

AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER'S 3RD ANNUAL LIVER WALK

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 1, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of the American Liver Foundation, District of Columbia Chapter's 3rd Annual Liver Walk. The walk is designed specifically to raise awareness and funds necessary to combat liver diseases such as hepatitis and bilateral atresia. I ask my colleagues to join me in support of the American Liver Foundation and their tireless work and dedication to eliminate liver disease.

The American Liver Foundation is a national, voluntary nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention, treatment, and cure of liver disease through research, education and advocacy. Nearly 4 million Americans are infected with Hepatitis C and 8,000 die each year as a result and the number of fatalities is expected to reach 30,000 annually within the next two decades. In 1998, 573 liver transplants were performed on children in the United States and over 80 percent were under the age of two years old. A child's liver transplant will cost \$200,000 to \$300,000 during the first year of care. An increase in research can make it possible to develop improved treatments and find cures and a major effort is necessary to control the increase in liver diseases.

Mr. Speaker, it is estimated that 1 in 10 individuals in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area suffer from liver disease. Broad-based chapter support and activities generate support in our communities that will result in more effective treatment and prevention, improved care to those afflicted, and cures for those who now have only hope. The Greater Washington DC Chapter of the American Liver Foundation offers hope and assistance to the many suffering with liver disease and their families through programs such as their upcoming "Liver Walk." I applaud their efforts and I am proud to lend my support to this program.

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HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, approximately 150 Telephone Service Center representatives who work at the American Express Service Center in Greensboro, North Carolina, demonstrated their strong sense of caring and compassion for their displaced, unsettled colleagues at the American Express Company Headquarters in New York City. The entire Sixth District of North Carolina is proud of their efforts.

The Greensboro Telephone Service Center team began a telephone calling initiative to locate approximately 4,700 of their New York colleagues who were forced to evacuate their offices in the World Financial Center the morn-

ing of the attacks. The purpose of the initiative was to check on the welfare and safety of as many of the headquarters staff (at their home phone numbers) as possible.

During the initiative, the representatives' commitment was steadfast. Sometimes they could not get through because telephone lines were down, or because they received a busy signal or no answer. The representatives, however, continued to return calls, day and night, as often as necessary until contact was made. Eventually, they were able to locate all but 11 New York employees who had been working in a client's offices on the 94th floor of 1 World Trade Center.

A group of specially trained American Express employees contacted the family members of these employees. Their role was to offer any assistance to the families of those 11 employees during this difficult time. Several days later, the Greensboro representatives were assigned to contact all of their N.Y. colleagues by phone again to invite them to an afternoon town hall meeting, hosted by American Express Chairman and Chief Executive Kenneth I. Chenault, at Madison Square Garden on September 20.

The response to the phone calls was overwhelmingly positive. Some New York employees were so moved by the gesture that they wept tears of joy. A few of them had no family members, so they were especially grateful to receive the calls. All of them commented on how much they appreciated the caring, reassuring calls from other members of the American Express extended family hundreds of miles away.

Employees at the American Express Service Center in Greensboro further demonstrated their concern for their New York colleagues in another way. They signed large banners with personal messages of hope, love and support. A few employees illustrated their messages with tiny American flags and hearts. On October 15, Greensboro employees shipped the colorful banners to the new quarters that the American Express Headquarters staff recently occupied in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. As you can imagine, they were well received.

The Sixth District of North Carolina has always been proud to be one of the homes of American Express. That pride is even stronger now that we know about the caring employees who work there. Congratulations to everyone in the American Express family for sticking together during difficult times.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID BOISE HUDSON
AND LOIS CUNNINGHAM HUDSON

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to a very special couple, David and Lois Hudson, who will be honored this weekend in Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Hudson has recently celebrated his 90th birthday and Mrs. Hudson her 85th birthday.

Married for over six decades, David and Lois Hudson are the proud parents of Dorothy Lee Bacon of Colonia, New Jersey and Betty

Louise Smalls of Great Falls, Virginia and Fort Lauderdale, Florida and proud in-laws of Roscoe C. Bacon and Douglas T. Smalls. They also take great joy in their three grandchildren: Douglas Timothy Smalls, Jr. of Great Falls, Virginia; Sabrina Lynne Bacon of Randallstown, Maryland; and Kyle Erik Bacon of Owings Mills, Maryland.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Hudson a number of years ago in the 1950s when we worked side by side at Port Newark, as I followed in the tradition of my father and grandfather who had both worked there during the late 1940s and throughout the next few decades. Mr. Hudson was a popular co-worker who established an excellent professional reputation as the best Big Fork Lift Operator in the business. It was always great to see him and his wonderful wife Lois throughout the years. I was also fortunate to form a friendship with their daughter, Dorothy Lee Bacon, when we were both active in the NAACP Youth Councils and College Chapters. I also had the privilege of knowing Betty and Doug Smalls for many years and we reestablished our close ties when I came back to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hudson was born on October 29, 1911 to William and Katie in Killian, South Carolina and raised in Blythewood, South Carolina. His early education took place in a two-room schoolhouse until the Great Depression required that he remain at home to help out. He became an active member of Bethel Baptist Church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, Choir Leader, Deacon, and member of the Usher Board. In 1937, he joined the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Newark, where he served as President of the Choir, President of the Gospel Chorus, and Chairman of the Deacon Ministry. His career at the Atlantic Terminal in Port Newark, where he served on the Local Union 825 Negotiating Committee, began in March of 1937 and continued until his retirement in 1976. He was a member of the St. James Lodge, The Royal Arch Chapter #4, the Shriners Temple and The Rebecca Court.

Mrs. Hudson was born in Blythewood, South Carolina where she attended Bethel Baptist Elementary School. After her marriage, she was also active in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, serving on the Young Women's Guild; the Gospel Chorus; the Missionaries; the Willing Workers, the Women's Ministry; and in the position of Church Clerk and currently, Deaconess. Trained as an Operation Room Technician, Mrs. Hudson worked at Union Hospital in New Jersey for seven years, the second African American to hold that position. For several years, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson owned and operated Watson Avenue Seafood Market in Newark and were also the proprietors of Dav-Lo's Restaurant. She contributed her time and talent to her community through volunteer work in positions such as Air Raid Warden, Finger Printing Technician, ambulance driver for the Roselle Volunteer Ambulance Corporation and member of the Roselle Service Women's League.

Mr. Speaker, let us send our congratulations and best wishes to this remarkable couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, and wish them continued health and happiness.