

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF BARBARA KREYKENBOHM

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous contributions Barbara Kreykenbohm has made to Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District. A Brookings Fellow from NASA, Barbara became an invaluable part of my Washington, D.C., office over these past eight months.

As a fellow Tennessean, Barbara started in my office as a NASA Fellow eager to assist me with my work as the Ranking Member of the House Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee. But, she soon assumed a wide variety of responsibilities.

Throughout all the pressures exerted in such a fast-paced workplace, compounded with the tragic events of September 11 occurring in her first days with my office, her commitment has been a positive influence on everyone. Barbara accomplished each and every assignment with thoroughness and commitment. Her standards are high and her efforts reflect a commitment to excellence.

Although Barbara was originally assigned to work in my office for only a few months, her work ethic, research skills and desire to continue to learn the workings and intricacies of Capitol Hill soon prompted me to ask her to extend her fellowship and stay on as part of my staff.

But, her skills and talents are needed back at NASA. This is her final week as a member of my staff. Although my staff and I are sad to see her leave, Barbara's dedication to science and man's quest for discovery will continue to serve NASA and the American people well.

SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in support of Israel and its right to defend itself and its people from terrorism. The struggle between the Israelis and the Palestinians is one of the most longstanding and explosive of all the world's conflicts. It has its roots in the historic claim to the land which lies between the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River. Both peoples have suffered greatly as they struggle to coexist and maintain their cultural and political identities.

However, the continued suicide attacks over the past six months have triggered the worst crisis in the Middle East since the outbreak of the Palestinian intifada 18 months ago. The terror and violence must be stopped. The Chairman of the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat, has not consistently opposed or confronted terrorists or renounced terror. The situation in which he finds himself today is largely of his own making. Given his inability to stop terrorist attacks, the Israeli government feels it must defend itself against the terrorist networks that are killing its innocent citizens. Israel is our most dependable and only demo-

cratic ally in the Middle East, and it is important that the United States steadfastly stand by Israel at this critical juncture to fight terror. The United States and Israel have suffered terrible losses and stand shoulder to shoulder in the war on terrorism. For these reasons, I support Israel and urge my colleagues to join me.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MICHAEL LOPEZ: EAST CHICAGOAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and esteem that I wish to congratulate Mr. Michael Lopez for being selected as the East Chicagoan of the Year. For thirteen years, the Twin City Community Services in East Chicago, Indiana has awarded prominent members of the community with this title. This year's activity will be held on Thursday, April 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in East Chicago. During this prestigious event, his family and friends will participate in a roast held in his honor.

As a child growing up in East Chicago, Mickey Lopez, as he is affectionately known to his friends and family, understood that if he were armed with patience and determination, he would overcome all obstacles as he ventured on the path to success. After graduating from Washington High School, Mickey left the confines of the Harbor to attend Indiana University in Bloomington. While on campus, a patriotic spirit awakened within him, and he sought an outlet for its release. Selflessly setting aside his own aspirations so that his natural leadership abilities could serve a greater good, Mickey enlisted into the United States Marine Corps, where he served as a sergeant for over three years. The ideals of discipline, honor, and loyalty that he presently upholds were fomented during these years as he fulfilled his duty to his country.

Having completed his commitment to the Marine Corps, Mickey returned to East Chicago, eager to establish himself among the business leaders of the city. His years spent at the Laidlow and Industrial Disposal companies became the foundation from which his entrepreneurial spirit flourished. Ever conscious of the relationship between industry and community, Mickey keenly observed the growing need for an industrial and environmental cleaning organization in East Chicago that would serve both the Northwest Indiana and Chicago steel mills. Bolstered by his ambition, he approached his childhood friend John Hurubean, and together in 1980, the two partners opened Actin, Inc. Now more than twenty years later, from this small seed has sprouted many other services spanning different types of business throughout Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland area. In spite of the vast area the company covers, the business is still intimate and family oriented, employing roughly 100 people. More impressive, however, is Mickey's commitment to extending his success to underrepresented individuals in the business world, 85 percent of his employee base are minorities.

Under the leadership of Mickey Lopez, Actin Inc. continues to provide a valuable service to

the residents and businesses of Northwest Indiana. Yet his devotion to his fellow East Chicagoans is not limited to this particular enterprise. His philanthropic nature extend to various civic organizations in his native city. Among those touched by his generosity and his tireless efforts are the Northwest Indiana Business Development Commission, the Saint Catherine's Hospital Foundation, the East Chicago School Foundation, Twin City Community Services, the Lake Shore Chamber of Commerce, and the Lake Area United Way. He is one of the founders of American Legion Post 508 and most recently he was asked to participate in the newly developed High Tech Business Incubator sponsored by Purdue University. These organizations, as well as various minority organizations, reciprocate in kind—their gratitude is evident as they bestow upon him and Actin, Inc. awards commending his service to the community and to his field of expertise. As always, Mickey accepts these accolades with a deep sense of humility.

The Knights of Columbus Hall will be filled with individuals who have been blessed with the opportunity to enjoy Mickey's quick wit, his friendly winks, and his warm, inviting smile. Perhaps the most fortunate are his sister Cathy and his six children—Laura, Michael, Melissa, Chris, Mark, and Eric—all of whom have been able to glean from him an appreciation for all the opportunities life has to offer, and a respect for the delicate relationship forged as one interacts with the greater human family. The next generation of Lopeses, which currently includes ten beautiful grandchildren, will undoubtedly embrace these virtues as they continue to uphold Mickey's tradition of civic mindedness.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Michael Lopez on being recognized as the East Chicagoan of the Year. His commitment and dedication to the citizens of the First Congressional District deems him worthy of this commendation. I wish him continued success, both personally and professionally, and I am honored to represent him in Congress.

HONORING MICHAEL BURR FOR HIS CHARITABLE WORK AND HIS SELECTION AS THOMASTON ROTARY CLUB CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the achievements of Mr. Michael Burr of Thomaston, Connecticut. Mr. Burr has been selected by The Thomaston Rotary Club as its Distinguished Citizen of the Year for 2002.

Mr. Speaker, as an airline pilot with American Airlines, Mr. Burr organized AAmericans United Flag Across America, a tribute to the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Beginning on October 11th, at Boston's Logan Airport, airline employees ran 3,800 miles across the country, carrying an American flag. Their run followed the planned flight paths of American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175. Nearly 4,000 runners took part in

this remembrance. Proceeds from AAmericans United Flag Across America have gone toward charities helping victims and families of the September 11th attacks.

Mr. Speaker, Michael Burr's tireless efforts on behalf of the AAmericans United Flag Across America were crucial to making this remarkable tribute and fund-raiser a reality. Michael Burr exemplifies the American ideals of freedom, democracy, tolerance and charity toward others. It is people like him who make our Nation the most peaceful and prosperous in the history of mankind. His dedication to honoring the memory of September 11th was extraordinary. I am proud to share a Congressional District with him, and thank him for his charitable works and efforts on behalf of the victims of September 11th.

EXTENDING BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO LIONEL HAMPTON

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H. Con. Res. 363 extending birthday greetings and best wishes to Lionel Hampton on the Occasion of his 94th birthday.

I also take great pleasure in not only paying tribute to a great American and renowned jazz artist, but to recognize a constituent, a friend, and a community leader—Lionel Hampton.

Because of the enormous volume of work Lionel Hampton has consistently contributed to the National Endowment of the Arts, only his most outstanding contributions will be listed in these remarks.

Lionel Hampton was the first black musician to perform for a presidential inauguration; President Harry S. Truman in 1949. He also was one of the first black musicians to perform in venues and events previously opened only to white performers, including performances with the Benny Goodman Quartet from 1936–1940.

Mr. Hampton furthered the cause of cultural understanding and international communication. He received a Papal Medallion from Pope Pius XII, the Israel Statehood Award, and served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United States. He also received the Honor Cross for Science and the Arts, First Class, one of Austria's highest decorations. Lionel Hampton is one of the most recorded artists in the history of jazz.

For decades, Lionel Hampton has worked to perpetuate the art form of jazz by offering his talent, inspiration, and production acumen to the University of Idaho, since 1983. In 1985, the University of Idaho named its school of music after him. He became the first jazz musician to have both a music school and jazz festival named in his honor.

His composition, *Midnight Sun*, became a jazz classic and his two major symphonic works, *The King David Suite* and *Blues Suite*, have been performed by major orchestras throughout the world. Mr. Hampton has received many honors during his distinguished career and has been a frequent guest and performer at the White House.

President Ronald Reagan once conducted a jazz salute to him. In 1992, he received the

Kennedy Center Honors award, and in 1995, he was the focus of a Kennedy Center all-star gala. In 1996, Lionel Hampton's original recording *Flying Home* was entered into the Grammy Hall of Fame. He holds more than 15 honorary doctorate degrees.

As a constituent, Lionel Hampton's talent and fame has not compromised his commitment to community service. He is a long-term supporter of public housing and a staunch advocate for the homeless. In the early 1970s, he developed the Lionel Hampton Housing community and later built the Gladys Hampton Housing community in honor of his late wife. As of this date, those communities are considered to be among the premier public housing communities in the country. The Lionel Hampton Community Development Corporation has built more than 500 low and moderate income apartments in my Congressional District of Harlem alone.

Lionel Hampton's contributions to excellence to the art form of jazz, personal commitment to community development, and outstanding accomplishment to cultural diversity has more than secured his musical genius in the world of jazz. His record and commitment to jazz is unparalleled. His legacy and commitment to excellence, education, and inspiration continue to gain him special recognition as "leader," "genius," and "jazz great."

Lionel Hampton has received numerous awards and commendations by local and State governments, and has received acknowledgments from hundreds of civic and performance groups. It is for these reasons, that it is both an honor as well as a pleasure for me to submit these remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in his behalf, for the decades of outstanding service and achievements to this American hero, acclaimed jazz artist, and community activist from my Congressional District.

A JOB WELL DONE

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, this current semester marks the last in the tenure of Dr. Adrian Tinsley as President of Bridgewater State College in the Congressional district I have been privileged to represent for the past ten years. Dr. Tinsley came to this very important institution of public higher education on July 1, 1989, and will thus be finishing up 13 years in this difficult and demanding position. She has performed her duties with enormous skill and grace and she will be very deeply missed by a multiple of constituencies. Her fellow administrators, the faculty, most importantly of course the students who have been educated under her tenure, her fellow administrators of higher education elsewhere in Massachusetts, and the people of the Greater Bridgewater community whose interest she has advanced by her effective administration of this important institution all regret her leaving, even as we all acknowledge that she has earned a dozen times over the right to a little rest and relaxation. This is not to say that she will no longer be an active and committed member of the intellectual and educational community, but few jobs can equal the Presidency of a major pub-

lic institution of higher education today in terms of the demands made on those who hold this position.

Bridgewater State is one of the oldest such institutions in our country, and has a long tradition of preparing teachers. Recently it has broadened its mission even while maintaining its commitment to the training of educators, and Adrian Tinsley has significantly advanced the college's academic curriculum by adding important new programs in economics, criminal justice, public administration and management science and provided strong leadership in the implementation of advanced technology for teaching and learning.

Indeed Mr. Speaker, thanks to Dr. Tinsley's leadership, the college today has three new Schools created during her presidency, the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education and Allied Studies, and the School of Management and Aviation Science.

Mr. Speaker, one highlight of Adrian Tinsley's tenure was the work she did with our greatly admired and respected colleague the late Joe Moakley, who represented this district during the 80s and early 90s before redistricting moved it. One of their joint legacies is the state of the art John Joseph Moakley Center for Technological Applications, which is a great source of intellectual and economic strength for the entire region, not just for the college where it is located. Indeed Mr. Speaker, in cooperation with members of the state legislative delegation from Southeastern Massachusetts, Adrian Tinsley has helped BSC become a vital resource for the Southeastern Massachusetts region with outreach programs that serve the public and private sectors.

Adrian Tinsley has presided over significant growth at Bridgewater State College, and she has done so in a way that has not allowed dilution of the spirit of collegiality that is so important for an institution of higher education. I join with all of those whose lives she has touched with her excellent work in congratulating her and telling her how grateful we are on the occasion of her moving on.

MAYOR WINDY SITTON LEAVES MARK ON LUBBOCK LANDSCAPE

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call my colleagues' attention to the tireless dedication and tremendous accomplishments of Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton. Mayor Sitton, the first female mayor of Lubbock, TX, began her political career as a city councilwoman in Lubbock in 1994. Mayor Sitton will focus her public service efforts on her new role as member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board when her current term as mayor expires next month. I have every confidence that all Texans will benefit from her new endeavor as those in Lubbock have while she has been their city council representative and mayor.

Mayor Sitton earned a bachelor of science degree in education from North Texas State University in 1966. She also has earned a master of art degree in counseling from Texas Women's University in 1971. She received the prestigious honor of "Distinguished Alumni"