

among those honored with the "Ambassadors for Peace Award—Excellence in Leadership" award. These committed citizens have been working to renew and strengthen our families and marriages, restore our communities, and rebuild our nation and world. We are grateful to the founders of the Ambassadors for Peace, the Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, for promoting the vision of world peace and we commend them for their work.

These Ambassadors for Peace have become increasingly effective and relevant in their communities since the tragedy of 9/11. They have been working together to promote understanding among all faiths, particularly with Muslim, Jewish and Christian leaders. With the realization that many of the tensions currently facing the world cannot be addressed without consideration of the religious implications involved, the Ambassadors for Peace have formed an American Interreligious Council. This council seeks to support and advise our Nation's leaders concerning the issues and challenges of seeking lasting peace. The American Interreligious Council is also a part of the effort to create an international council of religious leaders. The members of this council will support the leaders of the United Nations as they work to resolve conflicts throughout the world. This body will provide a direct link between international leaders and the various religious peoples in their constituencies. This will help to ensure that peace agreements are embraced by the diverse communities these leaders represent.

Today, though crisis is at our doorstep, we must maintain an unwavering hope for peace. It has become clear that the establishment of a lasting peace throughout the world will only come to full fruition through the ongoing dialogue and cooperation of religious and political leaders. The Ambassadors for Peace are working tirelessly to bring about international cooperation and are to be commended for their leadership in this great effort.

INTRODUCTION OF A PRIVATE BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF JUNIOR ANTHONY FRANCIS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a private bill to make Junior Anthony Francis a permanent resident of the United States to put an end to deportation proceedings that are pending against him by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE).

Junior has lived in the United States for 40 years and has six American-born children. He has been working and supporting his family and living as normal a life as anyone else. He is being considered for deportation not because of any crime that may be part of his past, but because after many years it was discovered that his immigration papers are not in order. But Junior had taken steps, in good faith, to make sure his papers were in order. He may have received bad legal advice that brought him to this point, but he certainly should not be deported because of it.

It is absolutely wrong to deport Junior and break up his family, who are the real victims

in this matter. That is why I am fighting for him. Junior's employer has recruited a new legal team with whom I have been working to keep Junior and his family together in the United States.

We should pass this bill to prevent this injustice from breaking up Junior's family. At the very least, I hope introducing this private bill will help convince federal authorities to be lenient in this case because it is the right thing to do.

TRIBUTE TO THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE ON RECEIVING THE ALL-AMERICAN CITY AWARD

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, perhaps you know of my fondness for spending as much time as possible in my First Congressional District of Michigan, which I can, without any bias whatsoever, say is the most beautiful in the nation.

I rise today to give special recognition to one community in my district, Marquette, which lies on the southern shore of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

On June 14, 2003, Marquette County was selected as one of ten communities in the United States to receive an All-America City designation from the National Civic League at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The National Civic League has been recognizing civic excellence for 53 years and evaluates how well a community exemplifies grass roots citizen involvement and cross-sector problem solving requiring collaboration among citizens, government, business and nonprofit organizations.

Marquette County was one of thirty candidates who sent hundreds of delegates to Washington to compete in hearings before ten All-America City judges. Forty of those delegates represented Marquette.

While Marquette County is not technically a city, its civic programs and civic efforts are not limited by city-county boundaries. The collaboration that was so important to Marquette's success in the All-America City competition is county wide.

In addition to a well organized substantive presentation, the Marquette delegation also included the Lake Superior Theatre Association which presented dramatic vignettes of cultural life in current day Marquette and Marquette history. The delegation also serenaded the judges, impressing them with enthusiasm and harmony, literally and as a demonstration of the harmonious civic cooperation that was recognized in their selection.

The judges noted that Marquette County's presentation contained more substance than hype, according to Marquette Mining Journal managing editor David Edwards. They cited programs such as the Marquette Medical Care Access Coalition and juvenile restorative justice efforts in announcing their decision.

Marquette's efforts were spear-headed by the Lake Superior Community Partnership, whose chairman, Monsignor Louis Cappel accepted the award in front of a cheering crowd.

Mr. Speaker, this award shows how strong Marquette County's civic spirit is. The true

measure of community is not necessarily coffee bars, good restaurants and well lit streets, although Marquette has all of those. Nor is it natural beauty and a close connection between people and their environment, although Marquette has that in huge measure.

Rather, the best example of true community is shown by Marquette County's programs that help people live happy, productive and engaged lives, supported by and supporting their neighbors. Marquette County's richness in these efforts made it possible for this small, thinly populated piece of God's Country to be named an All-America City in its very first attempt.

I have co-sponsored a House Concurrent Resolution congratulating Marquette County and all ten of the All-America cities for their efforts and successes. It is a small token of recognition for a very large effort. All of Marquette County should be proud.

I certainly am. I ask that my House colleagues join me in extending congratulations to Marquette County, a 2003 All-America City.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. AL BEST

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise to salute Al Best as he is being honored at the "Sixth Annual Community Tribute Banquet" on June 22, 2003. He is being recognized for his tireless activism and community service on behalf of San Diego's Gay and Lesbian community.

Al was born and raised in Colorado, was hired at the age of 18 by United Airlines, and in 1960 became United's Regional Convention Representative. During this time, he received his BS degree at the University of Colorado. In 1963, Al joined Frontier Air Lines as Southwest Regional Manager, based in Albuquerque, and two years later, he was named to the New Mexico State Aviation Board. He received his Masters' Degree from the University of New Mexico and his Ph.D from New Mexico State University.

When Al first arrived in San Diego in 1975, he immediately became active in the community by volunteering and raising money for outstanding organizations such as The Center and the Metropolitan Community Church. He was one of the founders of Stepping Stone, a non-profit alcohol and drug recovery agency. In 1979, he made history by being the first openly gay person to run for the San Diego City, Council. Even though he was largely outspent and out raised by his opponents, he finished 5th out of 11 in the campaign.

In 1985, Al became the first president of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club. In 1989, he was the first openly gay person appointed to San Diego's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He was also a member of Mayor Maureen O'Connor's Violent Crime Task Force. In 1990, he was the first openly gay person sworn into the San Diego Civil Service Commission and became its first openly gay president in 1992. In 1993, he was a co-chair for the Human Rights Campaign milestone March on Washington. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of Something Special Food Pantry, a volunteer organization that distributes food to men, women, children and families who have HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Al Best has set an outstanding precedent for gay and lesbians in San Diego and has paved the way for future generations to come. He is truly one of the best in San Diego. I offer my congratulations to him on being honored at the "Sixth Annual Community Tribute Banquet."

TRIBUTE TO STEVE MOORE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to Steve Moore, a police officer from Grand Junction, Colorado whose optimism and courage have rightfully garnered him the Optimist Officer of the Year Award. Steve has spent most of his adult life serving his community, working with determination to protect his fellow citizens in Grand Junction.

Steve has been involved in law enforcement for 17 years, and has spent the last five with the Grand Junction Police Force. Steve loves working as a member of the Motor Department because he enjoys being around people and spending his time outdoors. Fellow officer Sergeant David Krouse, who describes Steve as an excellent officer, coach, co-worker, friend, and father, nominated him for the Optimist Officer of the Year.

When not protecting the streets of Grand Junction, Steve volunteers his time to make a difference in the community. He is currently developing a safe-driving program for local high schools in hopes of educating teens as they take the wheel. In an effort to improve community safety, Steve instructs traffic violators in a program called Traffic School. When not teaching Traffic School, Steve spends much of his time with teenagers, and relishes the positive impact he makes on their lives. With a role model like Steve, teens become confident in their ability to make the right choice the first time.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Steve Moore. His hard work and determination in the Grand Junction community have helped create safer streets and smarter students. Steve certainly deserves the respect and admiration of this body and it is clear he is deserving of the Optimist Officer of the Year Award. Thank you Steve, for your outstanding service to the community.

IN HONOR OF MR. LLOYD MONSERRATT

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, we, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. SOLIS, and myself, rise today with emotions mixed with fond memories and profound sadness to pay tribute to a dear friend and people's champion, Mr. Lloyd Monserratt. Six months ago, on January 9, 2003, Lloyd unexpectedly passed away. His loss was a sudden and tragic one for all of

us—we lost an inspirational leader. This upcoming Sunday, June 22, 2003, we will have an opportunity to remember Lloyd and honor his life when the community gathers to break ground for The Lloyd Monserratt Pleasant House, a transitional living program designed to prevent foster youth from becoming homeless by providing them with a stable and secure environment; a fitting tribute to a great man.

After 36 short but accomplished years of life, Lloyd Monserratt is survived by his mother, Olga Monserratt; his brother, Ernie Monserratt; his grandmother Consuelo Recalde; and his fiancée, Michele Ramos. Lloyd was predeceased by his father, Carlos Monserratt.

Those of us who are fortunate to have called Lloyd friend remember him as a man who had passion for life, as a gentle man, and as someone who was always there for you with an enormous smile and a warm embrace. He devoted his life to helping others in the greater Los Angeles area and across the country. By using politics as a vehicle for change, Lloyd labored tirelessly to empower poor and underrepresented individuals to work together and make a difference in their own communities. Lloyd treated everyone with respect and made it his personal mission to provide opportunities, training and jobs for youth. Through his work and boundless love, Lloyd gave life to countless people. The lessons Lloyd shared and example he set will continue to live on—through the many family members, friends, young people, community activists and elected officials whose lives Lloyd touched—long after he has left us.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all who loved and respected him, we respectfully submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following tribute to Lloyd Monserratt, shared by his family at his funeral on January 18, 2003 at All Souls Church in Alhambra, CA.

Los Angeles has lost an angel—Lloyd Monserratt, altar boy, eagle scout, soccer coach, umpire, community organizer, chief of staff, and young political leader.

Lloyd Monserratt, the child of Carlos and Olga Monserratt, was born on December 3, 1966 at California Hospital in Los Angeles, California. A love and respect for the community was instilled in Lloyd early in life. As a 9-year old, Lloyd attended his first protest alongside his father in his hometown of Alhambra.

Lloyd was born to lead; he ran his first political campaign while in the seventh grade where he was successful in getting himself elected to be All Souls Elementary School Student Body President. As a boy scout, he reached the rank of Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop #203, and while in college Lloyd became one of the few Latino USAC Presidents at UCLA. An active member of the University of California Student Association, he organized students across the state.

Lloyd was a role model. He was an altar boy at All Souls Church. He was a member of several of All Souls' sports teams. He played T-ball, little league, and West Valley AYSO soccer. Lloyd was the assistant coach of his brother Ernie's soccer team. He later became a little league umpire for several years for West Alhambra Little League. As an All Souls Panther, Lloyd earned MVP honors for "B" basketball and took his team to the city championship.

Lloyd attended Saint Francis High School where he was an honor student. As a senior in high school, Lloyd applied to only one college—UCLA. Lloyd was proud to be a Bruin.

He was a leader in the student movement, as a student commissioner and later student President, and as a MEChA leader and co-founder of MEChA class.

Lloyd was the community. He created the Parents Institute while working for Los Angeles School Board Member Vicki Castro, and designed the National Association for Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) national program for newly elected and appointed officials. Widely respected and admired by all who met him, Lloyd gave people the tools to change their lives. He made a difference in the lives of youth, seniors, and residents across the state. A community organizer and political veteran, he managed and directed political campaigns from San Diego to San Francisco and beyond. As a Latino Campaign Director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, he led all six of his congressional candidates to victory simultaneously. As a chief of staff to Los Angeles City Councilman Nick Pacheco, he impacted countless people across the eastside and northeast Los Angeles. Lloyd can be remembered as a motivator, a peace keeper, a visionary, and a gentle man. Lloyd was the heart of the district, and the heart of Councilman Pacheco's office. He was the visionary, the mover, the motivator and the implementer.

Lloyd made a lasting impact on everyone he met. Lloyd accomplished more in 36 years than many others accomplish in three lifetimes. Lloyd was a leader of his generation. We will miss him greatly.

Mr. Speaker, the voice of family always speaks with conviction and from the heart. The sentiments expressed by Lloyd's family are also ours. We, too, know them to be true. We wish to thank Father Richard Estrada of Jovenes, Inc., for our newly named The Lloyd Monserratt Pleasant House. June 22 offers us another chance to commemorate the life of our friend Lloyd Monserratt.

Mr. Speaker, we ask that all of our colleagues join with us today to salute Mr. Lloyd Monserratt and honor his life. He will forever remain in our thoughts.

TRIBUTE TO CAMILLE FIELDS

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 14, 2003, at the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner in Cleveland, OH, Camille Fields, the daughter of Helen and Darryl Fields and the granddaughter of Mary and George Forbes, President of the Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP, delivered the following address:

"Imagine 250 years ago: you must get up at 5:00 a.m. to go to the fields and farm. After farming, you go home at about 7 or 8:00 p.m. Can't imagine it? Well this was the normal life of an African-American slave during the antebellum period. Day in and day out, African-Americans worked harder than anyone of us will probably ever know. Enslaved in the slave trade, black slaves brought to the Americas spent their days working, picking cotton, farming and cooking for their white masters. Despite their everlasting work and the building of America, African-Americans were never paid the dues that they were owed. Payments or reparations should be given to African-American slave descendants for that painful period in history that some people want to forget, but should always remember.