

A TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR P.  
JOHNSON

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Arthur P. Johnson for his dedication to helping others.

Arthur P. Johnson is a native New Yorker whose professional and community service is guided by the philosophy of empowering individuals, families and communities to be self-sustaining. His parents and grandparents instilled in him the importance of education, a strong work ethic, and the need for spiritual guidance. He demonstrated his commitment to these values when he helped start the ALPHA School for substance abusing teens. During his diverse career he has also been involved with mental health and H.I.V. services at the New Hope Guild Centers as well as owning a share of a city licensed pest control business.

Arthur is devoted to improving the environment in which we live through his public service. In East New York, he sits on Community Board #5, the board of Brownsville Medical Services, and the board of the Twelve Towns Y.M.C.A. He is also 2nd Vice-President of the Congressman Towns' Men's Caucus and treasurer of the New York Shot Makers Golf Club. With this work, and his entrepreneurial endeavors, Arthur is working to make a difference.

In addition, to his many work and volunteer responsibilities, he is also the proud father of Lisa, Arthur, Jr., and Latasha as well as the very happy grandfather of Asia and Cameron.

Mr. Speaker, Arthur P. Johnson has shown his commitment to serving the community and helping those who cannot help themselves. I hope that all my colleagues will join me in honoring this remarkable person.

CONGRATULATING REAR ADMIRAL  
RAYMOND ARCHER

## HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished military career of Rear Admiral Raymond A. Archer III, Vice Director of the Defense Logistics Agency. Admiral Cunningham will retire on November 1, 2002 after 38 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Navy and to his country.

Admiral Archer's military career began in 1964, with his enlistment in the U.S. Naval Reserve. Following his graduation from Ohio State University's School of Business, he went on to develop an extensive background in logistics, making him an invaluable asset to the U.S. Navy and the Department of Defense. After a series of key assignments, both ashore and at sea, Admiral Archer became the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics Business Systems and Technology Department in Washington, DC in 1996. He continued his service as Commander of the Naval Inventory Control Point in Mechanicsburg, PA. Then, in October, 1997, Admiral Archer was recognized for his exceptional abili-

ties and outstanding accomplishments with his selection as Vice Director of the Defense Logistics Agency.

In his current capacity, Admiral Archer has been responsible for aiding the effort to provide other Department of Defense Components as well as Federal agencies, foreign governments, and international organizations with logistical support in times of war and peace. Admiral Archer has contributed his expertise to the Agency most specifically by serving as the Agency's knowledgeable authority regarding Business Systems Modernization, the most dynamic and important project facing the Defense Logistics Agency. He has succeeded during his time with DLA in surpassing all expectations regarding the improvement of logistics programs for the Department of Defense and Federal Agencies.

Over the course of Admiral Archer's exemplary career he has earned several personal awards, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, four Legions of Merit and four Meritorious Service Medals, one of which was awarded to him by Naval Forces Central Command for providing logistics support during Battle Force Zulu, Operation Desert Storm.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Raymond Archer on his retirement as it marks the completion of a distinguished career by an honorable officer. Thank you, Raymond, for your superior service to the U.S. Navy and to this Nation.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer a personal explanation. On June 13, 2002, I was absent from the Chamber as I attended my daughter's high school graduation. During that time, I was not present to vote on rollcall votes 226, 227, 228, and 229. Had I been present, I would have voted, "yes" on rollcall votes 226, 227, and 229. I would have voted, "no" on rollcall vote 228. I ask that my statement be submitted in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HONORING PRO FOOTBALL  
HOPEFUL AHMAD MILLER

## HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, 17 years ago, our colleague from California, Mr. Badham, who represented Newport Beach before I had that honor, rose in this chamber to commemorate the 10th anniversary of an important community event in Orange County, "Irrelevant Week." This event, premised on the "simple act of doing something nice for someone for no reason," takes time out to recognize and honor the last athlete selected in the National Football League's annual draft.

Today, 27 years after the people of Orange County first decided to do something nice for someone for no reason, I'm pleased to report that "Irrelevant Week" and Orange County al-

truism are both thriving. Irrelevant Week XXVII is honoring Ahmad Miller, from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, who was the 261st selection in the 2002 NFL Draft. He is headed to the Houston Texans, where—at six feet three and a half inches tall and 320 pounds—he has the potential to be a presence on the team's defensive line, despite the scores of players selected ahead of him.

Such long odds do not dampen the enthusiasm of community leaders like Paul Salata, who organizes this event. That's because they recognize that all fame is fleeting, that humility is a virtue, and that even the last round NFL draft pick is a significantly better athlete than most Members of Congress. During his stellar career at UNLV, Mr. Miller accumulated five quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles, 96 tackles, and 13 tackles for losses. These performances earned the Bradenton, Florida native two selections to the All Mountain West Conference team.

Today, the citizens of Newport Beach join me in congratulating Mr. Miller and all of those involved in this celebration, which has now, we can all agree, outgrown its name—for there is little in this world today that is more relevant to our spirit of community and our common humanity than doing nice things for other people. On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Orange County whom it is my privilege to represent, congratulations to Mr. Miller and everyone associated with Irrelevant Week XXVII, for being more relevant than you care to admit.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND  
RICHARD J. LAWSON

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Richard J. Lawson for his contribution to the Brooklyn community.

Reverend Richard J. Lawson is pastor of the New Canaan Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. At the 400-member church, he offers spiritual and moral guidance. Reverend Lawson has been involved in the church since 1984 and currently oversees its educational programs. He developed the church's youth leadership program and established its athletic team. The Reverend also spearheaded the purchase of the Church's new worship facility. He is truly committed to improving the lives of others.

Reverend Lawson also ministers outside of his church. He visits those who are sick and travels throughout New York to provide a religious program in prisons.

Additionally, he is involved in several community organizations. Reverend Lawson is a member of the Manhattan Bible Alumni Association, Suna Enoch A.M.F.M. Lodge #139, Association of Brooklyn Clergy, Eastern Baptist Association, Brooklyn Clergy and Elected Officials, and Churches to Save and Heal. Reverend Lawson served almost a decade in the United States Army.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Richard J. Lawson is a dedicated minister and contributor to his community. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this remarkable spiritual leader.

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Sebastopol, in the heart of western Sonoma County, CA, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

The earliest residents of the Sebastopol area were members of the Miwok and Pomo tribes who traversed the old trail between Petaluma and Santa Rosa, making seasonal camps on the banks of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The present community began as the town of Pine Grove, a trading post established in the early 1950s. The name Sebastopol originated in a protracted fist fight between two residents, Stevens and Hibbs. Hibbs sought sanctuary in Dougherty's store while Stevens waited for him outside. Citizens likened the fight to the "siege of Sevastopol," a reference to the Crimean War then raging abroad.

The town grew as an agricultural center, producing apples, hops, and berries and was chosen by Luther Burbank as the site of his famous Experiment Farm. In the 1890s, Sebastopol became an important railroad crossroads, with a market center and meeting place for Western Sonoma County. This increased prosperity and population led to the incorporation of the city of Sebastopol on June 13, 1902.

The city has continued to thrive, surviving the 1906 earthquake, the Great Depression, the waning of the railroad era, and the many other challenges of the 20th century. It has maintained its rural character, surrounded by natural beauty and blessed with a mild climate and fertile soil. In recent years, its policies in becoming a nuclear free zone, creating a people-friendly downtown, and exploring the viability of renewable energy sources have set a standard for other progressive cities to emulate.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the city of Sebastopol on its centennial and know that it will continue to maintain its unique character as a special place in Sonoma County, CA.

**TRIBUTE TO BRUNO AND LENA DEGOL****HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bruno and Lena DeGol for receiving the National Humanitarian Award from the American Rescue Workers. This award distinguishes them as citizens that take a personal interest in bettering their community and providing others the necessary resources to accomplish this goal. Since the beginning of their business careers, the DeGols have been supportive of many different organizations. As their businesses advanced, they pursued more outlets through which they could provide financial assistance and any needed help to other local institutions.

To consolidate their giving, in 1994 they established the Bruno and Lena DeGol Family

Foundation. The foundation is doing a great number of wonderful things for the community. I would like to mention just a few examples of what the foundation has provided throughout the years. They have donated \$2 million to St. Francis College's capital campaign, making a new gymnasium possible; they have made several donations to local churches for building improvements and renovations; each year they host a child for a trip through the Make a Wish Foundation; and they have given computer equipment and other educational materials for local elementary and secondary schools. In addition to giving to these and other worthy organizations, the DeGols also focus their giving to local individuals that are in need of assistance due to illness or other hardships.

Bruno and Lena DeGol lead a life of altruism and possess an exceptionally generous spirit. They touch the lives of countless individuals by providing resources to institutions and individuals in need for no other reason than their desire to help others. Bruno DeGol has said that he wants to leave this world a better place than he found it. Their community certainly is a better place because of their contributions and efforts. The DeGols are individuals that truly represent and embody what the National Humanitarian Award stands for, which is "People Helping People." I would like to congratulate them once again for this award and thank them for all they have done. I wish them the very best of luck in all their future endeavors.

**HONORING MR. AND MRS. NURY****HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Massud and Zarrin Nury on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Massud S. Nury and Miss. Zarrin Shanin both emigrated from Iran to the United States. They were married on December 22, 1951, in San Francisco. Mr. Nury attended the University of California at Berkeley and Davis. He graduated with his B.S. and M.S. degrees in food science. The Nurus moved to Fresno in 1953. Mr. Nury started at Vie-Del Company, a California winery, in 1953 as a research chemist. Later he became President and in 1990 purchased Vie-Del Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Nury have 3 daughters and 9 grandchildren. They have been and are currently involved with the following organizations: Wine Institute, American Society of Enology and Viticulture, Fresno Philharmonic, Community Hospitals of Central California, Fresno Business Council, Institute of Food Technologists and various other organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Nury on their 50 years of marriage. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing the Nurus many more years of health and happiness.

**TRIBUTE TO RON JENNINGS****HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 17, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate and pay tribute to Ron Jennings of Sedalia, MO, who has been a reporter and weekly columnist for the Sedalia Democrat for 30 years. He has distinguished himself, the Sedalia community and the State of Missouri with dedicated service.

Ron Jennings started work at the Sedalia Democrat on June 1, 1972. Since then he has covered stories large and small that have touched upon virtually every facet of life in Sedalia, Pettis County, and much of the surrounding area. He is a devoted family man, a pillar of his church and a man whose openness and sincerity have won him loyal readers and a multitude of friends over three decades of newspapering. Ron is the one person most identified with the Sedalia Democrat's new operation.

Mr. Speaker, Ron Jennings has been dedicated to making the city of Sedalia and the State of Missouri a better place to live. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Ron all the best.

**A TRIBUTE TO DIANE E. HARRIS****HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Diane E. Harris. She has been a mother to all of the children in her community and for that we commend her today.

Diane was born and raised on Staten Island in the borough of Richmond. She received her formal education at Port Richmond High School and then attended Hunter College where she majored in Sociology/Education. She has dedicated herself to working with children for over 27 years.

She has held positions as a counselor for Henry Street Settlement, as an assistant director for Markham YMCA, and as an assistant director for Richmond Continental Color Guard. In 1979, she joined the United Activities Unlimited at the Joseph R. Garcia PAL Center as a program director and was later promoted to director of this Center in the New Brighton community of Staten Island. In 1999, Ms. Harris became the director of the Schwartz Police Athletic League Center in East New York, Brooklyn.

Diane has developed a tremendous bond with the families of East New York. She has had experiences that have broadened her horizons and enabled her to embrace both her past training and academic knowledge to coordinate a full academic, recreational, cultural, and therapeutic program.

She has received numerous community service and humanitarian awards, including the Richmond Continental Instructor Extraordinaire, the S.I. Hope, the Staten Island League for Better Government, and the Youth Services Planning Committee of CB#5.

She is not only a mother to her community, but also a mother to her own two sons, John III and Jo Vaughn.