

A TRIBUTE TO JEANETTE TURNER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Jeanette Turner in recognition of her passionate commitment to her community.

Jeanette was born and raised in Brooklyn New York. Educated in the New York City Public School System, she was able to attend college and pursue a career in nursing through the Higher Education Extension Program. She earned an Associate in Applied Science from the Bellevue School of Nursing of New York City Community College and a Bachelor of Science from Hunter College. She also received a Master of Arts in Nursing from New York University. Additionally, Jeanette has a certificate from the Alcohol Council of New York Education and Training for Historical Approaches and Current Trends to Substance Abuse.

For more than 20 years, she dedicated herself to providing quality health care for veterans while working in patient services at the New York Harbor Health System of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She worked at the Health System from 1977 to 1998. Always recognizing that veterans are individuals with their own unique needs, she emphasized a holistic approach to client care.

Under the leadership of Dr. Thomas B. Horvath, Chief of Staff of the Special Unit, she helped and supervised the implementation of the Mentally Impaired Chemical Abuse (MICA) program. Jeanette was involved in creating all aspects of the program from counseling to job placement. Additionally, she assisted physicians in providing annual physical and psychiatric examinations. Working with the community, Jeanette helped veterans obtain food, clothing, shelter, and financial assistance. Her work with the Veterans Outreach Center made sure that 250 veterans received referrals for veteran's benefits. She also developed a special patient education program and coordinated with the recreational services office to bring live entertainment for veterans, their families, and staff.

Jeanette has been committed to improving the health care of her community in her other professional experiences as well. She served as the Director of Service and Rehabilitation in the Brooklyn office of the American Cancer Society, providing rehabilitation services for families with oncology problems in the tri-state area. At Kings County Hospital, she worked with children in the outpatient pediatric unit, emergency room and on the medical and surgical units.

For her hard work and dedication, Jeanette was awarded the "We Care" Award from Kings County Hospital, a Special Commendation Award from the Acting Director of Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, and a Certification of Excellence from Department of Veterans Affairs. Her chief of staff also nominated her for the "Hands and Heart" Award. In 1996, She was the guest speaker during African American heritage month at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Ryerson Street Outpatient Clinic.

Additionally, she is a member of several community and civil organizations including the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club Foundation,

Joseph Riley-Blacks in Government Chapter, St. Paul Community Baptist Church, Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club, and Order of Eastern Star Chapter 719—Deborah Grand Chapter.

Mr. Speaker, Jeanette Turner has dedicated her life to improving the health care for children, families and veterans in her community. As such, she is more the worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleague to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 50th anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Falls Church, Virginia.

Located in the heart of Virginia's 11th Congressional District, St. Paul's goal of centering their faith in Christ was established at the time of their founding. Assembling at George Mason High School in 1953, a small group of men and women gathered together to formally give up their status as a mission of Arlington's Our Savior Lutheran Church and organized their own self-supporting congregation.

Today, St. Paul's has grown from a suburban congregation on the outskirts of Washington, DC, to a large urban congregation. Reflective of the diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds of the Falls Church community, the congregation stresses warmth and acceptance for all people. Through their numerous Sunday school and adult classes, St. Paul's emphasizes the strengthening of their faith through education, prayer, and service. From its humble beginnings, the church has been successful in serving the community and strengthening their faith through God.

As well as offering education on their faith, St. Paul's also sponsors many fellowship groups and social events. By offering opportunities for members of the church to come together through potluck dinners, Bible study groups, and special holiday events, St. Paul's furthers its dedication to faith in God.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I extend my warmest congratulations to St. Paul's Lutheran Church on this special occasion. With their commitment to faith and service to their community, the staff and members of St. Paul's are truly role models for us all. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the church's 50 years of excellence.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CHAMBERSBURG INTO A BOROUGH
HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Chambersburg into a

Borough. Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, the county seat of Franklin County, is a town rich in history. Chambersburg was settled by Benjamin Chambers in 1730. He chose the area because of the promising demographic features of the land, where the Conococheague Creek and the Falling Spring merged to provide him with the necessary water power to operate a gristmill and a sawmill.

The community of Chambersburg was formally spread out in 1764, extending the land south and east of a fort that was built to provide protection against Indian raids. The epicenter of the town, which served as the crossroads for many travelers, began to grow in size and importance. Due to the number of people that traversed through the area, many businesses began to settle and expand in the valley. These businesses were the start of the promising entrepreneurial, agricultural, and residential area that Chambersburg is today.

In March 1803, the municipal government was established through a state granted charter as a borough. In May of the same year, the town elected the first mayor, the Town Council, a High Constable, and a flour and wood inspector were appointed. A tax duplicate of \$550.97 was issued in order to begin providing government services, which at that time were mainly limited to those provided by the courts.

The Borough of Chambersburg is now home to over 17,000 people, many small and medium industrial enterprises, and continues to have strong ties to agricultural endeavors. I am very proud to represent the individuals that make up this vibrant community and would like to again commend the Borough of Chambersburg for its 200th Anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO EVELYN M. DIXSON

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Honorable Evelyn M. Dixon in recognition of her dedication to her community and her enormous contribution to her church.

Evelyn is a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, President of the Cornerstone Baptist Church Federal Credit Union, and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Cornerstone's Sandy F. Ray Senior Housing. Always involved in efforts to improve her community, Mrs. Dixon is a past president of the Brooklyn Club of the National Association of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. She also served two four-year terms as the organization's president, which had never been done in the history of the organization. Presently, she is an advisor to the Club.

Evelyn is a former member of the Board of Directors of Elected Officials of New York State and a charter member of the Stuyvesant Heights Lions Clubs International. The club made her a Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest honor one can achieve as a member of the Foundation.

Evelyn was one of the founding members of the Committee for Medgar Evers College and is a member of the Bridge Street A.W.M.E. Community Advisory Board. The Pratt Area Community Council honored Mrs. Dixon by

naming one of its affordable housing projects in 1994, "The Evelyn Dixon Houses," which are seven newly rehabilitated buildings in Brooklyn.

In recognition of her many contributions and her participation in the improvement of the Bedford Stuyvesant community, she has received numerous awards, including the Thomas S. Boyland Award for leadership and commitment to the cause of Black Americans from the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, Inc. She was also honored by Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden with a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding leadership and service. Other awards include the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs' Sojourner Truth Award, the Salvation Army's Humanitarian and Service Award, and the Key Women of America's Church Woman of the Year award.

Evelyn has also been honored by the Medgar Evers College Women's Center, Lions and Lioness Clubs, Friends of Shaw University, the National Council of Christians and Jews, and the Council of Churches of the City of New York.

A former teacher, she also studied at Bank Street College in New York City and at the New School for Social Research in New York City, specializing in Early Childhood Education. Evelyn was also an executive administrative assistant for the Taxi and Limousine Commission of New York City. One of her most outstanding accomplishments of her professional career was being elected to eight consecutive two-year terms as State Committeewoman (District Leader) of the 56th Assembly District. She was also a delegate to the 1980 National Democratic Convention.

Mr. Speaker, with her numerous awards and professional memberships, Evelyn M. Dixon has shown that she is clearly dedicated to her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING CABRILLO POWER, LLC OF CARLSBAD, CA, FOR EARNING THE WALTER JONES/NOAA EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize one of the outstanding businesses in my district, Cabrillo Power, LLC of Carlsbad, CA, for recently earning the Walter Jones/NOAA Excellence Award for Excellence in Business Leadership.

The Walter Jones/NOAA Excellence in Business Leadership Award recognizes a business organization that has made significant contributions, "above and beyond the call of duty," to improve or protect the coastal or ocean environment and that demonstrate the ability to balance business interests with environmental needs.

Cabrillo Power owns and operates the Encina Generating Station located along the coast in Carlsbad, California. The Encina Gen-

erating Station has been in operation since 1952 and produces nearly 25 percent of San Diego County's electricity supply. Cabrillo Power is also an active partner in the development of a sea water desalination facility which, when built, will be the largest sea water desalination facility in the Western Hemisphere. Cabrillo Power has helped federal, state and local resource managers develop a successful and effective approach to eradicating the highly invasive marine algae from Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Cabrillo Power has a clear impact on the lives of many Californians and seeks to conduct business in a responsible manner. It serves as a stellar model for advancing the goals of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

As a resident of one of San Diego County's coastal communities, I understand the importance of preserving our coastal resources and promoting energy efficiency. Cabrillo Power's proven creative ability to harness technology in their business practices that tempers business and environmental interests led to their selection for this prestigious honor. I applaud Cabrillo Power for its dedication to improving and serving San Diego's coastal community.

IN HONOR OF THE TVB BENEFIT VARIETY SHOW 2003

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the extraordinary efforts of NYU Downtown Hospital and its Chinese Community Partnership for Health program, for all of their work in health education, outreach and case management throughout lower Manhattan. I salute them on the occasion of the fourth annual Hong Kong Television Broadcast Limited Benefit Variety Show, which raises funds for this worthy cause.

Lower Manhattan is a diverse community that welcomes thousands of new immigrants every year, especially to the dynamic neighborhood of Chinatown. NYU Downtown Hospital is the only health care facility in the area and works to guarantee that these immigrants have access to quality health care.

The hospital has numerous successful outreach programs including the Chinese Community Partnership for Health (CCPH) program. The CCPH works to promote health care to all the residents of New York's Chinese community, including the tens of thousands of new residents each year. For ten years, the CCPH has served more than 80,000 garment and restaurant workers, elderly Chinese residents and school children in the Hospital's service area.

The centerpiece of the Partnership program is its health screening activities conducted by specially trained outreach teams that include bilingual nurses with both Eastern and Western healthcare concepts and practices. CCPH helps these immigrants overcome language and cultural barriers which prevent them from receiving the medical assistance they need and deserve.

To help raise funds for this worthy cause, CCPH and NYU Downtown Hospital will host a three-day extravaganza featuring a celebrity gala dinner and culminating in the Benefit Variety Show. Produced by the Hong Kong Tele-

vision Broadcasts Limited (TVB), the Benefit Variety Show is an annual event in its fourth year that will be held in New York on March 22nd. The festivities are broadcast worldwide, which helps to display New York's tremendous diversity.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many individuals who work tirelessly to make this event an annual success, including Sir Run Run Shaw, Executive Chairman of TVB, George C.K. Liu, Chairman of the Physician Committee, and Hong Kong Superstars Jerry Lamb, Sonija Kwok, Edwin Siu, Joey Yung, Steven Ma, Moses Chan, Ming-Fai Koi, and Christopher Wong. I would also like to recognize the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, who are the grand benefactors of this event and do so much throughout Chinatown to serve and protect the interests of the Chinese community in New York City.

I appreciate all the good work that CCPH does to promote quality health care and I wish them great success with this year's variety show.

OPPOSING THE FCC DECISION ON DEREGULATION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in the final analysis, America's national security depends heavily on America's economic security—and, especially critical to our economic growth and prosperity in the future is our telecommunications industry.

Telecommunications is very important to my own state of Florida. More than 80,000 Floridians work in telecommunications. Thousands more depend on the industry to maintain their pensions, their retirement savings—to generate the additional income they need to continue as active, contributing members of society.

What hurts the American telecommunications sector, in other words, often generates problems which can only ripple throughout our economy, affecting our national goals and values.

And, that's why I was so disappointed by the decision announced by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) members on February 20—that they had no intention to remove existing restrictions placed on local phone companies nearly seven years ago, restrictions which the chairman of the Energy & Commerce Committee, Mr. TAUZIN, and the Ranking Democrat, Mr. DINGELL, both agree are discouraging new communications investment and new jobs creation.

The best prescription for economic growth and for producing good jobs with a future—for every American who wants to work—is a strong and growing economy. One does not foster investment and jobs creating by perpetuating unneeded regulations and deliberately discouraging new investment, especially new investment.

Congress needs to send the FCC majority a message that when it comes to jobs creation, when it comes to spurring new investment, when it comes to stimulating the broader availability of advanced communications, Congress expects the FCC to vote "yes."