

our civil servants taught us anything on September 11, 2001, it is that this badge is a symbol of heroism and honor. I know that he will wear it with pride.

HONORING COPELAND AND WINONA GRISWOLD ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce to you and the other members of this distinguished body, that on December 21, 2001, my in-laws, Copeland and Winona Griswold of Chumuckla, Florida, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Copeland and Winona were married on December 21, 1951. They met in Chumuckla, Florida during grade school and later became high school sweethearts and valedictorians of their senior classes. They have lived in Chumuckla these past 50 years, and have shared their love with their children Marty, Von, Vicki and Paul, and their many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Griswolds were agricultural pioneers in the State of Florida. They were named the Farm Family of the Year for Santa Rosa County in 1985, and Copeland was inducted into the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame in February of this year.

Their love story is one that is still in progress. I can tell you firsthand their love for each other has grown even stronger through the years and serves as an inspiration to us all.

Love has flourished between these two hearts, and I wish them continued happiness and love for years to come.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Northwest Florida, I extend our sincere congratulations to Copeland and Winona Griswold, whose love stands as a shining example to an entire community.

IN HONOR OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY MEMBERS

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 20, 2001*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as Congress prepares to end this session, unique in our history, I ask the House to recognize the work of nine Washingtonians who have just completed a uniquely important public service for our nation's capital, and therefore for our nation. The nine served the District of Columbia on the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority. They are the two chairs, Andrew Brimmer and Alice Rivlin, the vice chairs, Stephen Harlan and Constance Berry Newman, and the members, Eugene Kinlow, Darius Mans, Joyce Ladner, Edward Singletary, and Robert Watkins. They are very distinguished Americans and among the most distinguished and most

accomplished residents of the District of Columbia.

This year, the Authority completed six years that have brought the District of Columbia out of the worst financial crisis in a century. To cope with this crisis, Congress passed the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority Act in 1995. The city had followed several others—Philadelphia, New York, and Cleveland among them—to junk bond status indicating an inability to borrow, or insolvency. As with the cities that preceded them, the District required a "control board" or Authority in order to continue to borrow the necessary money to function. Unlike other cities, however, the nation's capital reached this point not only because of local mismanagement, but also because it is a city without a state and a city that carried the full complement of state functions and costs. To the credit of the prior administration of President Bill Clinton, which designed a package relieving the city of the most costly state functions and of the Congress, which approved it, the District has had a remarkable recovery.

Working countless hours with the Mayor and the City Council, the Authority helped the District achieve investment grade bond status by the third year of the control period, rather than in four years; create a budget reserve of \$150 million and left the city well on its way to creating a 7-percent cash reserve three years ahead of schedule; repay all borrowings from the U.S. Treasury; eliminate the accumulated deficit; and post four years of balanced budgets with surpluses, two years ahead of the congressional mandate to do so.

Elected officials, who continued to run the city throughout, deserve credit for this improvement. However, they would doubtlessly agree that more than any single group or individuals, the Financial Authority deserves the credit for the four-year rapid recovery of the District. It was the credibility of the individuals on the Authority and the extraordinary job they did that enabled the District to borrow in its own name. The city never had to have the Authority borrow for the District. It was the Authority that worked hand in glove with D.C. elected officials to assure that the finances and the management of the D.C. government would proceed apace to improve. And it was the Authority that gave Congress the confidence that the city would be ready for the sunset of the Authority on September 30, 2001.

It would be difficult to overestimate the importance of these Washingtonians to the recovery of the city or the difficulty of the work they were called upon to do—and did. The District could never have purchased from experts of their special competence what each gave to the city as a contribution of unique expertise, endless hours, extraordinary effort, and plain, priceless wisdom.

The city the Authority found had been wracked with many years of overspending and an accumulated deficit as well as a dysfunctional government of city agencies. The city they have left has had four straight years of balanced budgets plus surpluses and a much improved fully functioning city government. At the end of the last fiscal year, the District had a larger surplus than Maryland and larger than Virginia, which had no surplus. The bottom line that is expected of every jurisdiction of living within its budget, credit to assure bor-

rowing and clean audits has been achieved. The huge task of restructuring and reforming each city agency is proceeding with many notable improvements. The Authority, working with elected officials has improved the most critical agencies, including public safety and education, where resident concern was pronounced. These financial and management improvements are among the many rich features of the Authority's legacy.

However, the Authority also left an important warning not only for the city but for Congress about the future of the city. Despite remarkable city improvements and the Revitalization Act's assumption of \$5 billion in pension liability and some state functions, the Authority warned of a structural deficit not of the city's making that urgently needs congressional attention. Next session, I will introduce a bill to meet the structural problem the Authority has left Congress to remedy.

Today, however, let us be grateful that the most difficult part of the job of revitalizing the nation's capital has not been left to Congress. It has been done by nine extraordinary citizens who asked nothing from Congress, not pay, and not even praise. Yet, considerable praise is the least they are due from the Congress of the United States. It is praise and honor that I ask this House to give to these nine Washingtonians today from a grateful Congress and a grateful nation.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY  
FIRST AUTHORITY

*Andrew Brimmer (Chair)*

Dr. Andrew Brimmer served as the first chair of the Authority. Mr. Brimmer, the first African American to serve on the Federal Reserve Board, has long been recognized as a distinguished economist. Among his many posts and achievements is service as an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and posts teaching economics at Michigan State University, the Wharton School, the University of Pennsylvania, and other colleges and universities. Dr. Brimmer is the President of Brimmer and Company.

Dr. Brimmer became the chair of the Authority when the city was at its lowest point of financial and management disrepair. He led the Authority as it took on very large and intractable fiscal and operational problems and managed them with skill and determination.

*Stephen Harlan (Vice Chair)*

Stephen Harlan served as vice chair for the first term of the Authority. He was the chair of H.G. Smithy Company, a specialized real estate firm providing mortgage banking, finance and investment, and multi-family property management services. He previously served as vice chairman of KPMG Peat Marwick.

Mr. Harlan successfully led the Authority's public safety revitalization at a time when crime was the primary concern of District residents and officials.

*Joyce Ladner*

Dr. Joyce Ladner has served as Interim President of Howard University, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and professor of sociology at the Howard University School of Social Work. She is currently a Senior Fellow of Government Studies at the Brookings Institution.

Dr. Ladner successfully concentrated on improving public schools when education was the primary concern of the Authority.

*Constance Berry Newman*

Constance Berry Newman, one of the most versatile officials in the public life of the

country, served as vice chair during the second term of the Authority and is the only member that served both terms. She has been appointed by Presidents of the United States four times to major federal posts and has been a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, and a member of the adjunct faculty at the Kennedy School at Harvard University and a trustee of the Brookings Institution. Ms. Newman has served as Undersecretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and consultant to foreign governments and international organizations, among other posts. Ms. Newman is currently the Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Africa for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Ms. Newman successfully led a number of areas for the Authority, ranging from public schools to procurement.

*Edward Singletary*

Edward Singletary is a retired business executive with experience in accounting, budgeting, financial planning, finance operations and telecommunication. He worked in the telecommunications industry for nearly 30 years. During his business career, he served the city as chair of the Washington Convention Center, a member of the D.C. Retirement Board, and President of the Washington Convention and Visitors Association.

While on the Authority, Mr. Singletary successfully worked on government-wide administrative issues for the city, including technology and procurement.

#### SECOND AUTHORITY

*Alice Rivlin (Chair)*

Dr. Alice Rivlin, one of the country's most respected economists, served as chair of the Financial Authority for its second term. She has had one of the most distinguished public service careers in the nation as Vice Chair of the Board of Governors to the Federal Reserve, Deputy Director, then Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and as the first director of the Congressional Budget Office, among others. Dr. Rivlin is currently a Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution.

Dr. Rivlin was the chair of a landmark commission on the District government and its finances that bears her name and that predicted the problems of the city years considerably before they resulted in the crisis that brought on the need for the Authority she led. When Dr. Rivlin became chair of the Authority in September 1998, she led the detailed financial work on government operations necessary to manage a careful transition of control of the District to the Mayor and City Council.

*Constance Berry Newman (Vice Chair—see above)*

*Eugene Kinlow*

Eugene Kinlow is a native Washingtonian with exceptionally strong community ties, including service as a former chair of the D.C. Board of Education. He is a retired Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources in the Department of Health and Human Services and a recipient of the highest award for federal executives, the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award. He previously served as a staff statistician at the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and worked as the Housing Research Director. Mr. Kinlow's 30 years of community service in the Anacostia area led to his determined work as the Authority's lead member on revising health care for the District.

*Darius Mans*

Dr. Darius Mans was a manager for compensation policy and administration at the World Bank. Prior to his work at the World Bank, Dr. Mans was an economist for the

Federal Reserve System Board of Governors. He is currently Country Director at the World Bank for several large African nations.

Dr. Mans' strong institutional and academic financial background was very useful to the Authority's work on D.C.'s finances.

*Robert Watkins, III*

Robert Watkins, a distinguished lawyer, has been a partner at Williams and Connolly since 1977. His background includes leadership posts in the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia when he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney and work in the Civil Rights Division of Justice Department.

Mr. Watkins successfully worked on justice issues and the Metropolitan Police Department during a period when the Department underwent substantial reform and crime was reduced.

### MONROE TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES THE CAREER OF RETIRING COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT LEONORA FARBER

#### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of retiring Monroe Township Council Vice-President, Leonora Farber.

For many years, Councilwoman Farber has made invaluable contributions to the Township of Monroe and to the State of New Jersey through her exceptional commitment to civil service, education, and the arts.

Throughout her career Lee Farber has selflessly contributed her time and energy to her community and has embodied the spirit of public service that we in Congress hold so dear. She began her career of service as a public school teacher after receiving her Masters Degree in Secondary School Administration and Supervision from Hofstra University. Her unwavering support of education in New Jersey continued when she became the Chair of the New Jersey Training School for Boys Citizens Review Board.

In her efforts to advance the interests of her neighbors, Councilwoman Farber has also served as Whittingham's representative to the Adult Communities Advisory Board, as a member of the Executive Board of Greenbriar at Whittingham Residents Association, and of the Executive Board of U.F.T. Retirees.

Lee Farber has passionately supported women's rights and has provided a voice to the concerns of the disabled as a member of the League of Woman Voters and as Council representative to the Americans with Disabilities Committee.

An outspoken advocate of environmental issues, Councilwoman Farber is the former chairperson of Monroe's Environmental Commission where she helped protect New Jersey's air, water, and land from pollution and degradation. An arts patron and enthusiast, Councilwoman Farber also currently serves as Council Liaison to the Cultural Arts Commission.

Lee Farber has led a distinguished career of public service in New Jersey that sets an important example for us all. I hope my colleagues will join with me in honoring her.

### OBITUARY OF EVA LOU BILLINGSLEY RUSSELL

#### HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2001

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, Eva Lou Billingsley Russell, also affectionately known as "Grandma Rap", 82 of Birmingham, died on Friday, December 14, 2001. Mrs. Russell was the owner of Fraternal Café in downtown Birmingham for more than 20 years. She was a Civil Rights activist most noted for feeding the local as well as national civil rights movement for many years. In addition, Mrs. Russell operated feeding programs for the homeless and poor, years before, attention was given to this problem in our communities.

She spent considerable time encouraging young people to get an education and to stay away from drugs. Many times this message was "rapped" to the children. It is not uncommon to pick up a magazine and find one of her poems or to hear a child reciting one of her poems in a church or at a school throughout the city. She is the author of the book "Golden Threads"—A Collection of Poems About the Black Family. She also has three other manuscripts of books that are yet unpublished.

Mrs. Russell has received numerous awards throughout her life. A few of these include: Channel 13 Hometown Hero—1991, WENN Radio Favorite Person, Beautiful Activist Award, SCLC Humanitarian Award, Crystal Diamond Award for Community Service; Awards from: University of Alabama, Birmingham, Lawson State Community College, Booker T. Washington Business College, and Miles College. She has also received numerous awards from elementary, middle and high schools in the Birmingham area.

She was very active at Saint Joseph Baptist Church where she has been a member for a number of years. Most recently, she was a deaconess, Chair of the Pastor's Aide Board, and worked with the Missionary Society, Homeless Committee, Willing Workers and served in numerous other capacities of leadership throughout her membership at the church; including Vice President of the St. Joseph Day Care Center, Youth Supervisor and Chair of the Deaconess Board.

Mrs. Russell leaves the following survivors: Three sons: Joseph Russell (Ida), Sacramento, CA., Leonard Russell (Juanita)—Birmingham, Carl Russell (Constance), Pembroke Pines, FL.; Two daughters—Birmingham, Sandra Russell Jackson, Carolyn Russell Todd (Walter); son-in-law—Jerome Huguley, Atlanta, GA. And a daughter-in-law, Rosa Mae Russell, Birmingham; Two brothers and one sister from Cleveland, OH: Richard Billingsley, Simon Billingsley (Eula) and Johnnie Billingsley; a sister Hattie Riddle (Will), Knoxville, TN; a sister-in-law, Margaret Billingsley, Columbus, OH. Mrs. Russell also had 17 grand children, 21 great grand children, a God daughter and son and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The Home Going Service for Mrs. Russell will be Saturday, December 22, 2001 at Saint Joseph Baptist Church, 500 9th Avenue North, Birmingham. Roberts Central Park Chapel directing. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, December 20, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday, December 21, from 4 to 9 p.m.