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I urge all our colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of South Florida and its leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on May 14, 2002, I was absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 159, 160 and 161. For the record, had I been present I would have voted aye on all three of these votes.

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS NAVA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding educator, Carlos Nava. On Friday, May 17, 2002, Los Angeles Mission College will honor Carlos for his 33 years of service with the Los Angeles Community College District; 27 of those with Los Angeles Mission College in Sylmar, California.

Carlos was one of the founding administrators who helped open Los Angeles Mission College in storefronts in the City of San Fernando in 1975. He has been with the college ever since. Initially, Carlos held the position of Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. He was later appointed as the Acting Chief Instructional Officer in 1985. He then gained a quick promotion a year and a half later and became the Chief Student Services Officer—a position which he still holds today. As a member of the senior staff, Carlos is responsible for all student support programs including those of Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, EOP&S, the Child Development Center and Student Government. Carlos is also in charge of recruitment and marketing, an area where he has proven very effective as enrollment has grown steadily over the last five years.

A charismatic leader, Carlos has successfully organized and implemented many projects, always working inclusively with faculty, students, community, and various organizations to achieve success. He pioneered curriculum for Chicano Studies and has implemented several community service programs. His familiarity with the diverse populations that the college serves has been extremely valuable to its growth and success.

Carlos's integrity, enthusiasm and strong consensus building abilities have made him a role model to many and an inspiration to many more. Over the years I have attended and enjoyed many programs at Mission College and have witnessed firsthand Carlos's genuine concern for students, the campus and the surrounding community. He has earned the respect of his students, his colleagues, and the community and its leaders.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Carlos Nava for his extraordinary service with the Los Angeles Community College District.

RECOGNIZING CORY J. MCCOLLOW ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Cory J. McCollow of Venedocia, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Cory will soon graduate from Spencerville High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in football, basketball and track. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as captain of the basketball team.

Cory McCollow can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Cory is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Coast Guard. As a USCG Academy Cadet, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Cory McCollow has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our nation.

HONORING FREDDYE DAVIS ON HER APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON OF RACIAL/HATE INJUSTICE DISCRIMINATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA NAACP

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Freddye Davis on her appointment as chairperson of the racial/hate injustice discrimination division of the California chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Freddye Davis also serves as president of the Hayward chapter of the NAACP. She counts the creation of a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street in Hayward as one of her greatest accomplishments in this position. Her reputation as a tenacious leader, and her sensitivity in responding to police brutality and hate crimes in Hayward make her the ideal person for her new position.

As chairperson, Freddye Davis will handle complaints of racial discrimination from all over California. One of her primary goals is to

train NAACP members to identify and respond to racism. She plans to revitalize the NAACP state conference, to return it to the large, vibrant annual gathering it once was, and to hold forums for law enforcement officials and young African-Americans. Also, she will address the racially biased downsizing that some companies have engaged in by firing people of color and then offering their jobs to non-colored employees.

Freddye Davis's devotion to fighting for equal rights started when she was a young girl in Birmingham, Alabama. She took part in civil rights marches led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gaining experience in organizing non-violent demonstrations that has proven valuable during her career. Several years ago, when the Ku Klux Klan was planning to meet at the Hayward Main Library, Freddye helped stop the meeting, and she dispersed an angry group of African Americans preparing to protest.

I join the colleagues of Freddye Davis in congratulating her on her new position. Her persistence and determination have enabled countless Hayward residents to enjoy a better quality of life. Now, the entire state of California will benefit from Freddye Davis's dedication to fighting for civil rights.

IN SUPPORT OF CHET "THE JET" WALKER'S NOMINATION TO THE NBA HALL OF FAME

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lend my voice to the many who are supporting Chet Walker's nomination to the National Basketball Association (NBA) Hall of Fame.

Chet "The Jet" Walker is from Benton Harbor, Michigan. Now for those of you who don't know about Chet Walker, you need to know a little bit about Benton Harbor first. It is one of the untapped gems of our state, resting along the shores of Lake Michigan. It is a community filled with spirit, grit and determination and that's exactly how Chet Walker played the game.

Chet Walker left Bradley University as the school's all-time leading scorer and re-bounder. He led Bradley to the NIT title in 1960. After his college days were done, he began a 13-year professional career with the Syracuse Nationals, Philadelphia 76ers and Chicago Bulls. During his NBA career, Walker averaged 18.2 points per game and 7.1 rebounds per game. He was a member of the NBA's All-Rookie team in 1963 and was a seven-time NBA All-Star. He was a key member of the 1967 Philadelphia 76ers who only lost 13 games—considered by many to be the greatest NBA team ever.

When he retired in 1975, Chet Walker was only the eighth player in NBA history to play in more than 1,000 games. One of the most remarkable highlights of his career was that he only missed 21 games in 13 NBA seasons. He was there, night after night, for his teammates, his coaches and the fans. I think many of us who have competed in athletics, politics or in business, understand that having someone you can count on day after day as part of your team is one of the most valuable contributions a person can make to a group effort.

Chet Walker is that kind of person. He is a contributor, a leader and a team-player.

Chet Walker is also a man of character and integrity. In his current career as an independent film producer, he is working on a documentary for Katherine Drexel. She was a nun who taught freed slaves as they worked toward independence. He won an Emmy for a movie he produced about Isiah Thomas' mother called "A Mother's Courage." These are films that capture real world feelings about challenging issues. They are, indeed, films that make you think. It wouldn't surprise me if one day "Hall of Famer" Chet Walker wins an Oscar. He has set that as his next personal goal, and knowing the way he takes on a challenge, I believe he will meet that goal.

But we should never forget just how skilled Chet Walker was at the game he loved. He was a great basketball player. On one hand, he could lead a team, like Bradley, to a title. On the other hand, he could play a key role in scoring nearly 15 points a game on a team, the Philadelphia 76ers, with Wilt Chamberlain, Hal Greer, Lucious Jackson and Billy Cunningham which not only won the title, but was one of the best NBA teams of all time. Chet Walker could rise to the occasion when he had to, but he always knew that to be a winner the team had to come first. A lesson for all of us to remember.

For his skills and for his character, Chet Walker has earned his place in the NBA Hall of Fame, and I sincerely hope the Honors Committee selects him as part of the 2002 Hall of Fame class.

TRIBUTE TO ELSBETH WILLIAMS

HON. BOB SCHAFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Miss Elsbeth Williams of Fort Collins, Colorado. Elsbeth has been selected to be a member of the prestigious performance organization, The Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus. For this, Mr. Speaker, the United States Congress commends Elsbeth and wishes her the best of luck.

Throughout Elsbeth's high school career she has been a member of the wind ensemble, symphony orchestra, marching band, and choir programs. In addition, Elsbeth is also a member of the Colorado State Honor Band, Larimer County Youth Festival Orchestra, and the Colorado All-State Band. Elsbeth has demonstrated a commitment to musical achievement, leadership and service to her school. As a result of her hard work and dedication, Elsbeth was chosen to become part of The Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus.

This summer, Elsbeth will join the esteemed performance organization for its 2002 European Concert Tour of six European Countries.

As a citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Elsbeth Williams is truly a positive role model for the youth of America. She not only makes her community proud, but also her state and country. I ask the House to join me in extending our warmest congratulations to Miss Elsbeth Williams.

RECOGNIZING DEAN J. ROSIAR, II
ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize my constituent, Dean J. Rosiar, II of Marblehead, Ohio, who recently accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Dean will soon graduate from Danbury High School. During his high school career, he has maintained a high grade point average, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is an accomplished athlete, earning varsity letters in football, basketball, and track and field. And, he has clearly demonstrated his leadership ability, serving as Sophomore Class President, delegate to Buckeye Boys State and as a captain of the football team.

Dean Rosiar can be very proud of his many accomplishments. He is a credit to his family, his school, and his community. By accepting his appointment, Dean is accepting a unique challenge.

The Academy is the pinnacle of leadership development for the United States Army. As a member of the U.S. Corps of Cadets, he will face a most demanding academic curriculum and physical regimen. He will live, study and prepare in an environment where strong leadership thrives, individual achievement is expected, and personal integrity is demanded.

Mr. Speaker, General John W. Vessey, Jr. once wrote, "The Nation's ability to remain free and at peace depends in no small measure on whether we will continue to inspire our youth to serve."

I am confident that Dean Rosiar has the character and ability to excel at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his very important service to our Nation.

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HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the lifetime of community service provided by my good friend and neighbor, Michael E. Sinco Sr. of Nanticoke, Pennsylvania. This Tuesday, I will cast my vote in the Pennsylvania primary at the Pope John Paul II Elementary School gymnasium in Nanticoke, and I know I will see Mr. Sinco steadfastly performing his duty at the poll, as he has for so many years. At the age of 90, Mr. Sinco continues to be one of the most active members of the community in Nanticoke, and I know I can always count on him for unvarnished and insightful information about the community.

Last fall at its annual recognition dinner, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America presented Mr. Sinco with a certificate of appreciation for his lengthy service to Scouting.

Mr. Sinco joined the Scouts in 1931. Today he is registered with Troop 418, which meets at the American Legion in Nanticoke.

In 1932, he organized and supervised Boy Scouts in Nanticoke for the Russian relief drive and participated as a member of the steering committee in the development of an athletic meet for Nanticoke Boy Scouts, which was held at Kirby Park that May. He has also supervised athletic meets at the park.

He organized and participated in rescue activities carried out by Boy Scouts in floods that took place in the Nanticoke and West Nanticoke areas, taught Red Cross first aid classes to Scouts in his area and supervised an ecological project in the Nanticoke, Glen Lyon and Sheatown areas in which trees were planted in high runoff areas.

In addition, he initiated a program of after-school activities for Boy Scouts, implemented the first marble tournament for Scouts in the Nanticoke area and organized a drum and bugle corps which was instructed in drill and formations at Falcon's Hall, Nanticoke. He organized a Boy Scouting program for newspaper scribes in 1936 and organized three troops in the council in 1976.

Mr. Sinco also served as chairman of a Scouting effort to provide gifts to children who were in hospitals on Christmas Day and took the gifts to the children. He also worked with the local American Legion on a program of placing flags on servicemen's graves and also organized the placing of flags on the graves of Scouts.

Last but certainly not least, he has worked with his son, Michael E. Sinco Jr., a psychologist, to develop a Scouting program for children with mental retardation or physical disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, Michael E. Sinco Sr. is a tremendous example of how one person truly can make a difference in the lives of numerous other people. I congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved honor from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and I send him and his family my best wishes.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND HOMER DEWITT WILLIAMS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Reverend Homer D. Williams, on the occasion of his retirement from his pastoral duties at Blueridge United Methodist Church located in Houston, Texas. In recognition of his hard work and dedication to Blueridge United Methodist Church, the congregation is hosting a Roast n' Toast at the Jesse H. Jones Conference Center on May 24, 2002.

A native Houstonian, Reverend Williams graduated from Jack Yates Senior High School before receiving his B.A. in Sociology from Texas Southern University, where he graduated Cum-Laude. While attending Texas Southern University, Reverend Williams received several accolades and honors including, Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities and remained a permanent fixture on the Dean's List. Reverend Williams also received a Masters of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist