

Leroy Davis has touched many lives, and has inspired students as well as peers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing my good friend and a man that I greatly admire and deeply respect. Dr. Leroy Davis, Sr. has served his community and State well and has provided outstanding leadership to South Carolina State University over the years. I wish him good luck and Godspeed in what I know will be a very active retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING WEST GROUP

#### HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2002*

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an employer in my district that has gone above and beyond its duty in showing support for military reservists called to action.

West Group has been extremely generous to the men and women who have been called to duty in this time of conflict.

When Petty Officer Theodore Cabbage was activated, for example, West Group immediately put into place a package of benefits to support his family until his return. In addition, West Group agreed to meet the difference between Petty Officer Cabbage's civilian and military pay for a period of 5 years.

The outstanding patriotism shown by West Group helps to ease the financial worry most military reservists feel when they are away from home. In turn, individuals like Petty Officer Cabbage are better able to focus on the tasks before them, ensuring that our country is safe and secure. It is an honor and privilege to represent West Group in the U.S. Congress. I ask everyone to join me in commending their generous actions.

#### CONGRATULATIONS MRS. ANNE SPECTOR

#### HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2002*

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Mrs. Anne Spector of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania. For over 30 years, Mrs. Spector has taught at every level in the Philadelphia area from kindergarten to third year law students. I recognize her today specifically for her endless dedication to the children of the Cheltenham School District.

Anne embarked on her remarkable teaching career in 1967 at Bartlett Junior High School in South Philadelphia. In 1972, Anne took her only sabbatical from teaching to give birth to Caralyn, her daughter, and Michael, her son. While at home, caring for her children, Anne attained her Reading Specialist Certification and a variety of master's degrees. She also served as co-president of the Wyncote Parent Teacher Organization.

Anne returned to full time teaching at Norwood-Fontbonne as the head of a program for

gifted children. There Anne demonstrated dedication to fostering the talents of special children. She subsequently took on a long-term position with Cheltenham School District. Here she worked diligently to implement programs that she felt would cultivate the gifts of every student. Most recently, Anne has contributed tremendously to Cheltenham by taking on the duties of District Grant Development Specialist. In this capacity she has affected all grade levels by writing million-dollar grant proposals.

Throughout her teaching career Anne touched the minds and hearts of countless students and parents. I would like to thank Anne for her unmatched dedication to the education of our leaders of tomorrow. We are grateful to have such a distinguished citizen in our community.

#### TRIBUTE TO KATIE MARBURGER

#### HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2002*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, as Representative to the citizens of the 17th Congressional District of Ohio, it brings me great pleasure to pay tribute to Katie Marburger, on this date, June 12, 2002, as she is recognized for her scholastic achievements in History, on National History Day.

Katie Marburger, a student at Edison Junior High School in Niles, Ohio, was one of seventeen students chosen out of a half million across America, to display and present her history project at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. Katie's project is titled ". . . And Justice for All? The Imprisoning of the Japanese Americans: a Revolution of Discrimination." The National History Day Program allows students to create exhibits, documentaries and performances, by using their critical thinking and research skills in the subject of history.

I congratulate Katie as she is honored for her presentation, and commend her for her dedication and commitment. I join with the citizens of this district in wishing Katie well in all her future endeavors, and may God bless her in the years to come.

#### 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CLAY

#### HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2002*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 175th anniversary of the town of Clay. The first settler arrived in the township of Clay in 1793, and the town was the scene of much of Central New York's notable early history. Clay became its own entity on April 16, 1827.

The town was named in honor of Henry Clay, the great statesman from Kentucky, and is surrounded by three beautiful Central New York rivers—the Oneida, Seneca and

Oswego. This location was the site of numerous Indian Councils and served as the center of the Iroquois Confederacy. It was here that early French and English explorers, traders and military officers met with the Indians and matched eloquence with that of the Indian orators.

The town flourished in its early days and continues to grow at a rapid pace. In the 175th year history of Clay the town population has grown from 700 to over 58,000, and Clay continues to expand. It remains Onondaga County's most populated town today. It is my honor to recognize the town of Clay and extend best wishes for many more years of distinguished history in Onondaga County.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. NORMAN SAMUELS

#### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2002*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of our country's great educators, Dr. Norman Samuels. A native of Montreal, Quebec, Dr. Samuels has been an integral part of the Newark, New Jersey community for the past 35 years. As of June 30, 2002, Dr. Samuels will resign as provost of the Newark Campus of Rutgers, leaving behind him a campus that will be forever changed because of his presence.

Upon his arrival in Newark in 1967, Dr. Samuels began his career at Rutgers as an assistant professor of political science. From there, he rose to associate dean and visiting fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University, being appointed as acting provost in 1982. Upon his resignation, Dr. Samuels will return to the classroom.

In 1967, Rutgers was not the place that it is today. Much like the rest of the country, Newark was erupting in race riots and Rutgers was a predominantly white university. When Dr. Samuels arrived he became a catalyst for change at the university from lending support to the school's African-American students to seeing that diversity flourished at Rutgers. The notion of a segregated society was foreign to Dr. Samuels and he made it his mission to see that disadvantaged students, students of color, and students of foreign nationalities were all given the same high-quality education. His goal was to create a unified campus life. As a result of his efforts Rutgers-Newark is recognized as one of the country's most diverse universities.

Dr. Samuels not only has the drive to educate our country's young people but also to instill in them the necessary values for the future. He has sought to equip them with the tools necessary to become the future leaders, thinkers, and doers of the next generation. He has inspired greatness through his greatness. Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing the work of Dr. Samuels and wish him the best for a healthy and happy future.

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CHAPLAINS PUBLIC SAFETY OFF-  
FICERS' BENEFIT ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 11, 2002*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for the Mychal Judge Police & Fire Chaplains Public Safety Officers' Benefit Act.

This legislation would ensure that those brave public safety officers who leave behind no spouses, children or parents will still be eligible for the Public Safety Officers' Benefit. This legislation would effect several of the victims of the tragedy of September 11 including Father Mychal Judge.

Appointed in 1992 as the Catholic Chaplain of the New York City Fire Department at the strong urging of the uniformed members of the Fire Department, Father Judge dedicated himself to helping others and counseling to the members and families of members of the New York City Fire Department—a Department that has seen a tragically high number of casualties this year, previous to the events of 9–11.

Taking on this role was characteristic of Father Judges lifetime of service that began when he entered the seminary at age 14. During his 41 years as a priest, Father Judge tirelessly served the sick, homeless, poor, and disabled. He diligently cared for people living with AIDS, worked for peace in Northern Ireland, and tended to the families of the victims of TWA Flight 800, which exploded over Long Island in July of 1996 as well as provided for New York Firefighter families during both times of joy and sorrow.

On September 11, Father Judge died as he lived—serving others. He was among the first units responding at the World Trade Center and, while advised to move to a safer location, he like so many of his comrades in the Fire Department, refused to leave his compatriots. When the firefighters entered the building, Father Judge was at their side, where he remained offering comfort and absolution until the end. We all remember the haunting picture of Father Judge being carried out of the wreckage of the World Trade Center.

In addition to the New York Fire department, many of us here in Congress recognize and acknowledge his good works and have been working with the White House for the posthumous awarding of the presidential Medal of Freedom to Father Judge.

That is why I am so pleased that such a compassionate and vital piece of legislation is named after such a compassionate and vital human being.

Therefore, I urge my colleagues to pass this legislation that serves as a small token of appreciation to those who perish in the line of duty from a grateful nation.

TRIBUTE TO BANDA ESCOLAR DE  
GUAYANILLA

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2002*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to the

Banda Escolar De Guayanilla, a specular band of young people from Guayanilla, Puerto Rico who will play in the 44th annual National Puerto Rican Parade. The legendary parade, to be held on June 9th in New York City, is the largest celebration of Puerto Rican culture in the United States.

This year, I have the distinct honor of being the parade's Grand Marshall. I can not express how much I appreciate this honor. I am especially proud to be Grand Marshall of the parade this year, because it will be the Banda Escolar De Guayanilla's fifth year participating. This exceptional band marched in the parade in 1987, 1988, 1990, and 1992.

Mr. Speaker, the Banda Escolar De Guayanilla is made up of about 200 students from Guayanilla who spend nearly all of their spare time in rigorous practice, doing drills to improve their performance. These young people are exceptionally talented and have been recognized throughout the country for their precise marching, discipline, and excellent presentation. Not only must these young people hone such difficult skills and travel all over the country to march, they must maintain their schoolwork as well. As a result, they develop unmatched time-management skills and self-discipline at a young age. Only the best march in this band and that is why they have been singled out so many times.

In 1998, the Banda Escolar De Guayanilla became the first Latin American band to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, perhaps the most famous parade in the world. They also participated in the well-known Tournament of Roses Parade in 2001. Along with these major accomplishments, the Banda Escolar De Guayanilla has marched in the Walt Disney World Parade in Orlando, the Thanksgiving Parade in Philadelphia, and dozens of parades throughout Latin America.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring the Banda Escolar De Guayanilla, a marching band of dedicated youth who will grace this year's Puerto Rican Day Parade.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER JOHNSON ON  
BEING HONORED BY THE SAN  
MATEO CENTRAL LABOR COUN-  
CIL

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2002*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Walter Johnson, a respected citizen of San Mateo County, California, who is being honored by the San Mateo Central Labor Council at its 23rd Annual COPE Benefit Dinner on July 18, 2002.

Walter Johnson has been a visionary leader within the labor movement for more than 40 years. His efforts began more than a half century ago when he joined the Department Store Employees Union Local 1100 after securing a job at Sears Roebuck as an appliance salesperson. By 1957, Walter had become the business agent of the union and was elected president the following year. In 1964, Walter Johnson was elected to the union's top position of secretary-treasurer and was subsequently reelected to the position 11 times. It should come as no surprise that Walter was

elected as the top labor leader in San Francisco in 1984 and has remained so since then. As secretary-treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council since 1985, he currently represents 75,000 workers and 125 different unions.

Since his early years as a member of the Department Store Employees Union, Walter Johnson has dedicated his time and talents to improving the lives of his fellow workers. In 1958, Walter Johnson played an integral role in helping the first African-American woman to secure a position behind the counter at Woolworth's.

Today, Walter Johnson continues to ensure that workers have the quality of life they deserve with secure jobs, equitable wages and quality benefits. Walter regularly works with community groups, elected officials and religious leaders to advocate for workers' rights both locally and globally, including in such countries as China and South Korea. Walter Johnson also serves as a member of the Economic Forum Board of Directors where he works to enhance the quality of life for all residents of the Bay Area.

Walter Johnson's commitment to his fellow human beings goes far beyond his work within the labor movement. A heroic and courageous cancer survivor, Walter Johnson has added his personal testimony to the fight against breast cancer, helping to lead rallies on behalf of the Breast Cancer Fund. Walter also serves on the boards of various local organizations including the United Way of the Bay area, the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee and Our Redeemers Lutheran Church.

Mr. Speaker, Walter Johnson is an outstanding individual and a respected labor and community leader. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this distinguished man for all he has done and continues to do. We are a better county, a better people because of him.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA JOHNSON

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2002*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Barbara Johnson for her 40 years as an educator and leader at Washington School. Her retirement will be celebrated on June 14, 2002, at Washington School, the very place where generation after generation of students benefited from her guidance.

Barbara Johnson dedicated herself to a life of teaching, greatly influencing the lives of Union City residents. She started her career as a fourth grade teacher at Washington School in 1962. In 1971, she became a helping teacher/curriculum resource teacher, was eventually promoted to assistant principal in 1992, and will retire as Washington School's esteemed principal.

Barbara Johnson has left a lasting legacy at Washington School, having introduced the following outstanding programs: violin program, marching band, multicultural extravaganza, parent dinners, field day picnics, and peer mediation.

Over the past four decades, Barbara Johnson has devoted her life to the students of Washington School. She advocated on their behalf, served as an educational leader, developed the curriculum, and maintained an