

Mr. Speaker, Virginia has touched the lives of generations of Swink's children and I know that she will continue to influence lives in the future. She has inspired Colorado with the spirit of dedication and hard work that have contributed so much to this great nation and I thank her for her efforts. Good luck to you, Virginia.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LYNN GARNER, MOBILE AREA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor and congratulate Mrs. Lynn Garner for having recently received the Mobile Area Education Foundation's 2003 Outstanding Educator Award. She deserves our sincere and respectful congratulations. Her dedication and service have rightly earned her this prestigious award.

Dodge Elementary School has been delighted with the 18 years of service Lynn Garner has given as a faculty member. She works with all 1,050 students and 66 faculty members as the technology coordinator. Her bright smile, energetic attitude, and unwavering dedication bring a level of cheerfulness and enrichment to the entire school.

Mrs. Lynn Garner has always been known to go above and beyond in everything she does. She comes to school early and stays late everyday to provide extra classes and help for students and faculty alike, and has often been known to work on the weekends as well. She gives all of her time while still managing to take classes at the University of South Alabama in pursuit of a certification in Media Education. One of her more recent projects includes redesigning the school's entire computer lab system to allow her students to benefit by using technology to enhance their education. She has been vital to the success of the Dodge Elementary School technology program.

Lynn Garner has shown the type of dedication and service that is rare. Her career has not earned her fortune or fame, but she has been able to touch and bless the lives of a countless number of children. Teachers are the real heroes of our time, heroes that have touched us all.

Once again, I congratulate Lynn Garner for her hard work, dedication, and service to her students, to her community, and to our great country.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK ESTRADA,
MD

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Frank Estrada in recognition of his dedication to serving his community.

Dr. Estrada was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico and immigrated to New York in 1951.

After graduating cum laude from Boys High School in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Estrada joined the U.S. Navy where he was honorably discharged with commendation for heroic action and participation in the Cuban blockade. Following his service in the Navy, Dr. Estrada enrolled in New York University, earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He was on the Dean's List for three years. Dr. Estrada earned his M.D. degree from New York University. He has been married for 38 years and has three children and two grandchildren.

Dr. Estrada practices Family Medicine. Since 1995, he has worked with Mt. Sinai Services at Elmhurst Hospital Center as an attending physician to the Women's Primary Care Health Service. In this capacity, he offers direct patient care, supervises direct patient care, and assures that the medical teams provide effective care to patients. In addition to his hospital duties, Dr. Estrada has a private family medical practice.

Dr. Estrada has a deep interest in the evolution of managed care. He is especially concerned with the development of protocols for primary care management in a cost effective system that engenders patient satisfaction as well as staff satisfaction and efficiency.

At this time, Dr. Estrada is actively involved with many organizations including the Urban Health Plan, Inc., where he serves on the Board of Directors; the New York University School of Medicine Alumni Association, where he is the Vice-President; the Spanish American Medical Society, where he served as Past President, and the Queens GYN Society, where he was the first non-ob/gyn doctor to be elected. Additionally, he has been certified by the American Board of Family Practice for 25 years.

Dr. Estrada has also worked with the Chipewewa Indians in Red Lake, Minnesota, and spent a year at Brookdale hospital where he served in a variety of capacities. He has also been an interviewer with NYU School of Medicine Admissions Committee and has appeared on radio and television stations for Spanish and English speaking audiences. Dr. Estrada conducts several speaking engagements at local schools and libraries as well.

His most recent awards include the meritorious Service Award by the Queen Health Network, the Citation of Honor for Professional Achievement by the Queens Borough President, the Recognition Award by the U.S. Customs Service, and the Science Award of the Puerto Rican Institute.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Frank Estrada is committed to providing his community with quality and effective health care services. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

IN HONOR OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESTERLY APARTMENTS AND THE BARTON SENIOR CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the administrators, staff and residents of the Westerly Apartments

and Barton Senior Center, as they celebrate 40 years of uplifting the lives of senior citizens in Lakewood, OH. I also rise in honor of the founding members, DeArv G. Barton, Frank Celeste, Gertrude Nelson and Wallace Teare.

The concept of the Barton Senior Center of the Westerly Apartments-combining affordable senior apartments with a social center that offers a variety of social, educational, recreational and health related activities and programs for seniors-was the first of its kind in the country, and has served as the inspiration and model for similar projects in Lakewood and across the Nation ever since.

The Barton Center came to fruition in 1963 when the first residents of the newly-built Westerly Apartments realized their need for a common social area. With help from government loans, foundation gifts and individual donations, a full service senior center was built, complete with a spacious lounge and dining room, a fully equipped kitchen, arts and crafts room, library, pool and game room, workshop and hobby room, and office space. A full-time director and activities coordinator was also hired. Today, the Center also offers daily meal service, banking services, classrooms, computer lab, auditorium and a greenhouse. The Westerly Apartments and the Barton Center both publish regular newsletters that highlight current programs and services such as the Driver Evaluation Program, Home Town Band Concerts, the Holiday Fair and community transportation services.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Westerly Apartments and Barton Senior Center. The founding members, past and present administrators, staff, and residents have transformed a structure of brick and steel into a welcoming and lively social center, and a place that truly is "home."

TRIBUTE TO BARTON PORTER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I honor the life of a well-respected rancher from my district. Barton Porter of New Castle, Colorado recently passed away, and as his loved ones mourn his passing, I would like to pay tribute to this outstanding individual before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Barton was born in Glenwood Springs, Colorado and spent almost his entire life on the state's Western Slope. He was a part of what many call the "Greatest Generation" learning the meaning of hard work and sacrifice on the battlefield. Like so many young men of his day, Barton served his country by joining the U.S. Army during World War II. After the war, he came home to his family ranch and also worked in real estate.

Barton understood what really matters in this world, and he made his family the top priority in his life. Barton was also active in the community through his involvement with the local school board, the 4-H Club, and Stewards on the Range, which promotes sensible management of natural resources.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the life and memory of Barton Porter. Barton

believed a man could achieve anything he wanted through hard work and perseverance, setting a great example for younger generations. To his family, friends, and the many people in the community whose lives he touched, Barton Porter will be deeply missed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHY MOSS TAYLOR, MOBILE AREA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mrs. Cathy Moss Taylor for having recently received the Mobile Area Education Foundation's 2003 Outstanding Educator Award. She deserves our utmost respect and sincere congratulations. Her dedication and service have rightly earned her this prestigious award.

Cathy Moss Taylor has always been committed to service. She is a math teacher at Satsuma High School and is deeply committed to helping her students learn and succeed in life. She recently worked to establish a tutorial program to help seniors successfully retake the math section of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam. This program has proven to be a great success with over a 90 percent passing rate. Her commitment to her students and to the community has been unsurpassed and has impacted all of her students.

Mrs. Cathy Moss Taylor works hard both in and out of the classroom. Despite the time she has spent raising her two children and her niece, she also gives her afternoons by helping to sponsor the Miss Satsuma High School Pageant and the Satsuma High School screening committee for the Azalea Trail Maid selection. She has touched so many young lives with her caring and support and has gone well beyond the duties required by her job.

Hard work and dedication are just a few words that can only begin to describe Cathy Moss Taylor. She is a joy to her students and her peers and her ability to reach out and touch the lives of others is a rarity and a special treasure. Once again, I congratulate Cathy Moss Taylor for her hard work, dedication, and service to her students, to her community and to our great country.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICHoice OF NEW YORK: A UNITEDHEALTH GROUP COMPANY FOR BEING A 2003 AAHP/WYETH HERA AWARD WINNER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize AmeriChoice of New York, which is a UnitedHealth Group Company, for winning this year's Bronze AAHP/Wyeth HERA award in the health plan category.

Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, together with the American Association of Health Plans (AAHP), offers this prestigious award to honor those who have made a significant difference in the area of women and children's health outcomes. AmeriChoice received this recognition for significant progress in working to ensure that New York City's youngest, most vulnerable children receive appropriate well care in the first 15 months of life.

AmeriChoice of New York serves more than 90,000 members in New York City, the majority residing in Brooklyn. In 2000, the health plan launched a targeted Well Child Outreach Initiative, designed to increase the number of children receiving five or more comprehensive well child visits with a primary care physician in the first 15 months of life. The goal of this initiative was to meet or exceed New York State's goal for Medicaid plans in this area.

The plan's multi-tiered approach entails four essential elements. The first part is member education and support, which includes telephone calls from multilingual Member Services staff, postcard reminders and transportation assistance to support this initiative. Next, is provider education and incentives, which includes regular patient profile mailings, listing members due for care and quality award payments for physicians whose patients met the well child visit requirements. The approach also provides for significant community outreach that includes partnerships with community-based organizations and other opinion makers to educate members as to the importance of well child visits. Finally, AmeriChoice employs database development systems that monitor physicians and members regarding well child visits and provides real-time information on member compliance.

In two years, the plan has more than doubled the number of children completing the series of well child visits and exceeded New York State's goal of 55 percent in 2000 and 65 percent in 2001. In fact, the plan scored highest of all Medicaid plans in New York City in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, the leaders of AmeriChoice of New York have taken extraordinary steps to improve the delivery of health care services for children. As such, the company and its leaders are worthy of receiving our recognition today.

TRIBUTE TO QUIGG NEWTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress today to mourn the passing of Quigg Newton, who served the state of Colorado with distinction as Mayor of Denver and as President of the University of Colorado. For ninety-one years, the energy and spirit Quigg Newton brought to life made many of us believe that he would never pass away. I honor his many accomplishments here today.

Returning from his service in the Navy after the Second World War, Quigg Newton moved to Denver where he ran for mayor and served

two terms, retiring in 1955. He was the grandson of a Colorado territory pioneer and his tenure as mayor is fittingly known for the hard work and pioneering spirit he brought to the office. For his dedication and commitment, the city has named a senior center and an auditorium after him.

Mr. Speaker, Quigg Newton will be remembered fondly. His service to this country serves as an example to us all. Quigg Newton lived his life with integrity, honor, and bravery. It is an honor to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a fine man. My prayers go out to all of Quigg's friends and family in their time of mourning.

HONORING NOBLE FIELDS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great community leader, educator, and real estate practitioner, Ms. Noble Fields, for her years of service and commitment to the community. Noble Fields is the founder and director of the Noble Fields Realty & Investment Company and School of Real Estate. She is also a woman of many talents.

Noble Fields was born in Fresno and enlisted in the Army after high school. She was originally trained as a teletype operator, but after a career counseling course, she became an Army recruiter and then an instructor for recruiters.

While still in the service, Noble Fields entered and won an Army talent contest which resulted in her performing as a singer and dancer in many NCO clubs around the world and with the All Army Entertainment show. She became an accomplished actress, and has since appeared on the San Francisco stage and has had small parts in major movie productions. She also holds an FCC broadcasting license that she earned while in the Army and was a radio broadcaster and cable television show host in the Bay Area and Indianapolis.

After 20 years, this Army veteran retired as a Staff Sergeant with a full brass band ceremony. She has a service-connected disability and is the Commander of Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 144, the first woman ever to serve in that position.

After leaving the military, Noble worked for the National Alliance of Businessmen, a partnership of private businesses, labor, and government. As the Jobs for Veterans Manager, she was instrumental in securing jobs and job training for Vietnam veterans.

In 1985, Ms. Fields started the Noble Fields School of Real Estate and Appraisal. The school offers approved home study license qualification classes and continuing education courses for real estate and appraiser licensees. As we honor Ms. Fields today, I want to thank her for her work in promoting the participation of minorities in the real estate industry. I take great pride in joining Ms. Fields' family, friends and colleagues to recognize and salute the accomplishments and contributions of Noble Fields.