

IN TRIBUTE TO TAVIS SMILEY

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, three years ago, many of the communities in my Eastern North Carolina District were devastated and nearly destroyed by a succession of hurricanes and floods that swept through. Lives were shaken or lost, and the hopes of many nearly dashed. Particularly hard hit was historic Princeville, North Carolina—settled and incorporated by former slaves. When you live in a rural area it is sometimes easy to feel alone. One of the early sources of inspiration and hope to my constituents was the voice of Tavis Smiley—whom Newsweek profiled as one of the “20 people changing how Americans get their news.”

In the immediate aftermath of the storms, Tavis Smiley surely demonstrated that he is one of the nation’s “captains of the airwaves,” calling attention to the plight of the people in Princeville through his national radio audience and in appearances on national television, ranging from The Tavis Smiley Show from NPR, The Tom Joyner Morning Show, BET Tonight, and CNN among others.

Tavis Smiley is one of the few powerful voices in America’s mass media today who makes the term “advocacy journalist” something to be proud of. One of the most successful African-Americans in the media today, Mr. Smiley is also the founder of the Tavis Smiley Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to encourage, empower and enlighten Black youth.

His role in rallying Americans to understand the magnitude of the incredible natural disasters that befell Princeville and other communities in Eastern North Carolina had an enormous impact on our ability to cope and have hope, and his efforts created a groundswell of support from around the country to rebuild and revive. In the hearts and minds of Eastern North Carolinians, he’s not just a “captain of the airwaves,” he is a Prince of Public Service.

CONGRATULATING EBBY
HALLIDAY ACERS**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Texas’s most respected and most successful businesswomen—Ebby Halliday of Dallas—on the occasion of her 91st birthday. Her countless community activities, successful business venture and endless enthusiasm make her truly a remarkable woman.

Ebby Halliday Realtors, the company that she founded 57 years ago, has grown from its infancy into a nationally known entity. This company that began with one office has now expanded to become one of the world’s largest independently-owned residential realty firms. And at the age of 91, Ebby still works 9-hour work days. Ebby Halliday Realtors assisted some 17,500 home buyers last year, and

Ebby’s remarkable business acumen is evident in the many awards that she has received from her industry and peers.

In 1996 Ebby was introduced into the Texas Business Hall of Fame. She was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Realtors and the International Real Estate Federation. Ernst and Young named her the regional Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997, and she was inducted into the Dallas Business Hall of Fame in 1999. In 2000, Ebby received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Real Estate from Texas A&M’s Real Estate Center and was named Most Influential Woman in the Business and Professional Category by the Ft. Worth Business Press. Ebby was the first recipient of the Executive Women International’s Executive Excellence Award—an award that will carry her name in the future—and she was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Humanities by Dallas Baptist University.

Aside from running a successful business, Ebby has selflessly devoted time and resources to local civic organizations. She has served as chairperson of the Thanksgiving Square Foundation, served on the boards of St. Paul Medical Foundation, the Communities Foundation of Texas, the Dallas Community College District Foundation, and the Better Business Bureau. She has also supported the Alexis de Tocqueville Society for the United Way, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Guild, the Plano Symphony and the State Fair of Texas. She has been president of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce and of the Greater Dallas Planning Council and served as a member of the Dallas Park and Recreation Board. In addition, the St. Paul Medical Center Foundation was dedicated to Ebby and her husband, Maurice Acers, in honor of their service.

Ebby’s remarkable energy and philanthropy are a testament to her devotion to her career and to her community, and the State of Texas is grateful for her many significant contributions. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize an outstanding citizen for her remarkable lifetime of achievement and philanthropy—my dear friend, Ebby Halliday Acers.

A TRIBUTE TO THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS, ST. CABRINI COUNCIL
#3472 ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Knights of Columbus, St. Cabrini Council #3472 on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. On Saturday, June 29, the Knights of Columbus will celebrate this auspicious occasion with an anniversary dinner.

In 1882 Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus on the four principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism and I am happy to say, that the St. Cabrini Council #3472 has embodied these virtues for 50 years. Formed on November 14, 1951, by 45 charter members, the St. Cabrini Council #3472 has grown steadily and now boasts a membership of over 160 Catholic men. This fraternity has dedicated itself to selfless serv-

ice not only to the Catholic Church, but to service groups throughout the community in which they live.

As many of the groups’ members worship at Catholic parishes throughout Burbank and Sun Valley, many of the Knights of Columbus’s efforts are focused on making these parishes more friendly and inviting places in which Catholics from throughout Burbank and the San Fernando Valley can come to worship. By involving themselves in parish events such as festivals, dinners, spiritual groups and carnivals, the organization continues to commit itself to creating a stronger and more vibrant Catholic community.

The Knights of Columbus have also adopted a number of community groups which they have supported throughout the years. Each year, the group is responsible for raising between \$6,000 to \$8,000 for charitable groups throughout Los Angeles County. Most notably, the Knights have been recognized for their funding of organizations that assist the mentally handicapped and for their efforts on behalf of Rancho San Antonio Boys Town of the West, a residential facility run by the Holy Cross Brothers and open to boys up to 18 years old who find themselves in conflict with the law.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus have been active in offering scholarship opportunities to students in Catholic grade schools and high schools to assist these students in their pursuit of education. Their efforts have also extended to local Boy Scouts of America Troops in the way of sponsorship and financial contributions.

I ask all Members of the United States House of Representatives to rise today and honor the Knights of Columbus, St. Cabrini Council #3472 on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary and for all that they do for our community.

IN TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY CAESAR

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Shirley Caesar’s mesmerizing musical talents have enthralled and uplifted millions of Americans over a career spanning more than thirty years. She is the winner of ten Grammys and numerous other awards for her heartfelt renditions of gospel, soul, and rhythm and blues music. Her music is part and parcel of her role as Pastor of Shirley Caesar Outreach Ministries, and a substantial portion of her concert and recording proceeds support her ministerial activities. Hers is an incredible example of triumph over adversity, exceeding

others' expectations, finding her voice and her calling—helping the needy in her own community and anywhere help was needed.

In the immediate aftermath of the hurricanes and floods that almost washed Princeville away, Shirley Caesar came to our community and gladdened the hearts of saddened souls in need of uplift, hope and revival, singing such stirring songs as "You're Next in Line for a Miracle." Her efforts supported the rejuvenation of Princeville and other Eastern North Carolina communities rocked by the rains and ruin. She not only speaks to what is right and good, she sings it. Princeville will always be grateful for her "amazing grace."

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
TONY HALL

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in bidding a fond farewell to our esteemed colleague, the gentleman from Ohio, Representative TONY HALL, whom President Bush has selected to carry out the Nation's work as United States ambassador to the United Nations organizations that coordinate international hunger relief efforts. I can think of no other person more qualified or more deserving of appointment to this position than our friend, TONY HALL.

Throughout his years of service in the House of Representatives, TONY has distinguished himself for his work on behalf of the hungry throughout the world. He has been an eloquent spokesman and a tireless worker in fighting hunger and providing help to the needy, and he will be a most effective advocate for these international outreach efforts as our ambassador.

TONY also has been a tremendous advocate and representative for his constituents in the Third Congressional District of Ohio, who elected him to twelve consecutive terms to the House. His constituents will be proud, as we are, that he will continue to serve his country in this new and expanded role. I join my colleagues in extending to him our best wishes as he continues his service to our Nation and to those in need.

TRIBUTE TO CHILDREN WITH DIABETES AND THE CHILDREN WITH DIABETES FOUNDATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Children with Diabetes and the Children with Diabetes Foundation. On July 18, 2002 the foundation will welcome hundreds of families, doctors and experts from around the nation and world to the 3rd Annual "Friend for Life" National Children with Diabetes Conference in Pasadena, California.

Children with Diabetes, an online community for children, families, doctors and researchers, was founded by Mr. Jeff Hitchcock shortly after he learned that his young daughter had

contracted Type I diabetes, often known as juvenile diabetes. At the time, Mr. Hitchcock, knowing little about diabetes, was ill prepared to help his daughter cope with its affects and demands. In order to help prevent this feeling of helplessness for himself and for other parents like him, Mr. Hitchcock launched the Children with Diabetes website.

Since 1995 the Children with Diabetes website has become a clearinghouse of information for juvenile diabetes. Children and their parents have access to information from physicians, dietary suggestions, treatment suggestions and a myriad of other services that have proved helpful to those living with the daily affects of diabetes. The site has also become a useful tool for physicians and researchers who now have the ability to share information about new treatments and cutting edge research from across the globe.

While Children with Diabetes continues to act as an informational resource for juvenile diabetes, the Children with Diabetes Foundation acts to assist people financially living with diabetes and supports physicians and researchers around the world who are working towards a cure. Each year, the Children with Diabetes Foundation raises and awards thousands of dollars in scholarships and grants to researchers who are moving closer to a cure each day and to families working hard to live with this disease.

That is why this week's national conference is so important. It will bring together people from around the world who are working, in their own way, to eradicate this disease. The conference will include speeches by Dr. Francine Kaufman, President of the American Diabetes Association, small group workshops, community forums, and appearances by Olympian Gary Hall and Miss America 1999 Nicole Johnson. The conference will culminate in the display of a quilt assembled by children suffering from diabetes.

I ask all Members to rise and join me in congratulating and thanking Children with Diabetes and the Children with Diabetes Foundation for all that they do to fight against the negative affects of diabetes, especially juvenile diabetes, throughout the world. I am sure that through their efforts, we will one day find a cure for this disease.

A DEMOCRATIC PALESTINIAN
STATE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, A democratic government is the foundation of a stable, peaceful society. This is because of democracy's proven ability to effectively promote human rights, equity, and economic growth, while diminishing the probability of conflict between countries.

That is why greater democracy is necessary in order for the Palestinian people to realize definitive rights overseen by an independent judiciary. Democracy will lay the groundwork for security arrangements with Israel, Egypt, and Jordan. Greater democracy in the region will lead to economic development with support from the international community. Only then will we realize a feasible Palestinian state.

I support a two state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But a Palestinian state can exist only in a new democracy with leaders who fully embrace peace.

I sincerely hope the Palestinian people strive to create a democracy with leaders who enact the reforms necessary for stability.

IN HONOR OF JIMMY WARFIELD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and remembrance of Jimmy Warfield. As a trainer with the Cleveland Indians since 1971, Mr. Warfield will be remembered for his unrivaled dedication to the professional baseball community. But most importantly, Mr. Warfield will be remembered as a beloved husband, caring father, wonderful son, cherished brother, and an unforgettable friend.

A native of Hershey, Pennsylvania, Mr. Warfield grew to develop a strong love not just for baseball, but for Penn State football, one of his passions. Though a graduate of Indiana University, he never forgot his childhood team, and constantly followed and defended his heroes, including Penn State coach Joe Paterno.

In 1971, Mr. Warfield joined the Cleveland Indians' professional baseball organization. For six years he worked as an assistant trainer under Head Trainer Paul Spicuzza. Following Mr. Spicuzza's departure six years later, Mr. Warfield took the position as Head Trainer, a position with which he was honored to hold for twenty-six years. Arriving early in the morning, and staying at the field until late at night, Mr. Warfield, called "Bruiser" by former Indians' manager Pat Corrales, and "Daddy Warbucks" by former manager Mike Hargrove, not only used his skill and experience to help ballplayers recover from injury, but he also helped them in their personal lives. He was always there to add a soothing word, or a calming piece of advice.

A tolerant, amiable, and wise man, Mr. Warfield has touched hundreds of lives. Though he will be greatly missed, his life—a life dedicated to friends and family—is cause for recognition and celebration. Mr. Warfield is a man commonly considered to be the most beloved figure in the history of the Indians' organization.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of a truly outstanding individual, Jimmy Warfield, whose kind, compassionate and thoughtful nature profoundly impacted so many lives, in and out of the Indians' clubhouse. His unforgettable spirit will be a shining legacy which will live on forever.

4-H 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish the National 4-H Program a happy 100th birthday. This is a wonderful milestone in the life of this national institution.