

TRIBUTE TO LATA' BRIONE FOSTER, AAA 58TH ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY POSTER CONTEST WINNER

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize a delightfully artistic five-year-old of Rochester, New York. Lata' Brione Foster has been selected, out of 83,000 entries, to win the Grand Award in the 58th Annual Traffic Safety Poster Contest sponsored by AAA.

The poster contest encourages students from Kindergarten through High School to create a poster concept that encourages correct behavior in pedestrian, bicycle, and driving techniques. The program promotes creativity and teaches students the importance of traffic safety. Miss Foster's poster will be used in the association's national safety campaign for the next year.

The first kindergartner from Western New York to win a Grand Award, Lata' will receive a \$500 savings bond from AAA. Lata' is also being honored in Washington, DC on May 3rd through 7th for Traffic Safety Week. She had the pleasure of being the Grand Marshall in the annual Safety Patrol Parade down Constitution Avenue on May 4th.

On behalf of the 28th district of New York, I congratulate Lata' Brione Foster for her hard work on such an innovative piece of art. Lata' has received a wonderful accolade and we all truly wish her many more in the future. I am sure that this is not the last time we will hear of young Lata' doing magnificent things.

TRIBUTE TO KAITLIN McCLOUGHLIN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kaitlin McLoughlin, a young woman from Troy, Michigan who has been awarded the 2002 Michigan AAA Club Patroller of the Year and the National Club Patroller of the Year.

The AAA School Safety Program began in 1920 and now includes more than 500,000 patrollers in 50,000 schools across the United States and Canada. This program helps ensure the safety of younger children while teaching responsibility to the older children.

Kaitlin has served as the Safety Patrol Captain at Our Shepherd Lutheran School for the past two years. In that capacity, she is responsible for escorting the children into the school, maintaining a weekly record of her safety squad, organizing the safety squad and assigning duty stations.

Her school principal has described Kaitlin as dependable, clear thinking, calm and well-respected. She is also very well-rounded. Kaitlin is co-captain of the school cheering squad, vice-president of the student council, acts as Mistress of Ceremonies for the school talent show and serves as co-chair for the school dance. She also helps with various school fundraisers and works in the local food bank.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Kaitlin and all this year's award recipients for their lifesaving contributions to the safety of their fellow students.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber on April 30, 2001 when rollcall votes Nos. 117, 118 and 119 were cast. I want the record to show that had I been present in this chamber at the time these votes were cast, I would have voted "yea" on each of these rollcall votes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDWIN GEORGE PERLMUTTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Edwin George Perlmutter and his tenure in the Colorado General Assembly. For many years, Ed has faithfully served his constituents and fellow Coloradans in his service to civil, business, and volunteer communities. He is now leaving the state assembly to pursue new undertakings, and as he finds use for his talents elsewhere, I can think of no better way to thank Ed for his hard work and service than to bring forth his accomplishments before this body of Congress, and this nation.

Ed is an attorney providing law services to his community with the firm of Berenbaum, Weinshienk & Easton, P.C. since 1978. In 1994, he began his political career in the state senate and has served as Vice-Chair of the Public Policy and Planning committee, and a member of the Legal Services and Legislative Council committees. He is well regarded as a selfless volunteer to needy causes and divides his time among various charities in his area. He serves as a member of the Applewood Business Association, as well as the West, Northwest and Golden Chambers; and is frequently seen providing his energy to multiple sports youth associations, Maple Grove Elementary School, the Girl Scouts, and the Applewood Community Church. When Ed is not working in the legislature he is serving in his other role as loving husband and devoted father of three children.

Mr. Speaker, Ed has long been a valued member of our Colorado community, both as an elected official and as a citizen. While I am sure he will be missed in the Colorado State Senate, I know that he will undoubtedly succeed in his future undertakings and I am proud to be able to bring his hard work and dedication to the attention of this body of Congress, and this nation. Thank you Ed, for all of your hard work for Colorado and good luck in your future endeavors.

HONORING CHARLES R. (CHUCK)
HUGGINS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Chuck Huggins for the 30 years of service he has given to the State of Arizona. Chuck will be retiring as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Arizona AFL-CIO in May. He has served the people of Arizona well and his dedication and professionalism will be missed.

Chuck knows the challenges and rewards of being a working man. He started as an Apprentice Electrician in 1964 and soon became a Journeyman Electrician in both the mining and construction industries.

As an active member of Local 518 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, he began showing the skills and instincts necessary for leadership. But, in today's world, he knew that hard work was sometimes not enough. He realized that education was important, too. So he continued to educate himself in accounting and business management at Eastern Arizona College and the University of Houston.

Chuck has pioneered innovative programs to help Arizona's workers be better prepared to meet the economic demands of our State. He has initiated training initiatives and re-training programs that have ensured that union members who have fallen behind due to no fault of their own can meet the challenges they may face in new work environments. He has served on the Governor's Workforce Development Committee, and is an active member of his church.

Chuck believes the most effective way to build strong communities is through the organization of strong individuals. He has led the AFL-CIO members through many difficult years, when some believed that Unions were dead and they no longer spoke for the average working American. Chuck proved all this wrong and has shown his fellow Union members that they have a place at the table, they are a force, and they are the strength and backbone of our communities and society.

Mr. Speaker, there is no question that Chuck will be missed by his fellow union members and all working people. But, even more, he will be missed by the people in Arizona. Chuck kept us honest because he was honest. He knew that a hard day's work rendered a hard earned reward. He knew that if you paid the price, you moved ahead. And he showed us all how to pay the price.

Chuck, we all wish you health and happiness and give thanks for your showing us the way.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID McKINNON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2001 winner of the International Franchise Association's Entrepreneur of the Year award, David

McKinnon. As CEO and chairman of Service Brands International, Mr. McKinnon is dedicated to vision, leadership, perseverance, integrity and ethics.

Mr. Speaker, this award is bestowed on someone who exemplifies the "entrepreneurial spirit" that franchising represents. A person who demonstrates innovative management skills, is a risk taker and remains active in his or her community. David McKinnon certainly possesses all of these qualities. He has spent his career building, losing, re-obtaining, and rebuilding a top quality franchise that now sets the standard for others.

Mr. McKinnon started out his career with a small company known as Molly Maid. Today, the Service Brands International serves as the umbrella company for, not only Molly Maid, but also Mr. Handyman, 1-800-DryClean, Wee Watch, Certified Restoration DryClean Network, and Fran Tech.

This award should not go without recognition. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to David McKinnon for his outstanding achievements in business and in wishing him continued success.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

SPEECH OF

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in favor of H. Res. 392, which expresses our solidarity with Israel in its fight against terrorism. It is important to stand with our friend and ally, Israel, in times of stress and turmoil. While I have great sympathy for the loss of life of innocent Palestinians, I dare say that if our hometowns were being attacked by suicide bombers—no matter what their grievance—we would respond much the same way as Israel! Witness our war in Afghanistan. Civilian casualties are the ultimate cost of terrorism and the inevitable military response it provokes.

While we stand strongly with Israel, we must not confuse passing a resolution with finding workable solutions to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Congress needs to press the Administration for a resolution to the conflict. To his credit, President Clinton tried mightily in his last days of office to broker a final settlement and came very close. However, Yasser Arafat refused a deal which many leaders around the world felt was reasonable.

Unfortunately, the Bush Administration did not stay the course. Neglected, the conflict festered until the events of September 11th brought it back to the forefront of U.S. foreign policy. Now that the Administration is engaged in the peace effort with Secretary Powell as our highly competent point man, we need to stay engaged.

We cannot, however, go it alone. In an age of global interdependence, we will need constructive assistance from the so-called 'quartet'—the U.S., EU, U.N. and Russia—to help foster a deal that is fair to both sides. We must also push moderate Arab states to play a more constructive role in the region, as Secretary Powell has begun to do. Yasser Arafat

will not accept a peace agreement that the Arab world believes to be unfair to the Palestinians. Their cooperation is essential.

Stephen Rosenfeld's April 30th Op-Ed in the Washington Post suggested that perhaps it is time to reconsider our strategy in the Middle East. Endgame issues such as refugees, Jerusalem and the security of Israel's border should not be relegated to some unspecified date. This strategy has only resulted in piecemeal, and ultimately, unsatisfactory agreements. These tough issues should be clarified early on so that both parties can see the full scope of a peace settlement.

In addition to Israel's security, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia risk being significantly destabilized if a lasting peace agreement is not reached. Also, our objectives in dealing with Saddam Hussein are significantly complicated by the continued violence in the Middle East.

Thus, while we have to stand with Israel in her fight against terrorism, we also have to stand and work for peace. It is in Israel's interest and ultimately, our own.

TRIBUTE TO PAULA BARTON, GOODWILL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE OF THE YEAR

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding constituent: Paula Barton, Goodwill Industries International's 2002 Graduate of the Year.

Ms. Barton is a team leader at ADT Security Service's Rochester Dispatch Center, where she supervises fifteen people and schedules installations and service for technicians. But Ms. Barton is not simply a capable and competent worker and supervisor. She does this outstanding job in the face of daunting challenges.

Ms. Barton, who is now 27, was born with cerebral palsy, diabetes, and a learning disability, as well as a disorder that causes progressive vision impairment. Diabetes caused her to have to undergo a kidney and pancreas transplant. She persevered through these obstacles to finish her schooling and enter the workplace. Then, five years ago, she was a passenger in an auto accident with a drunk driver. The accident left her paralyzed, without the ability to walk and with only limited use of her hands.

Many people would have considered these hurdles to be insurmountable—but not Ms. Barton. She was determined to remain a successful professional. She took each issue in stride, adjusting her lifestyle and habits. She now rises around 5:00 am to be ready for work on time. Her employer, ADT, has provided modest accommodations at work, including a special desk to fit her wheelchair and a large computer screen. Her service dog, Sheba, assists her with various tasks. And she continues to win accolades for her work at ADT.

Based on her extraordinary accomplishments, Ms. Barton was selected from among thousands of individuals nationwide to be Goodwill Industries International's 2002 Grad-

uate of the Year. She met President Bush on Monday and took the opportunity to impress upon him the importance of helping persons with disabilities be active, contributing members of the workforce.

I am deeply proud to represent Paula Barton: a successful employee, a delightful individual, and a true inspiration to us all. She serves as a shining example of everything that can be accomplished with an indomitable will to succeed.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NOLBERT CHAVEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Nolbert Chavez and thank him for his contributions in the Colorado General Assembly. His hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated, and I am honored to pay tribute to him today in front of this body of Congress. He will long be remembered as an effective State Representative, and will continue to be known as a leader in the community. As he moves on in his career, let it be known that I, along with people of Colorado, am grateful for all that he has done for the Colorado General Assembly.

During his four terms in the Colorado State House of Representatives, Nolbert has served on a number of committees, including his two current committees, Criminal Justice and House Services. In addition, he is active in the North Denver Democratic Party, was appointed twice to the Governors Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

Not only has Nolbert served the community effectively as a member of the Colorado General Assembly, he has also done his part as an active humanitarian. He is on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Hispanic Media Association, and is the past director of the Denver Community Development Corporation and El Dorado Development Corporation. He is a Public Information Officer with Denver Options, and is also a real estate broker. Perhaps most importantly, Nolbert is married to his wife Judy, and the two have a daughter, Hope Christina.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Nolbert Chavez has served his state well by providing significant service during his distinguished tenure in the Colorado General Assembly. I am honored to be able to bring his hard work and dedication to the attention of this body of Congress. It is my privilege to be able to express to him, and to this country, my gratitude for all that he has done for our wonderful state, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AUSTIN'S SMALL TECHNOLOGY BUSINESSES

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Small Business Week.