

brightened lives throughout their communities, across our country, and around the world. Such organizations are the backbone of our society and deserve our praise and admiration. Thank you for your kind service. The communities around Montrose, and those living there, are better because of the efforts of their women, and they deserve our thanks.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES ORR
MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the Charles Orr Middle School in Cleveland, Ohio for affording me the opportunity to visit with young students during my Third Annual Back-to-School Tour on Monday, September 23rd and Monday, September 30th of 2002. I would like to offer special thanks to Cleveland Schools Municipal District CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Superintendent Kathy Wayne Carter and Principal Greg Henderson for their leadership and kind hospitality. The tour was an educational experience for all who were in attendance.

Charles Orr Middle School has set forth major academic goals for the year, which include offering outstanding opportunities for field testing and innovative learning strategies to turn students into life-long learners; becoming more apt at meeting the educational needs of a diverse student population through comprehensive, long-range data-based planning; and seeking to recruit and train a special team of educators to learn how to reach and teach students regardless of where they are academically. Recent accomplishments from last year include significant improvement in students passing one or more portions of the state proficiency test, and more than 60 percent of students being eligible for promotion by the end of the first semester.

I commend the Charles Orr Middle School for its commitment to education and will continue to fight for increased funding to improve the quality of public education for all students.

A TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JACOB N.
UNDERWOOD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor Jacob N. Underwood, Sr. for instigating many innovative programs to help the ones in need within his community.

Pastor Underwood answered the call to the Christian ministry in 1960. In 1962, he was ordained a Baptist minister at the Holy Sacred Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. He began to evangelize in the community doing outreach and persistently seeking unity of his community. He had a vision of a church in the community that would teach "God's Plan of Salvation" and relating this plan to the needs of the total person.

Encouraged by his church and family's support, he organized what is currently Grace

Baptist Church of Christ, located in the East New York section of Brooklyn. He also organized the Grace Housing Development Fund Inc., from which the church sponsored community housing which was built in 1972 to accommodate 168 families.

He has contributed to his community in several aspects by serving on local, state, and national committees. He has served on the local school board, and on the East New York Civil Rights Committee. Pastor Underwood was also the first elected Chairman of East New York Community Cooperation, and President of the New York Progressive State Congress.

He also twice served as Moderator of the N.Y.M.B.A.; as Chairman of the Brownsville/East New York Clergy Association, as President of the New York Progressive State Convention from 1992-1995, as Corresponding Secretary of the Presidents' Department of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and he served as the President of the African American Clergy and Elected officials of Brooklyn from 1998 to 2000.

Pastor Underwood has also contributed by sponsoring housing and food programs in East New York. He was able to feed and provide clothing to 125 people in need by establishing a soup kitchen. In 1973, he instituted one of the first day care centers in East New York. Today, his vision has been expanded to an elementary and junior high school that currently serves approximately 300 students.

In 1995, Pastor Underwood led the church in a \$1.5 million bond drive to enlarge the Grace Baptist Church of Christ with 12 multipurpose rooms for the benefit of the school and church. In order to increase the educational facilities to accommodate at least an additional 100 students, Pastor Underwood is presently leading the way for a \$2.5 million drive.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Jacob N. Underwood, Sr. for his leadership and contribution to his community. Pastor Underwood is a Doer of the Word. For over four decades, he has served as a preacher, teacher, leader, brother, mentor, friend, comforter, advocate, counselor, and innovator. His endeavors and accomplishments deserve our praise and appreciation.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD TUISKU ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS INDUC-
TION INTO THE MICHIGAN ASSO-
CIATION OF BROADCASTERS
HALL OF FAME

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a person whose voice is the sound of news for generations of radio listeners in Michigan's Upper Peninsula Copper Country. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Richard Tuisku, known to his listeners as Dick Storm, on the occasion of his recent induction into the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Richard Tuisku was born 59 years ago in a small town called Toivola in Houghton County Michigan. He graduated from Michigan Technological University in Houghton and also

went to broadcasting school in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1962 he began his broadcasting career at WSWW in Platteville, Wisconsin, using the name Dick Storm because he thought his Finnish last name, Tuisku, would be too difficult for his co-workers and listeners to pronounce correctly.

He chose the radio name "Storm" because it is a reasonably close English word for his given last name, Tuisku, which roughly translates to blizzard in Finnish. Two years later Dick Storm moved back to the Upper Peninsula and began working at a radio station in Hancock. He changed jobs but still did news at WCCY an AM/FM combo station in Houghton. Copper Country radio audiences have been getting their news from Dick for almost forty years.

In 1994 he and a partner purchased the Houghton AM/FM stations he worked at and they are now WCCY AM and WOLV FM. Despite being an owner of the stations, Dick continues to work six days a week doing the news and hosting a weekly public affairs program.

Dick is not the only public spirited member of the household. Mary Tuisku, his wife, served as mayor of Hancock from 1990 until 1995.

In recognition of his many years of radio news and public affairs broadcasting, Dick was inducted into the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in the summer of 2002.

Mr. Speaker, many people complain when they have to get up early to go to work, Dick Storm has been getting up before dawn for forty years to do radio news. I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in saluting a legendary broadcaster and a long time friend of mine, Richard Tuisku (a/k/a Dick Storm) on the occasion of his induction into the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES LEONARD
MILLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect that I recognize the life and passing of James Leonard Miller, who lived nearly his whole life in Center, Colorado for the many contributions he has made to his community and to his country. Mr. Miller recently passed away in September and, as his family mourns their loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and memory.

Mr. Miller was born in 1943 in Monte Vista, Colorado where he grew up on his family's dairy farm. James attended Center High School and then received his Bachelor's degree from Colorado State University. He enlisted as a soldier in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After his service in our nation's military, James returned to the family business of farming. In 1985 while running his own farming business, James also worked as a sales agent for Lawson Products, Inc. His friendly demeanor and reputation for fair dealing won him the respect of his customers throughout the San Luis Valley.

Despite the constraints of a busy career, Mr. Miller also found the time to be active in his community. James was a member of Kiwanis

International, a volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of children throughout the world, for over thirty years. In fact, Mr. Miller's contributions to the organization and the greater community were so significant that the Kiwanis Club of Center honored his efforts with a lifetime membership in 1993. He served in the group's Rampart Range sector as its president and club secretary for many years, and was known as "Mr. Kiwanis" at his town's community center.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize the life and passing of James Leonard Miller before this body of Congress and this nation for his service to his community and country. I extend my sincere condolences to his wife, children, and grandchildren. James Miller's life and memory will live on among the many people he inspired.

BORDER COMMUTER STUDENT ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of HR 4967, the "Border Commuter Student Act of 2002." I am a proud co-sponsor of this bill which amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a new category of non-immigrant students from Mexico and Canada who commute for study at a school or college in the United States.

Current law prohibits border residents of Mexico and Canada from coming into the U.S. to study on a part-time basis. Students are required to have an F1 student visa and be enrolled for full time study. This act makes their admission for part-time study permanent and creates a new F3 category designed to meet the needs of border commuter students seeking academic training. Further, HR 4967 would create an M3 visa classification for border students seeking vocational training.

Institutions of higher education and vocational training along the border have provided invaluable educational opportunities for Mexican citizens for many years. This has served the political and economic interests of both countries. However, many citizens of Mexico and Canada who commute along the border are unable to take the time from work and family to attend as a full-time student. Rather, they attend on a part-time basis during the day or at night when the opportunity presents itself. This measure allows these students to continue commuting and improving the quality of their lives.

Enhancing the educational level of Mexican citizens along the U.S./Mexico border provides these students with the tools necessary to create and take advantage of expanding economic opportunities in Mexico. This advances their contributions to the Mexican economy and serves the strategic interests of both countries.

I represent the 28th Congressional District of Texas, from San Antonio south to the border communities of Starr County, and I have heard directly from my constituents and elected officials of the many benefits of enactment of the Border Commuter Act will bring to this region. The border economies of both Texas

and Mexico gain from the improvement of skills and education among border residents. The enhancement of partnerships among these two communities will enrich the quality of lives for all of the residents in South Texas and our entire country.

COMMENDING FRANCISCO JIMENEZ

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a remarkable man, Francisco Jimenez. Born to Mexican migrant farm workers, he has become a professor of Modern Languages at Santa Clara University, an acclaimed author, and the winner of numerous awards including this year's National Professor of the Year Award. He is a credit to Silicon Valley, to California, and to our nation.

At the age of 4, Professor Jimenez crawled under a fence crossing the border between Mexico and America with his family. They made their way to the San Joaquin Valley where they picked strawberries in Santa Maria during the summer, grapes in Fresno during September, and cotton in Corcoran and Bakersfield during the winter. Working from sunrise to sunset, the entire family made only \$15 a day by following the harvest throughout the year. The family, which eventually grew to nine children, lived in one room shacks and tents without electricity or running water. When they visited the local dump, they collected discarded clothes, wood for floors, and Francisco Jimenez would pick up books.

As a result of his family's illiteracy, persistent poverty, and transient lifestyle, Professor Jimenez' education was sporadic at best. He struggled to keep up with his classmates, was labeled "mentally retarded" by one of his teachers, and flunked first grade. His classmates were unforgiving and often cruel. Nevertheless, he loved school. His alternatives were spending the day in his family's shack or working in the fields, an experience his brother, Roberto, lived every day.

Mr. Jimenez's sixth-grade teacher, Mr. Lema recognized Francisco's desire to learn and helped him with his English during lunch. Unfortunately, not long after connecting with Mr. Lema, Francisco's family needed to move again to follow the harvest. Mr. Jimenez continued his education by teaching himself using as a guide the discarded books he found at the dump.

Eventually, he and his brother were able to get jobs working for a janitorial company. The stable job allowed him to stay in school. His junior year in high school, an INS agent entered his classroom and arrested him as an undocumented immigrant. He and his family were deported to Mexico, but returned only weeks later with visas. After his return, Francisco went on to become the student body president of his high school and graduated with a 3.7 GPA. A guidance counselor recognized his talent and helped him obtain the scholarships and student loans he would need to attend Santa Clara University. He became a U.S. citizen during his junior year in college.

Francisco Jimenez went on to receive his Masters from Santa Clara University and his

Ph.D. from Columbia University. He is the author of the award winning book, "The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child," which tells the story of his childhood experiences. Before accepting a professorship at Santa Clara University, he taught at Columbia University and the University of Cincinnati. While his dedication to teaching is worthy of praise in and of itself, he has been recognized locally and nationally for his skills. Santa Clara County gave him the Dia del Maestro Teacher of the Year Award and Santa Clara University awarded him the Dave Logathetti Award for Excellence in Teaching among others. I am privileged to represent a man who can now add to this exceptional list of honors, the National Professor of the Year Award.

Professor Jimenez was given the award because of his outstanding teaching. He tailors his lessons to his students' backgrounds and works with them one on one. He tries to instill in each of them a global consciousness and an understanding of the human condition. Moreover, he believes it is important to bridge the gap between the university and society. To achieve this, he visits communities of migrant farm workers to talk to them about education. As a leader of the Hispanic community and an advocate of human rights, he is concerned with the current anti-immigration backlash, particularly efforts to deny education to the children of undocumented immigrants.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, please join me in honoring Professor Francisco Jimenez for being awarded the National Professor of the Year Award. He has dedicated his life to others and his achievements reflect his dedication. He is a citizen of the world who I am humbled to call a constituent.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, this month the American Bahá'í community, which has its national headquarters in Illinois, will be commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the beginnings of the Bahá'í Faith in Iran. The Bahá'í Faith is a world religion with more than 5 million adherents in some 230 countries and territories including more than 140,000 members here in the United States. The Bahá'í House of Worship in my district of Illinois is registered as a national historic site that has drawn more than five million visitors to enjoy its unique architecture and serene gardens since its completion in 1953.

This October is a special time for the American Bahá'í community because it was during this month that the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'u'lláh, was first overwhelmed with the Bahá'í message of love and unity while unjustly imprisoned in one of Persia's (now Iran) worst dungeons, the Siyáh Chál. After his release from this dungeon, Bahá'd'u'lláh promoted this message despite being banished from Baghdad to Istanbul, from Istanbul to Edirne, and eventually from Edirne to the prison city of Acre where he died in 1892 after having lived in exile for forty years for his belief in the oneness of humanity.

The Bahá'í Faith is based on the principles of cooperation and peace outlined by