for over 35 years. Mr. Rodoni grew up on a Brussel sprout farm on the coast just north of Santa Cruz, in the 15th Congressional District. He always helped on the farm, and knew early on that he wanted to be a farmer. The skills that Mr. Rodoni developed as a child, combined with the knowledge he gained from his involvement with Future Farmers of America while he was a student at Santa Cruz High School, led the way to Mr. Rodoni's successful career as a farmer. Mr. Rodoni, who began working fulltime as a farmer immediately after graduating from high school, purchased an interest in a Brussel sprout farm in 1960. He later ran this farm with the help of his partners, brother Mario and his late sister's husband Mac Morelli.

Mr. Rodoni has served as a dedicated and innovative member of the Santa Cruz County Community, and the entire farming community. As a member of the Future Farmers of America, he helped with displays at county fairs, served as a delegate to the California State Convention, and was chapter president during his senior year at Santa Cruz High School. For most of his life, Mr. Rodoni has dedicated his time and energy to his farms. He was one of the first farmers to utilize mechanical harvesting, and has always understood the importance of diversity in his crops. He is a hard-working farmer, and knowledgeable businessman.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the Mr. Elio Rodoni for his contributions to the farming community and the 15th Congressional District. I commend and congratulate him on this important occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I was absent the week of June 25, 2001, attending to my wife Melissa during the birth of our first child, Abigail Anna Putnam. Had I been present this is how I would have voted on the following roll call votes.

June 25, 2001:

On Roll Call 186—I would have voted Yea in support of H Res 160 calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to

immediately and unconditionally release Li Shaomin and all other American scholars of Chinese ancestry being held in detention, and calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Li Shaomin and the other detained scholars for their release.

On Roll Call 187—I would have voted Yea in support of H Res 99 expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should call upon Hezbollah to allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit four abducted Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

On Roll Call 188—I would have voted Yea in support of H Con Res 161 honoring the 19 United States servicemen who died in the terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia on June 25, 1996.

June 26, 2001:

On Roll Call 189—I would have voted Yea on Approving the Journal.

On Roll Call 190—I would have voted Yea on the motion to consider H Res 178.

On Roll Call 191—I would have voted Yea on agreeing to H Res 178 providing for the consideration of HR 2299, Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2002.

On Roll Call 192—I would have voted Yea on agreeing to H Res 166 recognizing disaster relief Assistance Provided to Houston, TX after Tropical Storm Allison.

On Roll Call 193—I would have voted Yea on the Sabo amendment to HR 2299.

On Roll Call 194—I would have voted Yea in support of HR 2299, the Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2002.

On Roll Call 195—I would have voted Yea on agreeing to the approval of the Journal.

On Roll Call 196—I would have voted Yea on agreeing to H Res 180, providing for consideration of HR 2311; Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY 2002.

On Roll Call 197—I would have voted Yea on H Res 172 honoring John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters.

On Roll Call 198—I would have voted Yea on HR 2213 to establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

June 28, 2001:

On Roll Call 199—I would have voted Nay on the Tancredo amendment to HR 2311.

On Roll Call 200—I would have voted Nay on the Tancredo amendment to HR 2311.

On Roll Call 201—I would have voted Nay on the Hinchey amendment to HR 2311.

On Roll Call 202—I would have voted Nay on the Kucinich amendment to HR 2311.

On Roll Call 203—I would have voted Nay on the Bonior amendment to HR 2311.

On Roll Call 204—I would have voted Nay on the Berkley amendment to HR 2311.

On Roll Call 205—I would have voted Yea on the Davis amendment to HR 2311.

On Roll Call 206—I would have voted Yea on final passage of HR 2311, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY 2002.

On Roll Call 207—I would have voted Yea on H Res 183, providing for consideration of HR 2330; Agriculture Appropriations Act for F.Y. 2002.

On Roll Call 208—I would have voted Yea on the Brown of Ohio amendment to HR 2330.

On Roll Call 209—I would have voted Yea on the Brown of Ohio amendment to HR 2330.

On Roll Call 210—I would have voted Yea on the Engel amendment to HR 2330.

#### HONORING WAYNE SCOTT ON HIS RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DI- RECTOR OF THE TEXAS DEPART- MENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

#### HON. JIM TURNER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and to express the thanks of Texans to our friend Wayne Scott on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. His leadership of the fastest growing agency in the State of Texas during years of difficult transitions have earned him the respect and admiration of all Texans.

Wayne began his professional journey in 1972 as a correctional officer at the Huntsville unit of the Texas Department of Corrections. While working there, Wayne Scott received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Sam Houston State University in 1973. Making his way into the system, he became warden of the facility in 1984. In the following years, Wayne served as regional director, deputy director for operations, and institutional division director. In 1996, Wayne Scott was promoted to Executive Director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the largest agency in the state of Texas. It can be said that Wayne began at the bottom of the ladder and climbed to the top through a firm commitment to hard work, a willingness to make the tough decisions, and a constant pursuit of the highest ethical standards for both himself and the department.

With the responsibility of more than 40,000 employees and more than 150,000 felony offenders, Wayne Scott has been recognized by his fellow criminal justice professionals in the American Correctional Association, the Southern States Correctional Association, and the Association of State Correctional Administrators as an outstanding correctional administrator.

Under Wayne's leadership, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice confinement facilities were accredited by the American Correctional Association. The agency also received Awards of Excellence in community service for its partnership with Habitat for Humanity, and for the nation's largest correctional employee training facility, the Edmundo Mireles Criminal Justice Training Academy. While Executive Director, Wayne developed the Advisory Council on Ethics in order to aid the agency in the awareness of ethical issues and assure the execution of ethical behavior.

Not only has Wayne Scott been a hard working administrator, but he has also been a leader in innovations for rehabilitation of prison inmates. In 1996, he started the Inner Change Freedom Initiative, which was the first faith-based pre-release program in a penal institution in the United States. Also, under Scott's leadership, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has worked to modify the agency's mission statement to assure justice for victims.

Wayne Scott has served the State of Texas for more than 28 years in the criminal justice field. His leadership in the fastest period of growth in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice have made him well-known in the field of criminal justice not just in Texas, but across the country. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice—and indeed, the entire state of Texas—has been the beneficiary of his service, dedication, and leadership over the last three decades.

#### TRIBUTE TO EMILY STACK OF HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

#### HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Emily Stack, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Emily is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Emily Stack is an exceptional student at Lenawee Christian High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Emily has received numerous awards for her academic achievement, as well as receiving state recognition for her excellent oratory skills. She is active in student government, serving as President of her class for two years. Emily has volunteered her time to various community service projects, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Project Build.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Emily Stack for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO PERSIS "PERKY" HORNER HYDE

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Persis "Perky" Horner Hyde who passed away on June 15, 2000 of breast cancer. During her lifetime, Mrs. Hyde was an active community member and a dedicated mother and wife. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Harold "Hal" Hyde, four children, one brother, and three grandchildren.