

YMCA precedents in program innovation to meet the changing needs of children, teens, and families in local communities.

The YMCA has become the largest non-profit provider of after school child care that supports working families with the care, education, and recreation for their children after school and during school holidays. The San Antonio YMCA child care system has been recognized as a model by the Texas Legislature.

Mr. Crutsinger has been honored as one of San Antonio's outstanding creative minds for leadership in the development of programs for children and his advocacy for youth. His charitable career has resulted in the creation of three major branch YMCAs, and the expansion of program services and partnerships to serve over 61,000 members and program participants.

Together, with 900 staff and over 5,000 volunteer members in the YMCA movement, Mr. Crutsinger developed the teams and resources to deliver before and after school Y School age summer day camp sites; two residential camping sites; and nine Y Teen sites in this ten-county region; and all in the effort to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities today and tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Larry Crutsinger for his hard work and dedication to the YMCA and the people it has served over the years, and my distinct pleasure to wish him the best in his retirement.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MRS. AUDREY LOTT ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Audrey Lott is an incredibly bright woman whose life reflects both the spirit and struggles experienced by African-Americans in the United States. This Saturday, October 18, Mrs. Lott will celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Lott is the granddaughter of a former slave who was a messenger for General Grant in the Civil War. Mrs. Lott grew up in Washington, DC and attended pharmacology school while in her 20's. For a time, she worked for Simmons Pharmacy at 21st & L Streets in Washington. She left her job after a few years to stay at home and care for her mother. After her mother passed, Mrs. Lott worked as a housekeeper. In fact, Mr. Speaker, she once served tea to Mrs. Bess Truman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. In the early 1960's, Mrs. Lott moved to Tiffin, Ohio, which is in my congressional district. Her son, Grant C. Taylor, soon followed.

Mrs. Lott and her family have sacrificed much but contributed greatly to the United States. Mrs. Lott is a grand, intelligent lady, an avid reader of a variety of fiction, and a dear, true friend to many. It is in that spirit that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mrs. Audrey Lott on the occasion of her 100th birthday celebration. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Mrs. Lott, who care about their well being and stability. We wish her all the best as we pay tribute to one of our nation's finest citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF FRANCOISE POINSATTE

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Francoise Poinsatte, a member of Boulder City Council, as she retires in November from her seat on the Council. I would like to thank her for the many contributions she has made to ensure that the City of Boulder remains a very special place to live.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Francoise received her teaching license in French and Fine Arts from the University of Colorado. She has taught in public schools in the Boulder Valley and in Jefferson and Douglas counties. She has been a member of the Transportation Advisory Board from 1993 to 1994, and has served on the Regional Transportation Task Force from 1997 to 1998.

Elected in 1999, at a time when the City of Boulder faced many challenges, Francoise tackled the issues of economic stability in declining budgetary times. Partnering with other council members, Francoise was able to increase the city's financial reserves from two to fourteen percent to prepare for unexpected financial crises.

As a former teacher, Poinsatte fought to support and expand strong educational and human service programs in the city, while keeping a close eye on the costs and quality of the services provided to the community. She has advocated for social and economic diversity, affordable housing, and improved facilities for the homeless.

Francoise's ongoing commitment to a healthy environment for Boulder's citizens made her a leader on alternative transportation options in the area, which included bike paths, walking trails, well-planned bus routes and citizen-friendly transportation plans. She has contributed to the vitality of downtown Boulder by her dedication to reducing traffic congestion, air pollution, and fuel consumption. Her city has recently been recognized nationally as one of the best workplaces for commuters.

Boulder is also known for being one of the most environmentally friendly cities in the United States, and Francoise and her colleagues on the Council enhanced this reputation through investment in additional open space, recycling programs, and a strong citizen education program. As a member of the Boulder Urban Renewal Authority, she has helped oversee plans for the development of the new St. Julien Hotel at 9th and Canyon, as well as the rejuvenation of Crossroads Mall.

With a keen sense of citizen responsibility and a talent for blending her past experience with a desire to serve the public good, Francoise Poinsatte has been an outstanding member of the Boulder City Council and city government. I ask my colleagues to join me in praising her public service, and I wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CARL D. ASHLEY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer condolences to the family of my good friend Carl D. Ashley. Carl was indeed a role model a good provider, a good husband, a good father, grandfather, uncle, a good friend to all of those who needed a friend, a good citizen and a great American.

Mr. Speaker, as I listened to speaker after speaker at the funeral testify and extol the virtues of Carl, I sat in amazement, young lawyers, doctors and other successful young people talked about the impact Carl had on their lives. He was not a professional teacher and yet he taught, he was not a psychologist and yet he gave counsel, he was not a clergyman and yet he preached a great gospel. He was a lover of people and he displayed that love each and every day of his life.

I met Carl in the early 1960's when we both worked at the post office, a job from which Carl retired. While we did not see each other on a regular basis our friendship maintained itself and bloomed. Carl married a great lady and they were able to raise a wonderful family, taught to achieve, accomplish and to be actively engaged in all aspects of life, including politics, Carl was a judge of election and took his politics seriously.

I extend heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr. Carl D. Ashley and thank God for having been able to know him and to see firsthand his efforts to help make the world a better place in which to live. Carl served his country in Vietnam and continued to serve until his death. May his soul rest in peace.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and in commemoration of the over five hundred years that America has been enriched by Hispanic culture. This year, from September 15th to October 15th, we have the opportunity to honor the myriad contributions the 37 million people of Hispanic origin currently living in the United States have made to our great country, and we have the responsibility and pleasure of recognizing and remembering the many gifts of Hispanic Americans.

An exemplar of the contributions to the culture of our society made by Hispanic Americans is Celia Cruz, the "Queen of Salsa" who passed away this July in her home in Fort Lee, New Jersey which is located in my Congressional District. Born in Havana, Cuba, Celia Cruz fled to the United States to free herself from the brutal dictatorship of Fidel Castro. With a genuine love of life and passion for family and friends, Celia Cruz represented the true spirit of Hispanic Americans through her music.

Hispanic Americans comprise 14 percent of the total U.S. population and have contributed

to American society in innumerable ways. From literature and art to business, science, academia and government, Hispanic Americans have significantly and so positively impacted American culture. Among other great examples are Carlos Gutierrez, Chairman and CEO of the Kellogg Company since 2000, NASA Astronaut Ellen Ochoa, and former Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson. Each of these men and women has touched the lives of countless people of all races, religions, and ethnicities across the United States. It is with honor and gratitude, Mr. Speaker, that I ask all my colleagues to join me in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC
SERVICE OF LISA MORZEL

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lisa Morzel, a retiring member of the Boulder, Colorado, City Council for her eight years of service to the Council and the community.

As a research geologist, Lisa has brought a great deal of knowledge about the topography of the Rocky Mountain region to complex land use decisions made by the Boulder City Council. She has also developed some expertise on the geology of Yellowstone National Park and the special volcanic dynamics of this region—especially the floor of Yellowstone Lake.

Her careful consideration of the development of many multi-faceted projects brought important insight to projects such as the development of a National Wildlife Refuge at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons facility, which will benefit the region's citizens for decades to come.

Through a commitment to thoughtful resource allocation, Lisa and the Boulder City Council were able to increase the City's financial reserves from two to fourteen percent, to cover unexpected crises. This was a critical measure, as this will help the City get through this current difficult economic situation.

During her tenure on City Council, Lisa was a partner in creating many improvements for pedestrian access throughout the city. Boulder has one of the most environmentally conscientious communities in the county and with the enhancement of bike paths, hiking trails and open space, the city provides a citizen-friendly environment.

Lisa was also a leader in recycling, and supported creation of the Boulder County Recycling Center and other efforts to promote recycling. Due in part to her efforts nearly half of waste that would otherwise end up in landfills is now recycled.

Lisa is a strong proponent of affordable housing in the city, and encouraged the Council to adopt new policies to ensure an adequate supply of affordable housing in the community.

Lisa has already promised to remain involved in these and other important community issues after her term on Council ends. Her dedication to the city is to be commended. On behalf of Boulder's residents, I applaud Lisa for her years of commitment to public service.

TRIBUTE TO GEN. T. MICHAEL
MOSELEY

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored and privileged to recognize one of the finest officers in the United States Air Force, recently promoted General T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley.

For the past two years, General Moseley has served with distinction in one of the most demanding Air Force positions: Commander, Ninth Air Force, Air Combat Command, which is headquartered in my district in Sumter, South Carolina. In that post he also served as Commander, United States Central Command Air Forces, United States Central Command. During his tenure, he prosecuted two of the most successful air campaigns in modern history, raising the bar for the optimum employment of air and space power in joint armed conflict.

Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, General Moseley took command of U.S. Central Command's air component. In this role, he provided air and space power for the Command's 25-nation area of responsibility that reaches from the Horn of Africa, across Iraq and Afghanistan, to the southern states of the former Soviet Union. At the peak of Operation Enduring Freedom, General Moseley directed over 11,000 combat sorties responsible for destroying over 4,600 Taliban and al Q'aeda targets—in support of our nation's war on terror. When U.S. forces had the terrorist organizations and their supporters on the run, the Central Command's focus shifted to sustaining our efforts to bring relief to the long-oppressed Afghani people. In the initial humanitarian phase, nearly 200 airdrop sorties were flown, delivering 2.4 million daily rations and nearly 1,900 tons of blankets and rice.

Following the successes of Operation Enduring Freedom, General Moseley was called upon to provide General Franks, now the former Commander of U.S. Central Command, with air power guidance and expertise as the planning and preparation intensified for military action that would eventually remove the tyrannical regime of Saddam Hussein. From logistics to civil engineering, readiness of personnel to sensitive theater engagement with friendly foreign allies, the air component's methodical preparation for Operation Iraqi Freedom was simply spectacular. The logistical train paved the way for the employment of nearly 30,000 air-to-ground weapons and air refueling offloads totaling more than 417 million pounds of fuel—enough to keep a Boeing 737–300 airborne for almost 12 years. As the logistical buildup steadily progressed, civil engineers and contractors were busy executing over 350 million dollars in facility upgrades at our friendly host nations' airfields, bolstering their ability to support the pending wartime taskings.

Employing thoughtful and polished diplomacy, General Moseley negotiated basing rights at 24 Arabian Gulf airfields and overflight rights for the coalition's 1,800 aircraft and over 1,350 cruise missiles, assets that were pivotal to conducting the air campaign on terms favorable to American and Coalition na-

tional security interests. At the peak of hostilities against the former Iraqi regime, nearly 55,000 United States Air Force personnel were deployed under General Moseley's control. These preparatory actions led to the successful execution of the coalition's overwhelming effort to free the people of Iraq from the clutches of Saddam Hussein. In overthrowing the regime, aircraft from our Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps was coupled with the air power of our coalition allies from the United Kingdom and Australia to execute the most successful air campaign in history. During the course of the 21-day campaign, General Moseley directed 41,000-plus sorties and was responsible for striking nearly 20,000 Iraqi targets—an astounding feat that is a testament to General Moseley's impeccable combat leadership.

To this day, the outstanding men and women of the United States Central Command Air Forces continue to support Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, promoting and maintaining American interests in the region and reconstructing two pivotal countries where our efforts must not fail. While the majority of our air and space force have returned home from the Middle East and Central Asia, over 17,000 airmen remain deployed. They are serving under the most arduous conditions in Southwest Asia, defending the victories of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The continued sacrifices of these great Americans carries on our Nation's commitment to the security and prosperity of the region.

I was truly pleased with the President's recent nomination and the United States Senate's confirmation of General Moseley for his fourth star. It is exceptionally well-deserved, and I want to offer my congratulations to him; his wife, Jennie; their son, Greg; and their daughter, Tricia. I am proud to represent my fellow South Carolinians—citizens who have understood the meaning of sacrifice since the formation and creation of the United States—in thanking General Moseley and his family for their selfless dedication, commitment, and sacrifice.

General Moseley is a credit to both the United States Air Force and the United States of America. I wish him the best of luck in his assignment as Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters United States Air Force. I am confident of his continued success in his new position and look forward to seeing him back here in our Nation's capital.

HONORING LATINO SERVICE MEN
AND WOMEN DURING NATIONAL
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and to recognize the longstanding contributions that the Latino community has made and continues to make through their participation in the armed forces.

New census data reports that the Hispanic community, which numbers almost 40 million, is now the largest minority group in the United States. As such, Latinos influence everyday