

service to the community. Barbara is a deserving recipient, as her business skills and community service are known throughout Durango. She opened her first business, the General Hair Store, in 1982, and has since added a hair salon, day spa services, and beauty school. Her hard work and dedication to her business has indeed made Barbara a respected member of the Durango business community.

Barbara is also known for her dedication to community service. Barbara has been active in a number of committees and organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, the Durango Art Center, and the Volunteers of America. Barbara has also been an active fundraiser for a variety of non-profit organizations. Barbara has consistently been at the forefront of community service projects, always sacrificing her time to improve the Durango area.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Barbara's civic-mindedness and in recognizing this prestigious honor. This recognition to Barbara for the work she does in her community is long overdue, and I am proud to bring her achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Congratulations and thanks again, Barbara, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Durango. May you have many more to come!

REGARDING EFFORTS TO ABOLISH
SLAVERY AND OTHER HUMAN
RIGHTS ABUSES IN SUDAN

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, our hopes and prayers are with those working diligently to secure peace for the people of Sudan. The ongoing negotiations can be observed with cautious optimism that a peace agreement will soon be at hand.

I observed with great interest yesterday's debate on H. Res. 194, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in Sudan. I share the concerns of my colleagues and their desire to see an end to slavery and human rights abuses in the Sudan and elsewhere in the world.

I want to associate myself with the remarks of my distinguished colleague from New York, Representative ED TOWNS, who so eloquently framed the issue on the future of Sudan. While we cannot forget the past, there is nothing we can do to change it. The time has come for us to commit to a lasting peace and an end to hostilities and abuses in sub-Saharan Africa.

I join my colleague, Mr. TOWNS, in support of an NGO-Sponsored fact-finding mission to Sudan and a report on their findings on the current situation in the Sudan with regard to allegations of slavery, human rights abuses and religious persecution. I call on others to join me and Mr. TOWNS in this effort to uncover the truth about Sudan.

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SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker I rise today in support of H. Res. 194, a resolution condemning slavery and other gross violations of human rights that are occurring in Sudan.

I have been to Sudan four times since 1989. I have seen the conditions on the ground firsthand. Women and children continue to die daily from starvation and illness. According to the State Department Country Report on Human Rights, thousands of Dinka women and children have been abducted and sold into slavery, sent to labor camps, and have been forced to serve in the military. Nearly two million people have died and four million have been displaced as a result of the ongoing civil war in Sudan.

On November 4, 2002, the United Nations concluded that the dire human rights situation in Sudan had not significantly changed. Numerous human rights organizations, including Christian Solidarity International, Freedom House, and the American Anti-Slavery Group have all called for an end to slavery in Sudan. The House of Representatives has repeatedly denounced human rights abuses in Sudan.

The Government of Sudan and the SPLA are beginning to take positive steps toward reaching lasting peace and we are at a critical moment in the peace negotiations between the parties. The war in Sudan must end, but it must end in a just peace, a peace in which all of Sudan can share in its resources, where all Sudanese can worship freely, and in which all Sudanese are treated with respect and dignity. The people of Sudan have suffered for too long.

I urge this body to overwhelmingly pass this resolution and I call on the government of Sudan to abolish slavery and respect human rights.

AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,
AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, H.R. 2673:

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to support the amendment offered by Congressman ARTUR DAVIS that will restore \$3.5 million in funding to the 1890 land-grant accounts.

The 1890 Land-Grant Institutions were created as a result of the Second Morrill Act of 1890, expanding the 1862 system of land-grant universities to include historically black institutions in those states where segregation denied minorities access to the land-grant in-

stitution established by the First Morrill Act, in 1862.

Under the bill before us, these universities will get a 17 percent cut for research and education activities. They will also be faced with a 10 percent cut in Extension Grants, which provide funding for extension offices that work directly with minority farmers in economically distressed areas.

Today, there are 18 black land-grant colleges and universities in the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. Mr. Chairman, cuts of this magnitude would cripple the ability of 1890 institutions to continue with their original mission to train sons and daughters of farmers. Today, many of the schools still focus on agriculture by offering curricula that focuses on research, agribusiness, agricultural engineering, and consumer education. Additionally, millions of students are able to study every academic discipline far beyond the scope imagined in the original mission of 1890 land-grant institutions.

Mr. Chairman, I remind my colleagues that many states are faced with massive budget cuts. To combat these deficits, students at our colleges and universities must bear the brunt of the costs. College tuition has seen a double-digit percentage increases in my home state of Maryland.

HBCUs, which often face budget short falls, cannot withstand these cuts and many may close if funding of sort is not approved. I urge all of my colleagues to support this worthwhile amendment. 1890 land-grant institutions and the other HBCUs remain a vital part of our nation's history and educational system. Congress should not turn their backs on these 1890 land grant institutions. Cutting funding will hurt millions of students.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROSS
WORLEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Ross Worley of Durango, Colorado. Ross recently retired from Fort Lewis College, where he has directed the Audio/Visual Department in their John Reed Library since 1969. As Ross retires, I would like to recognize his many years of hard work and dedication to Fort Lewis College.

Ross began his work with Fort Lewis College in 1969, starting first as an audio/visual student assistant before his eventual promotion as director of the department. In his 32 years as director at Fort Lewis, Ross supervised over 150 students, providing each of them with an exemplary model of commitment. An effective Audio/Visual department can provide students with interesting and exciting ways to present and engage information. With technology changing daily, Ross worked diligently to provide our youth with the educational tools to succeed in this demanding field.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this Congress and this nation to recognize the accomplishments of Ross Worley. His hard work and dedication provided Fort Lewis College with the ability to reach its students in

unique, effective ways. Serving an educational institution is truly a noble calling and Ross' 32 years of service are truly a remarkable accomplishment. Thank you, Ross, for the service you have provided our community. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2691) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of this Amendment, which would provide much needed funding increases for the National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities. These organizations provide national recognition and support to projects of cultural significance and education that preserve and enhance our Nation's heritage.

The importance of supporting and sustaining the arts is especially critical for our young people, who perform much better in school when their academic programs are combined with music, dance, drama or the visual arts. In fact, the No Child Left Behind Act specifically lists the arts as one of the core subjects that all schools should teach.

But ensuring adequate support for the arts is not simply about providing cultural enrichment or enhancing educational opportunities. It is also about ensuring the economic well-being of our communities. The nonprofit arts industry alone generates \$134 billion annually in economic activity and \$10.5 billion in federal tax revenue.

The National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities are worthwhile investments of our federal tax dollars, and I strongly support the Slaughter-Dicks amendment to increase their funding by \$15 million.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Hollywood Heights Fire Department.

In December, 1952, a group of local men decided that the area needed a Fire Department. The first charter members, Jack Frost, John Hurt, Roy Reynolds, Neal Butler, W. Gebbard, John Sharp, Jack Caldwell, Bob Williams, Oma Rust, Walter Leicht and Guy Anderson went door-to-door and business-to-business asking for donations to start a new

Fire Department to serve the Hollywood Heights community.

On August 26, 1953, the Hollywood Heights Volunteer Fire Department was officially formed. Several of the Department's charter members put their own homes up for collateral to purchase the first fire truck for the department, which was a 1953 International. While this new truck was being built, Towers Fire Apparatus let the department borrow a 1937 Studebaker Fire Truck, which contained a 300-gallon water holding tank.

Hollywood Heights' first Fire House was located at the Community Center next to Hollywood Heights School from 1953 until 1955. The Department held picnics and bake sales to purchase the present property and a two bay building. A larger two bay building was built in 1963 to allow for additional space, which provided a meeting room, offices and expanded bay areas for the rescue and brush fire truck.

In 1976, the department started holding a bingo on Monday nights at the Madison County Fireman's Hall. The department had to borrow the money to start the bingo from a local businessman. This fund raising program has grown into the department's biggest source of income and has paid for another addition to the Fire House in 1976 and the purchase of trucks and additional equipment that are in use today.

The department has continued to remain an active part of the Hollywood Heights community. The department sponsors a free Easter egg hunt, holiday pictures with Santa Claus, various fire fighting demonstrations and donations to the Hollywood Heights Elementary School, the Shriners Hospital and the Caseyville Food Pantry.

Today, the department has over 25 members with a ladder truck, two front line pumps, one rescue truck, one Brush/Mini pumper and an in-house cascade system to meet the department's needs. They continue to add modern state-of-the-art fire fighting equipment to the department and play a major part in their community and the area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Hollywood Heights Volunteer Fire Department and recognize the great work that it does in the community to benefit the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEREMY KOSELAK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege today to recognize an outstanding educator from my district. Jeremy Koselak of Pueblo, Colorado is my state's recipient of the Educator of the Year Award given out by the Colorado Association of Family and Children Agencies. Jeremy was an obvious choice for the award, as he has dedicated his time and efforts to teaching troubled children the skills they need to be successful in life.

Jeremy recently completed his first year at El Pueblo Boys and Girls Ranch, a school designed to help children escape problems that have plagued them in the past. Jeremy teach-

es mathematics, and the difficulty of the subject means many students need special attention. Some need help with general arithmetic and some need help with high school level math, like algebra and geometry. These differences have allowed Jeremy to take a unique approach to general math skills. He tries to incorporate real world applications, such as balancing a checkbook. Jeremy instills a positive work ethic in his students; he makes them believe they can succeed and then helps them to do it.

Jeremy loves his job at El Pueblo, where he develops close relationships with his students. Because the kids come from troubled backgrounds, Jeremy makes himself available as a teacher, friend, and role model. He commonly spends extra time with his students, providing them opportunities they would not otherwise enjoy. He recently took some of his students to the University of Colorado—Colorado Springs to compete in a math competition.

Mr. Speaker, the students at El Pueblo Boys and Girls Ranch include many less fortunate youth, but Jeremy Koselak's innovation and hard work have greatly improved their chance of success in the classroom and in life. Jeremy has made Pueblo and the State of Colorado proud, and I am truly honored to recognize him here today. Congratulations, Jeremy, keep up the good work and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

COMMENDING THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CREW TEAM ON THEIR PEABODY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE HENLEY REGATTA

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the members and coaches of the Holy Spirit High School Girls' Crew Team of Absecon, New Jersey on their winning the coveted Peabody Cup world championship at the 16th Annual Henley Women's Regatta held at Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, England on June 22, 2003. The girls' varsity eight defeated the Kingston Grammar School in the final 1,500 meter race by two boat lengths in a time of five minutes, eighteen seconds. This victory in the final came just hours after Holy Spirit defeated the British national junior champion team in the morning semifinal.

Holy Spirit's proud championship tradition is well-known in the world's rowing community and this team has upheld and enhanced that tradition with their victory this year. They have a direct link with another world championship Holy Spirit crew. Their coach, Joe Welsh, was a member of the Holy Spirit boys' crew team that won a world championship at Henley in 1976. No doubt, the achievements of the girls' varsity eight in the 2003 Henley are a welcome addition to the Holy Spirit championship tradition and will serve to inspire young rowers.

I congratulate Coach Welsh and the members of the Holy Spirit girls' varsity eight—bow Robin Cascoli, Kristen Haneman, Robyn Brennan, Jen Maslanka, Andrea Haneman, Eileen Welsh, Christa Laquinta, stroke Teri Francesco and coxswain Jamie Marccone—on