

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Brotherhood of Temple Shalom, and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable efforts of these brave men.

TRIBUTE TO WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, 100 YEARS OF BUSINESS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a leader in the business and banking community—Wilmington Trust Company, one of the nation's principal providers of wealth advisory, banking, and corporate client services. Wilmington Trust is celebrating 100 years of business, a milestone few companies manage to achieve. This company has proved outstanding over the years and on behalf of myself and the citizens of the First State, I would like to congratulate Wilmington Trust on all of their accomplishments in the past 100 years and offer it continued success in the many years to come.

Today, I recognize Wilmington Trust for their accomplishments in the State of Delaware as well as the rest of the nation. Serving clients in 60 countries demonstrates their strong loyalty and support from all their customers.

Family, friends, and fellow Delawareans can now take a moment to truly appreciate everything Wilmington Trust has offered to the community. One hundred years ago, T. Coleman duPont recognized the need for secure financial resources in Delaware's growing business sector. The company has never had an unprofitable year and is currently only one of 159 public companies to have increased its dividend for over 20 consecutive years.

July 8, 1903, marks the first day for the banking, trust, and safe deposit company, originally run out of the dining room of a private residence. Mr. duPont served with remarkable vision as President and Chairman of the company from 1903–1912. After being with Wilmington Trust for over 30 years, Robert V.A. Harra, Jr. was elected President in 1996 and is currently continuing at this position. The current Chairman, Ted T. Cecala, was elected in 1996 and has worked for Wilmington Trust for over 20 years.

This centennial celebration signifies 100 years of service, growth, and commitment to the company's founding principles of integrity, stability, continuity, independence, and excellence. These core beliefs will help form the foundation for Wilmington Trust's promising future.

Wilmington Trust's accomplishments and contributions cannot be commended enough. As the company celebrates their diamond anniversary, we can be sure their contributions will continue for many years. Their commitment to serving the community has earned Wilmington Trust a permanent place in Delaware's history.

TRIBUTE TO LLOYD GAYLES REESE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the life of an outstanding individual, Mr. Lloyd Gayles Reese of Paterson, NJ, who sadly passed away earlier this week. It is only fitting that his legacy be immortalized in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Lloyd began his life's journey on January 22, 1938. Born the second son of Theodore and Cornelia Gayles Reese, Lloyd spent his formative years in Westfield, AL. Already known for its production of steel and the baseball legend, Willie Mays, Westfield would also become known for producing a musical legend as well. Whether through vocal talent or mastering an instrument, the entire Reese family was musically blessed.

During his grade school and high school years Lloyd was devoted to playing the piano. Upon graduating high school, he was offered several college scholarships for his musical talent. Choosing to attend Miles College in Birmingham to be close to his family proved to be a wise choice for Lloyd. While at Miles, his self-composed songs and lyrics gained national attention upon being published in a national anthology of college poems.

Lloyd's musical talent was discovered by the late Dorothy Love Coates who witnessed his abilities at the Municipal Auditorium in Birmingham. She quickly hired Lloyd to travel with the "Original Gospel Harmonettes." His career with the group was abrupt, however, as Lloyd was drafted to serve in the Army.

Service to his country did not deter Lloyd's passion and dedication to music. He formed "The Originals," a singing group at the Dugway Proving Ground Army Post, in Utah, where Lloyd was stationed. The group was so popular that they participated in All-Army concerts.

Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, Lloyd came to my hometown of Paterson, NJ. Upon his arrival, he became the choir director for the Solid Rock Baptist Church. Lloyd's dedication and talent with the choir led to their recording on the Verve-MGM label. This was only the beginning of many records for Lloyd. Throughout his professional career, he enjoyed such hits as "Until we Meet Again" and "Spread a Little Sunshine." Due to the success of his musical endeavors, Lloyd was able to perform on the great stages in America, including Radio City Music Hall, in New York City.

Lloyd returned to focusing on choir performances after the passing of his oldest brother Theodore Reese, Jr. He began working with the United Presbyterian Church and the Community Baptist Church of Love, both in Paterson. In addition he joined the William Paterson College community as the Choir Director.

"Professor Reese" spent his life devoted to his talent and his family. The legacy he leaves us with, should remind us all to be true to our talents and our loved ones. Lloyd has left an indelible mark on everyone who has heard and experienced his music.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Lloyd's family and friends, the Com-

munity Baptist Church of Love, City of Paterson and all who have been touched by Lloyd Gayles Reese in recognizing the life of a great man.

A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR JAMES EWALD

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay special tribute to Major James Ewald for his faithful service to his country and his bold display of courage during the events unfolding on April 8, 2003.

Major James Ewald joined the Air Force on January 15, 1989 and served on active duty until July 1, 1998 when he joined the Michigan Air National Guard's 110th Fighter Wing. Since his transfer to the 110th, Major Ewald has deployed with the unit to numerous state-side training exercises and recently returned from a 4-month tour of duty in Kuwait. While serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he flew over 30 combat sorties. One such flight occurred on April 8, 2003, when Major Ewald's aircraft was struck by an Iraqi surface-to-air missile, rendering his craft only marginally flyable. Major Ewald flew the wounded-bird for 12 minutes before ejecting. He then evaded capture by masking his presence in thick foliage while awaiting his rescue.

I commend Major Ewald for his extreme devotion to his country. He responded to his country's call of duty, giving of himself for the causes of liberty, justice, and peace. His dedication and sacrifice for his country serves as a shining example to all Americans.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I am truly honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge Major Ewald and welcome him home. The United States is deeply indebted to him for all of his efforts and commitment.

As family and friends gather with Major Ewald today, please allow me to join in thanking him for his patriotism, selflessness, and heroic efforts in protecting America's freedom.

TRIBUTE TO MS. GEORGETTE HAUSER

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a woman I am proud to represent in the United States Congress, Ms. Georgette Hauser. Georgette was honored on Sunday, April 27, 2003, for her 35 years of dedicated service at the Memorial Day Nursery School in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey.

It is only fitting that she be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for she has a long history of caring, leadership, and commitment to the children of the Silk City.

Her intense involvement in the Memorial Day Nursery began when Georgette served as a board member. After witnessing the needs

of the children in the program she became a volunteer administrator for the non-profit school. Her first hand experience with the important role the nursery had in the Paterson community, Georgette knew that she was exactly where she was meant to be.

For the next 3 decades, Georgette served as the head of the Memorial Day Nursery School and is still there today. Through her position at the nursery school, she became aware of the need for quality educational facilities for the children of Paterson. Georgette became part of a formative group looking to provide just that. She helped to form Paterson's first charter school. Although the charter school did not succeed, it gave Georgette further insight into the City's educational needs.

Since her experience with the charter school, Georgette has continued to work towards expanding and improving the City's preschool program. As head of the State of New Jersey's oldest nursery school, Georgette has witnessed many changes in her 35 years there.

Today, the Memorial Day Nursery is celebrating its 116th anniversary with the grand opening of its new campus, appropriately named the Hauser Campus. The legacy Georgette has created at the Memorial Day School and the City of Paterson will live on forever.

Georgette has stated that while she may be turning 80 next year, she still has more work to do. When asked about retiring Georgette has been quoted as saying "What am I going to do if I retire? Sit and chitchat? Forget it."

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of individuals like Georgette Hauser. Her concern for the education and well being of children is unparalleled. We are grateful for her years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the children of Paterson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Paterson, Georgette's family and friends, all those who have been touched by Georgette and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Ms. Georgette Hauser.

HONORING ALBERT DEWITT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, Mr. STARK and I rise today to honor the memory of Alameda City Councilmember Albert DeWitt. Al passed Thursday, July 3, 2003 at the age of 70 after a two-year battle with stomach cancer. He was a staunch advocate for racial equality and affordable housing.

Al spent 9 years on the council after he retired as a mechanic at the Alameda Naval Air Station and almost 40 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he earned the rank of Colonel. He was elected on November 8, 1994 as the first African-American Alameda City Council member. He served as Vice Mayor for two years and then acting Mayor for a time last year.

Mr. DeWitt was born and raised in Alabama. He joined the Army in 1950 and served for three years in Germany, where he met and married Josepha Kerler. The couple moved to

Berkeley and then Alameda, and raised three children: Albert Hans, Barry and Lisa. He faced prejudice and racism as he rose through the ranks of the Army and Army reserve, but that did not embitter him. He served our country with dedication and distinction.

Councilmember DeWitt studied at Oakland Jr. College. He later went to Golden Gate University at night while working days as a mechanic. In later years, he moved to Washington, D.C. and earned a master's degree in public administration at George Washington University. He was also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.

Al served as president of the local NAACP and as a commissioner with the Alameda Housing Authority. He was active with the American Legion, Boys and Girls Club, Library 2000, Kiwanis, Alameda Historic Society and Museum, Navy League and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Council Boy Scouts of America.

Councilmember DeWitt was a remarkable human being who dedicated his life in service to others. He shared his wisdom and provided us tremendous support. He leaves his wife Virginia, ex-wife, six brothers and sisters, three children, and three grandchildren to cherish his memory. We take great pride in joining his friends, colleagues, constituents and family to salute the wonderful Albert DeWitt. Let us celebrate his legacy by undertaking to uphold the ideals of equality that he held so dear.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. MOSCINSKI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a man I am proud to represent in Congress, Mr. John R. Moscinski. John was recognized on Monday, May 05, 2003 by the Township of Little Falls, New Jersey.

It is only fitting that he be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for he has a long history of dedication, leadership, and commitment to his community.

John Moscinski was born on October 25, 1920. After graduating from a local high school John proudly served his nation in the Second World War as a Tech Sergeant. Upon his return to the United States, he enrolled in New York University under the G.I. Bill. After two years, however, he had to leave his college studies to support his wife and two children by working two jobs.

John attributes his life's accomplishments to the values and training he received while in the Civilian Conservation Corps, a program initiated by President Roosevelt during the great depression. Beyond the physical skills he acquired working in this program, John also gained valuable leadership qualities. His leadership abilities would prove to be essential when he took a position with the modern day replica of the CCC, the Northeast Americorps Advisory Board. John continues to remain active in his community.

He is currently a member of senior citizen groups in Little Falls and West Paterson, New

Jersey as well as a member of the support group at the Veterans Administration hospital in Lyons, New Jersey.

In addition to his involvement in the community, John has remained steadfast in his desire to complete his college education. At the age of 78 he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services from Montclair State University and this year, at the age of 82 he will receive his Master of Arts degree in Community Health as well.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of individuals like John Moscinski. I applaud the Township of Little Falls for their initiative in naming May 9, 2003 as John Moscinski Day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the Township of Little Falls, John's family and friends, all those who have been touched by John and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable achievements of John Moscinski.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GIBBONS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, as I was absent during the legislative days of July 8, 9, and 10, 2003 on an authorized Congressional Delegation trip abroad, I would like to submit, for the record, the way I would have voted on rollcall votes No. 334 through No. 353: No. 334: "No"; No. 335: "Yes"; No. 336: "Yes"; No. 337: "Yes"; No. 338: "Yes"; No. 339: "Yes"; No. 340: "Yes"; No. 341: "Yes"; No. 342: "Yes"; No. 343: "Yes"; No. 344: "Yes"; No. 345: "Yes"; No. 346: "Yes"; No. 347: "No"; No. 348: "No"; No. 349: "No"; No. 350: "No"; No. 351: "No"; No. 352: "Yes"; No. 353: "Yes".

TRIBUTE TO MR. EUGENE DE BELLIS

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the work of an outstanding individual, Mr. Eugene De Bellis, of Clifton, New Jersey, who was recognized by the De Bellis School of Performing Arts on Sunday, June 22, 2003, for his lifelong dedication to musical education and the performance arts.

As a musician and music educator, Mr. De Bellis has spent his life fostering the arts. His creativity, boundless generosity, and commitment to the cultural enrichment of others have helped to shape the careers of a number of professionals within the music industry. Therefore, it is only fitting that Mr. Eugene De Bellis be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Eugene De Bellis began what would become a distinguished career in music at the early age of nine when he first undertook the study of solfeggio, violin, piano, and accordion. Eugene's musical talent was soon recognized and, several years later, he was invited