

Kelly; brother Henry II; and many others who will treasure always the inspiration Dr. Hatter provided to others his entire life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join the Clio High School Class of 1975 in paying tribute to one of its own. Dr. Marcus Hatter worked to make the world a better place. He brought joy to each person he met and will be greatly missed by his family, friends and our community.

TAIWAN DESERVES A PLACE IN
THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, last year, the people of Taiwan went to the polls to select the individual who would serve as the Tenth President of the Republic of China. Mr. Chen Shui-bian, a member of an opposition party, won that hotly contested race, and for the first time in Chinese history, people in Taiwan had a peaceful transfer of power.

Many scholars and government officials in the PRC suggested that if President Chen were elected, Southeast Asia would be thrown into economic and political turmoil. It did not occur. Instead, President Chen has avoided provoking the mainland. He has honored his pledge to seek a genuine dialogue with the Chinese mainland and his approach towards the PRC has won praise from neighbors in Asia and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, in spite of all that President Chen and the people of Taiwan have done, Taiwan is not a member of the United Nations, and its twenty-three million people are not represented in that body and in many other international organizations. It is time for fair-minded leaders of the world to correct this injustice.

Unfortunately, the General Assembly again failed to provide Taiwan with the membership in this body it so richly deserves this year. I call on my colleagues and the Bush Administration to urge membership for Taiwan when the issue comes before the General Assembly next year.

The members of the United Nations should include all people and nations, especially those who stand as a true example of political freedom. Many of my colleagues may be concerned about Taiwan's status as officially a province of China. I would remind my colleagues that other divided nations—Germany and Vietnam, for instance—enjoyed full representation in the UN by both of their governments. We should afford the free-market democracy of Taiwan the same.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES THE REDEDICATION OF THE LAMINGTON BLACK CEMETERY AND HONORS THE EFFORTS OF ITS ORGANIZERS

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the rededication of the

Lamington Black Cemetery located in Somerset County, New Jersey and to honor those responsible for undertaking this reclamation effort.

Until a year ago, this rich history of New Jersey's African-American heritage was a hidden treasure lost among snarled tree roots and overgrown vegetation. But thanks to the efforts of many concerned citizens, the "old slave cemetery", its nearly three centuries of history and more than 100 graves—both marked and unmarked—have been preserved and rededicated.

For more than a year, neighbors and friends, brothers and coworkers, pastors and congregants have come together to rebuild and reclaim this small one acre cemetery. They have donated their time, talents and treasures to restore the peace and dignity those resting in this hallowed ground deserve.

At this time in our Nation's history, when we struggle to find solace and meaning in the acts of terror against us, we can gain strength and perspective from those buried in the Lamington Black Cemetery and those working to preserve our heritage. Theirs is a story of slavery, of war, and of freedom. Most importantly though, they are a genuine example of the dignity of human life, the strength of community and the pride of America.

Mr. Speaker, again, I celebrate this rededication and honor those who are buried and those who have worked so diligently to bring their memories back to life. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this invaluable contribution to our community and New Jersey.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
POLICE OFFICER DAVID ROBERTS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, to serve the public as an officer of the law is truly a noble deed worthy of the praise from this body. These brave souls are the forgotten heroes of the day despite their importance to our country and to the welfare of the public. David Roberts, an outstanding retired police officer who served the Denver Police Department, considered being a police officer one of the greatest and most rewarding aspects of his life. The Denver chapter of the International Footprint Association has offered their praise by honoring him at the second annual Forgotten Officer Recognition Dinner. I too, would like to raise the service of this officer before this House and recognize his efforts to the service of the people of Denver, Colorado.

Although David is no longer an active officer, his heart is still captivated with a selfless devotion to others. In 1985, he experienced a gunshot wound to his mouth that ended his career. David had been with the department for only six years when one incident ended his career. The man who shot Officer Roberts was subsequently sentenced to 80 years in prison and David has been paralyzed on his left side since. This potential setback, though, has not fazed David and he is still involved with training officers by teaching them at police academies. He attempts to offer a glimpse of what to do should something of such trauma

matic magnitude strike them in the line of duty. But his teachings pertain to life more than just police duty.

Mr. Speaker, David Roberts gave a portion of himself to protecting the citizens of Denver and his service will not be forgotten. While the recognition he has received by the International Footprint Association is a piece of our appreciation, his admiration extends much further than an award. He is not a forgotten hero and will be considered a guardian to our security forever. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the commendable and valiant service of David Roberts and extend to him my warmest regards and best wishes in the many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO J.C. JEFFRIES OF
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the life and achievements of a man who was not only a personal friend, but a friend to his entire community and a respected civic leader in Arkansas, First Ward Alderman J.C. Jeffries.

J.C. passed away on Sunday, September 30, at the age of 57. Originally from Grady, Arkansas, J. C. moved to Topeka, Kansas, in high school and joined the Air Force upon graduation. Four years later, he joined the police department at Topeka and became involved in civic and youth issues. He returned to Arkansas and settled in Pine Bluff in 1979. J.C. spent the majority of his life caring for and taking an active role in the Pine Bluff community.

J.C. always put service above self by trying to make Pine Bluff a better place in which to live. He was a quiet man who always moved and spoke deliberately and with consideration. Although J.C. had his own opinions concerning politics or policy, he would always listen to others ideas and concerns. Under his leadership and non-confrontational guidance, J.C. could bring together many different groups within the community. I was honored to have him serve on my congressional African American advisory council.

As a member of the Pine Bluff City Council for 14 years, J.C. truly understood and enjoyed participating in city government. He had been an alderman since 1987 and was one of Pine Bluff's first African American city council members. As chairman of the council's public works committee, J.C. was dedicated to helping "at risk" youths through city programs. He fought hard for funding for the city's summer jobs program and made sure the money was used responsibly. The Pine Bluff Commission on Children and Youth was established under J.C.'s leadership.

In addition to his work in City Hall, J.C. also advised members of the Pine Bluff's academic community. J.C. worked at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff most recently as a career counselor and held several posts over the past twenty years. He helped find money to pave UAPB's streets and get financing for the new state-of-the-art Golden Lions Stadium.

J.C. was a man of great stature, a distinguished leader who showed compassion for

everything he did and everyone he met. Even on his last day of life he was worrying more about his town's future than his own health. His passing is a significant loss not only to his family and friends, but also to the city of Pine Bluff and the people of Arkansas.

I pay tribute to him for his lifetime of accomplishments, and I am deeply grateful for J.C.'s friendship, his devotion to assisting others, and his commitment to the betterment of his community. My thoughts and prayers are with his daughters, Jacquelyn, Rhonda, and Felicia, and all his family, friends, and loved ones.

CONGRATULATING THE INSTITUTE FOR CUBAN AND CUBAN-AMERICAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 1868, the Cuban people expressed their desire to be free of oppression and their determination to convert this dream into a reality. This "Grito de Yara" was a battle cry heard throughout the world, yet it was the United States who joined forces with Cuban patriots in their struggle for independence.

This served as the catalyst which would forever intertwine the histories of our two countries and would develop into an enduring friendship between our people, stemming from a unity of purpose and shared respect and admiration for our cultures.

Later, the exodus of Cubans fleeing the tyrannical and brutal rule of the Castro dictatorship in search of liberty in the U.S., further reinforced these bonds and enriched the tapestry weaving our two nations together.

The Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies at the University of Miami, inaugurating its permanent home on October 10th, the anniversary of "Grito de Yara", builds upon this relationship by offering courses on Cuban history and culture, producing publications, sponsoring conferences and seminars, and generating original research on specific topics.

Its objectives are to preserve, teach, and disseminate the history and culture of Cuba; provide research and information about U.S. Cuban relations, contemporary Cuba, and about Cuban-Americans; increase awareness and appreciation of Cuba nationally and internationally; and to prepare for change in the island.

In the two years since its creation, the Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies has coordinated a myriad of concerts; film viewings; and museum exhibits. It has held such important seminars as: "Bay of Pigs' 40th Anniversary"; "U.S. Policy Toward Cuba: Continuity and Change"; "Cuba After Castro: Succession, Transition or Chaos"; and the "Czech Republic and Human Rights in Cuba" with His Excellency Alexandr Vondra, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United States.

The caliber of the work being conducted by the Institute prompted the Association for the

Study of the Cuban Economy to choose the Institute as its Secretariat, and compelled the U.S. Congress to recommend that one of its seminal endeavors, the Cuba Transition Project, be funded by the Agency for International Development.

The Cuba Transition Project exemplifies the forward-thinking approach and immense value of the Institute. The Project's mission is to help prepare for a transition to democracy in Cuba and for the reconstruction of the island once the post-Castro transition begins in earnest.

Under the leadership of its Founding Director, Dr. Jaime Suchlicki, and of Dr. Andy Gomez, Dean of the School of International Studies, the Institute has earned high praise from leaders in government, business, academia and the arts.

I would like to thank our University president, Dr. Donna Shalala, the Board of Trustees, and all the administrative leadership for their support of the Institute.

Today, as the Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies embarks upon a new chapter in its history and another year of groundbreaking research and memorable activities, I join my voice to those of so many supporters in congratulating the Institute.

I look forward to the continued success of the Institute.

IN MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL KAREN J. WAGNER, U.S. ARMY, KILLED AT THE PENTAGON ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, the events of September 11 shocked America. The horrible acts of terrorism, designed to kill the maximum numbers, woke all of us to the threat of international terrorism. Our borders have been violated, and we are not the same today as we were before that bright, but terrible, Tuesday morning. We have all felt the pangs of discomfort, and the national mood has gone from business as usual to mourning.

None, however, have faced the impact as much as the families of those who lost their lives that morning. One such family of so many lives in my hometown of San Antonio, and they must now lay to rest their precious daughter and sister, whose life and future were cut short at the Pentagon on September 11.

Our Nation will mourn the loss of Lieutenant Colonel Karen J. Wagner, a 17-year veteran of the U.S. Army. On October 5, 2001, she will be buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel Wagner began her Army service on February 14, 1984 with a ROTC appointment after graduation from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She previously received a masters degree in Health Services Administration from Webster University.

Lieutenant Colonel Wagner received her most recent promotion just this past August

and was last assigned to the Medical Personnel Officer, Office of the Army Surgeon General, with duty as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel at the Pentagon.

Her previous assignments included duties as Adjutant for the 85th Medical Evacuation Hospital at Fort Lee, Virginia; Executive Officer and Company Commander of D Company, 187th Medical Battalion, Fort Sam Houston; Chief, Personnel for the 57th Evacuation Hospital at Wurzburg, Germany; Chief, Personnel Services Branch at Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Personnel Officer assigned to Office of the Army Surgeon General; Staff Officer with Inspector General Office, U.S. Army Medical Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and Executive Officer and Secretary General Staff, Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Lieutenant Colonel Wagner was born on February 22, 1961, in Kansas, and listed Texas as her home of record. She is survived by her mother of San Antonio, Texas, and two brothers and a sister.

Lieutenant Colonel Wagner was killed because she wore the uniform of our Nation's Army, and, like those who perished at the World Trade Center, simply because she was an American. She stood up for her country and has now paid the ultimate price. We all stand in honor of her and the thousands of others who lost their lives on September 11.

HONORING HARVEY WILLOUGHBY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor an American who fought bravely for our country during World War II. Harvey Willoughby, a resident of Montrose, Colorado, was a soldier in the 268th Field Artillery Battalion that fought courageously for our country during the war.

Harvey's outfit was unique to the war effort. His battalion was armed with 8-inch guns that seemed more fitting for a battleship. They were capable of firing great distances and hitting targets beyond enemy lines. This gave the Allied forces an advantage that helped them forge forward through German forces. The 268th Field Artillery Battalion landed on the shores of Omaha Beach on August 27, 1944 following the historic D-Day invasion. After their arrival in St. Malo, it took less than three days for the 268th to overwhelm the German and Italian forces that were stationed there. Harvey and his battalion made their way east with their burly equipment and enormous guns fighting their way through Ubachsburg, Aachen and several other cities until finally forcing German troops back across the Rhine. Harvey proudly served his country and earned several citations including the Bronze Star for his service during the war.

Mr. Speaker, Harvey Willoughby fought bravely for our country. As a nation, we are indebted to him for the perseverance and heroism Harvey displayed during World War II. I would like to extend my warmest regards and thanks and the recognition of this Congress to Harvey Willoughby for the monumental sacrifices that he has made in service to our Flag.