

this outstanding individual and extend to her our congratulations on the first 100 years, and continued success for the rest of her life.

Today, I recognize Lola Gibbs for her contributions to the State of Delaware and its citizens through 47 years of teaching, 55 years as a 4-H club leader and 100 years as a role model.

Family, friends and all Delawareans can now take a moment to truly appreciate the world of difference Lola Gibbs has brought to both the African-American community, and all of Delaware. Lola Gibbs began teaching in 1922, began her first 4-H club several years later and began her second 4-H club in the early 1940's. Mrs. Gibbs was appointed President of the Kent County Teachers Association in 1969 before taking on volunteer work in The Eastern Star, AARP The Woman's Auxiliary of the Smyrna Home for the Chronically Ill, and Star Hill Church.

Lola Gibbs has spent all of her life helping the community and all of Delaware. Mrs. Gibbs graduated from State College in 1922 before attending West Chester Normal. Mrs. Gibbs was then appointed to teach at Reeves Crossing School where she initiated a program that taught children music and allowed them to hold concerts in order to raise extra money for books. After her tenure at Reeves Crossing, Mrs. Gibbs moved back to her hometown school, Woodside. On June 9th, 1931 Mrs. Gibbs, né Bowers, married Edward Gibbs.

Mr. Speaker, in the past, with the help of her husband, and today with the help of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, Lola Gibbs and her family proudly and unselfishly contribute every day to the lives of Delawareans.

Mrs. Lola Gibbs' contributions cannot be commended enough. As she reaches 100 years of life, we can be sure that her contributions will not end. Her commitment to educating children and making life better for all Delawareans has earned her a permanent place in Delaware's history.

TRIBUTE TO CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR JOHN BURTON

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and former colleague in the California State Senate, Senator John Burton. Senator Burton is being "roasted" this weekend at the California Democratic Party's convention in Los Angeles, California.

Born December 15, 1932, Senator Burton attended San Francisco State College and USF Law School. Senator Burton was elected president pro tem in February of 1998. He was elected to the State Senate in 1996 and represents the 3rd Senatorial District of California which includes San Francisco, Marin County, and Southern Sonoma County. He has served in the State Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives.

Under Burton's leadership, CalGrant college scholarships became guaranteed for students with financial need who maintain a 2.0 grade point average or higher. In the first state budget enacted after he became president pro tem,

Burton restored cost of living adjustments and increased benefits for the elderly, blind and disabled and for mothers and children on welfare. Burton recently ensured that mental health services and juvenile crime prevention programs received historic levels of support.

As a recent article in the Sacramento Bee stated, "Senate leader John Burton is the type who will buy blankets and drive around San Francisco handing them out to the homeless." He is a man with a kind heart, golden spirit and the kind of friend I am proud to have made while I was in the California legislature. I respect him for his passion to help the needy and for his tenacity to fight for the rights of people who do not have a strong voice in government decision-making.

His daughter Kimiko is the Public Defender for the city and county of San Francisco. He is also the proud grandfather to 16-month-old Juan Emilio Cruz.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Housing Assistance Act of 2002. This bill has broad bipartisan support with over 100 cosponsors. It authorizes \$50 million for transitional housing assistance for those escaping the terror of violence in their homes and in their lives. At this time when we are devoting extensive resources to ending terror around the world, let us not forget to address the terror of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking that plagues women's lives.

In October 2000, Congress passed the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act and re-authorized the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA). As part of VAWA, Congress agreed to support \$25 million for transitional housing assistance. Though this amount would have served too few, the money was never even appropriated to this program.

The rates of violence against women are astounding. According to the Department of Justice, 960,000 women annually report having been abused by their husband or boyfriend. The actual number is significantly higher due to difficulties in reporting. According to estimates by the McAuley Institute, \$50 million in funding for transitional housing would provide assistance to at least 5,400 families. Though this is not enough, we must start somewhere.

Violence against women is an epidemic that affects not only women, but their children and families as well. Every year, thousands of women flee abusive situations with few financial resources and often nowhere to go. Lack of affordable housing and long waiting lists for assisted housing mean that many women and their children are forced to choose between abuse at home or life on the streets. Furthermore, shelters are frequently filled to capacity and must turn away battered women and their children. The connection between continued abuse and lack of available housing is overwhelming. A Ford Foundation study found that 50% of homeless women and children were fleeing abuse.

Furthermore, almost 50 percent of the women who receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funds cite domestic violence as a factor in the need for assistance. The problem of high need is compounded by the lack of adequate emergency shelter options. The overall number of emergency shelter beds for homeless people is estimated to have decreased by an average of 3 percent in 1997 while requests for shelter increased on the average by 3 percent. Emergency shelters struggle to meet the increased need for services with about 32 percent of the requests for shelter by homeless families going unmet. In fact 88 percent of cities reported having to turn away homeless families from emergency shelters due to inadequate resources for services.

Transitional housing assistance will not only provide immediate safety to women and children but it will also help women gain control over their lives and get back on their feet. There are critical services available at transitional housing shelters such as counseling, job training, and child care that these women need to help them along the road to economic self-sufficiency.

It is now essential that we not only pass this legislation but also appropriate \$50 million for transitional housing assistance and provide this critically needed safety net for women seeking to escape abuse. We must be supportive of individuals who are escaping violence and seeking to better their lives. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation and work for its passage.

IN MEMORY OF DR. PHILIP ARNOLD NICHOLAS OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dr. Philip Arnold Nicholas of Nashville, Tennessee, who departed this life on January 3, 2002, after an extensive career as a physician and an educator.

Beloved by all those who knew him, Dr. Nicholas was best known for his work at Meharry Medical College, where he established the gynecology department and as the founder of Planned Parenthood of Nashville.

He was born May 12, 1914 in Kingston, Jamaica, the son of Phillip Harrigan Nicholas, a civil engineer who worked on the Panama Canal, and Lillian Burke Nicholas, a caterer who ran her business from their home. Nicholas was an enthusiastic student with the dream of becoming a physician at a very young age after assisting a friend with an injury in elementary school. He received a Jesuit education at St. George's College in Kingston and later studied pharmacy at Spanish Town Hospital in St. Catherine Parish. He became a pharmacist for the Kingston Public Health Hospital, still fostering the dream of becoming a doctor.

He married Violet Richards in 1940; and in 1945, he came to the United States and entered Howard University earning his Bachelor's and Master's of Science degrees. In 1950, he began study at Meharry. For eight summers during college, graduate school and medical school, he worked 19-hour days in

order to provide for his family and earn his education. His hard work and dedication paid off, when he graduated from Meharry as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society in 1954. His residency in Obstetrics was completed in 1957. Dr. Matthew Walker trained him in the surgical department at Meharry. In 1957, he accepted a post-graduate program in OB-GYN at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where as one of only two African Americans, his classmates chose him to serve as class president for the year long program.

As a respected physician, Dr. Nicholas returned to Meharry in 1958, and his tenure on Meharry's faculty ranged from 1959 to 1984 during which time he served as vice chairman of the OB-GYN surgery department for more than 23 years and as Dean of Admissions at the School of Medicine from 1967 to 1982.

Meharry honored him many times, eventually establishing two scholarships in his name. In 1984, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Medicine from the National Alumni Association and in 1999, the Alumnus of the Year Award. The Meharry singers recognized him in 1985 for "giving dedicated service to improving the academic, cultural and social life of students at the college." A birthing room was named for him at Hubbard Hospital in 1989, and ten years later the OB/GYN learning center was named in his honor as well. An icon has been erected in his honor at the corner of 21st and Hermosa Avenues on the Meharry campus.

Throughout his career he represented Meharry on a number of committees and medical associations, including the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the American Association of Medical Colleges, the R. F. Boyd Medical Society, and the committee for special education within the Metropolitan Board of Education.

As founding member of the Planned Parenthood Association of Nashville, he served as the first treasurer and later as a member of the Board of Directors. Additionally, he was the first vice-president of Children and Family Services in Nashville.

Outside of outstanding educational and healthcare activities, Dr. Nicholas contributed to the community as a founding member of St. Anselm's Episcopal Church, serving on the Fisk-Meharry Community Advisory Council and as a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He counted among his most rewarding contributions to the education of many family members and friends. He would often say, "I did not invest in stocks and bonds, I invested in people. The dividends have been grand!"

Left to cherish his precious memories are his devoted wife of sixty-one years, Violet May Nicholas; his loving daughters, Gertrude Nicholas Brooks of Morganfield, KY and Dr. Allison Nicholas Metz of San Francisco, CA; granddaughter, Dr. Marilyn Nicole Metz of Loma Linda, CA; grandsons Ernest Adalbert Brooks III of San Francisco, Philip A. Nicholas Brooks of Nashville, Leon Benjamin Metz 111, Lionel Nicholas Metz and Laurence Christopher Metz, all of San Francisco; nieces, Noreen Blanche Nicholas, Audrey Nicholas Caldwell (Van), Paula DeLeon (Hixford), Maxine Ebanks (Samuel), Carinen Nicholas and Grace Lewis; nephews, Dr. Phillip Boume (Vicky), Cecil Nicholas and Dr. Earl Nicholas (Wonza); sister-in-law, Vertibelle Lewis; dear

cousins, Mavis and Ferdie Madden; many grandnieces and nephews; several cousins; "sisters" Ruby Smith and Izetta Cooper; devoted friends, Dr. Alford and Dorothy Vassall, Drs. Myrtle and George Mason and family; Pearlina Gilpin Fletcher, Joy Vassall and daughter Camille; and a host of dear friends, relatives and colleagues.

Today we honor Dr. Nicholas' significant investment to Tennessee as a truly compassionate leader and friend. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

IN HONOR OF THE BAYONNE MEDICAL CENTER

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the renaming of Bayonne Hospital to Bayonne Medical Center. The renaming will take place at a reception on Wednesday, February 13, 2002, in the Main Lobby of the Bayonne Medical Center.

Bayonne Medical Center's new name is a reflection of the facility's outstanding healthcare services that are provided to the community of Bayonne. What makes the Bayonne Medical Center so outstanding is its staffs commitment to the well-being of its patients, the citizens of Bayonne, as well as its wide array of cutting edge health care technology. The topnotch medical staff, nursing professionals, administrative staff, and volunteers offer patient-focused care, professional diagnostic and treatment options, and a wide range of clinical services.

For more than one hundred years, Bayonne Hospital has played an essential role in providing clinically advanced healthcare services for an ever growing and changing community. Over the past century, the medical professionals at Bayonne Hospital have not only shown their skill in adapting to great life-saving advancements in medical technology and health care services, but they have also demonstrated their commitment to our community by adapting their services to meet the needs of all of our community, regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, or income. I have no doubt that Bayonne Medical Center will continue to meet the additional challenges and advancements of the coming century, just as Bayonne Hospital has done for the past 100 years.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bayonne Medical Center for providing excellent care to the citizens of Bayonne, New Jersey. Thanks for a past, present, and future of quality health care for our community.

CONGRATULATING UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MEXI- CAN AMERICAN ALUMNI ASSO- CIATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Southern Cali-

fornia Mexican American Alumni Association (USC MAAA). Since its inception, USC MAAA has committed itself to the development of funds to provide tuition assistance grants to Latino students enrolled at the University of Southern California.

USC MAAA was founded by Raul Vargas and seven other alums, who approached the president of the university and set the parameters for the organization during the 1973-74 school year. The university offered to match the MAAA's undergraduate scholarship monies on a two to one basis, and the USC Graduate School offered to match the graduate student fellowships on a one to one basis.

USC MAAA has provided educational grants to over 5,200 USC Latino students amounting to over \$8.9 million dollars. As such, USC MAAA has played a critical role in helping students attain degrees in various fields such as medicine, law, media, business, humanities, science, and social sciences.

The success of USC MAAA can be largely accredited to the leadership provided by its Executive Director, Raul Vargas. A USC alum himself, Raul Vargas recognizes the great financial obstacles that Latinos face in attaining their academic goals. Therefore, Raul Vargas has worked tirelessly to garner support for USC MAAA from prominent members of the community, so that Latino students can make their educational and career dreams a reality.

This year, USC MAAA celebrates its 27th Annual Fundraising Dinner. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the work of USC MAAA.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM B. MOGE

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise before the House today. On January 18, 2002, Western Massachusetts lost one of its most cherished and influential citizens. Mr. William B. Moge of West Springfield passed away at the age of 93.

Bill Moge was one of a kind. A graduate of Springfield Technical High, he began a coaching career in the late 1930s which lasted until his retirement in 1984. His accomplishments in football, baseball and basketball earned him recognition by the Massachusetts High School Coaches Hall of Fame in all three sports. After his last football game, in 1983, the field at Szot Park in Chicopee, Massachusetts was named after him. His alma mater, Providence College, inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 1984.

However, Bill Moge was far more than a coach. He was a guidance counselor at Chicopee High School. He was a motivator and a disciplinarian. As a result of his teaching, his players have excelled in all walks of life, from professional sports to politics. If you talked with his players today, they wouldn't mention xs and os or game strategies. They would tell you that Coach Moge instilled confidence in each and every one of them. He taught his players how to succeed in life, not just sports. His legacy will live on forever in the players who became coaches and who have passed on his lessons to their own players.