

As Texas lawmakers prepare to continue their concentration on such issues as Education, health Care, Insurance, Criminal Justice, Business & Industry, and Elections, the Texas Legislative Black Caucus will assert its energies to ensure that the masses of Texas are properly represented. No other organization is better suited or possesses a better track record of being accountable and holding other lawmakers accountable for the betterment of the lives of Texas citizens. I am certain that the conference will once again be a tremendous success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States Congress join me in paying honor and tribute to the 16 members of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus as they continue their critical fight for all Texas families.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI DEDICATES
ROBERTO C. GOIZUETA PAVILION
TO HOUSE CUBAN HERITAGE
COLLECTION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 29, 2003, the 150th anniversary of the birth of Cuban patriot José Martí, the University of Miami dedicates the Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion to house the University of Miami Libraries' Cuban Heritage Collection. Under the accomplished direction and dynamic leadership of Professor Esperanza B. de Varona, the Cuban Heritage Collection is widely recognized as the premier collection of materials documenting the Cuban exile and Cuban American experience as well as the largest repository of historical and cultural Cuban materials outside of Cuba.

The history of the Cuban Heritage Collection is inextricably tied to that of the University of Miami. As early as 1926, faculty from the University of Havana came to teach at the University, and the collection of library materials related to Cuba grew to support course work and scholarship in Latin American and Caribbean studies. The arrival of thousands of Cuban exiles in the early 1960s accelerated the collection's expansion. In 1998, the Otto G. Richter Library's vast and growing holdings of Cuban, Cuban exile and Cuban-American monographs, and special materials were brought together under the Cuban Heritage Collection with Esperanza B. de Varona as its head. Mrs. de Varona is capably assisted by the Collection's bibliographer, Lesbia Orta Varona.

The Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion, the new home of the Cuban Heritage Collection, is an elegant and spacious addition to the University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library. It is named in honor of Roberto C. Goizueta, a Cuban refugee who lived, relished, and, indeed, embodied the American dream. Mr. Goizueta served as chairman of the Board of Directors and chief executive officer of The Coca-Cola Company from March 1, 1981 until his death on October 18, 1997. Born in Cuba in 1931, Mr. Goizueta began his career with The Coca-Cola Company in Havana in 1953. In 1960, after the Communist regime of Fidel Castro assumed power in Cuba and nationalized all private businesses, Mr. Goizueta, his wife

Olga and their children left Cuba for Miami. Within 30 years of leaving Cuba, Mr. Goizueta was leading an American company that symbolizes freedom around the world—The Coca-Cola Company.

Roberto C. Goizueta was more than a business leader. He was the ideal citizen who believed that every person who enjoys freedom and opportunity has a duty to cherish, protect, and nurture it. He strived to make America stronger, not only through his inspirational and exceptional business leadership but also through his generous philanthropic contributions. Mr. Goizueta established The Goizueta Foundation in 1992 to provide financial assistance to educational and charitable institutions. In 1999, under the leadership of Olga C. de Goizueta, wife of the late entrepreneur, The Goizueta Foundation made a challenge grant of \$2.5 million to the University of Miami in 1999 toward the building of a new home for the Cuban Heritage Collection. With additional support from the late Elena Díaz-Versón Amos and the Fanjul family, the Cuban Heritage Collection's Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion was completed in the fall of 2002.

From its new location, the Cuban Heritage Collection is able to continue to carry out its mission of collecting, preserving, and making accessible materials related to Cuban, Cuban exile, and Cuban American history and culture. It is a privilege for the collection to be doing so in the name of a man whose life, mission, and presence so influenced this community, this nation, and our world: Roberto C. Goizueta.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 10, making further continuing appropriations for FY '03, I was regrettably unable to cast my vote during the appropriate time.

Had I been present, I would have voted, "no."

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING
CITIZENSHIP AND WORK OF MR.
GREGG MODESITT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. Gregg Modesitt on his selection as The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year for 2002. Mr. Modesitt will be honored at the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on January 23, 2003.

Mr. Modesitt is a certified public accountant in Northern Virginia, but more importantly he provides considerable community leadership. Mr. Modesitt is involved with many local organizations and has been honored by many for his professional talents and philanthropic efforts. In the past, he has served as treasurer, vice president and president of the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, in addition to

serving as the Director and Vice President and Loans of the Virginia Asset Financing Corporation. He also has served on the faculty at Northern Virginia Community College, teaching adult education courses, been an active member and President of the Annandale Rotary, and served as a life member of Virginia Jaycees. These activities are simply a few of the many activities Mr. Modesitt has undertaken.

More important than his professional accomplishments are the immense personal and social impacts Mr. Modesitt has had on the Northern Virginia community. He is a strong supporter of mentoring programs in the community and is described by colleagues as one who willingly gives his time and knowledge to others who need guidance and encouragement. One notable way Mr. Modesitt has consistently given to the community is his service as Santa Claus each year for organizations that assist underprivileged children.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that I extend a wholehearted thank you and congratulations to Mr. Modesitt. His contributions to Virginia and his community have been great. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding him for all that he has done.

UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS NEED
REAL BENEFITS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, the House of Representatives passed an extension of unemployment insurance benefits for almost 3 million unemployed American workers. Although I was supportive of a much stronger unemployment compensation extension, one that would have provided benefits to an additional 1 million American workers whose benefits have expired, this legislation is albeit a small step in the right direction. I am pleased that we are finally able to provide some comfort for those touched by this recession.

Relief for America's working families is long-overdue. With 95,000 workers exhausting their unemployment benefits each week, this is the kind of immediate assistance that we should have passed long ago.

On December 28, 800,000 Americans lost their extended unemployment benefits. The Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program ended on December 28 because the President and House Republicans rejected Democratic pleas to extend the TEUC program with a compromise bill that the Senate had passed unanimously.

Initially, I was in full support of the House Democrats' comprehensive unemployment benefits bill introduced by Rep. CHARLIE RANGEL. This Democratic bill would have reestablished and expanded the Federal extended unemployment benefits program. Most importantly, it would have guaranteed all jobless workers at least 26 weeks of extended benefits.

Unfortunately, the House GOP leadership refused to allow a vote on this Democratic bill. Instead, they only allowed members to vote on their bill, which provides an extension of only

13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits, with no extension to workers whose benefits have already expired.

Unemployment is higher now than it was when Congress first passed extended unemployment benefits in March of last year. In my home state of Texas, the most recent statistics from the Texas Workforce Commission report that 646,939 or 6 percent of the workers in Texas are unemployed and in Dallas County, the figures are 98,780 workers unemployed, or 7.2 percent.

Unfortunately, some members of our society have suffered much worse than others. After September 11, the increase in unemployment rates for African Americans and Latinos was more than double that for whites. African Americans are losing their jobs at nearly twice the national average. Unemployment among African Americans soared to 11.2 percent last year and rose to 7.9 percent for Hispanics. Yet, the GOP allowed the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation program to expire!

Although we have passed this extension of unemployment benefits, our work is far from done. We will need to provide meaningful assistance to workers by passing health care relief for those who have lost their coverage along with their jobs. I also renew my call to provide immediate tax relief by exempting unemployment compensation from Federal taxes. These are the kinds of real benefits that we owe American families.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL
DINUNZIO ON RECEIVING THE
NORTH PENN B'NAI BRITH HU-
MANITARIAN AWARD

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael DiNunzio, the Mayor of Lansdale in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on being the recipient of the North Penn B'nai Brith Humanitarian Award. I am pleased to recognize Mike for his dedicated career in service to his community and country.

Mayor DiNunzio has been the Mayor of Lansdale for over twenty years. He has a record of distinction in the community. In working to improve the lives of Lansdale residents, he served his community in many different capacities. Many organizations and programs have benefited from Mike's leadership.

Mayor DiNunzio is committed to public service. He was a member of the Lansdale Development Foundation for the revitalization of the Borough of Lansdale. He served as president of the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania where he was awarded their highest honor, the "Outstanding Mayor for 2000" award. Mike served as a member of the North Penn Visiting Nurses Association for 56 years and was president of that group for 25 years. He also served as the vice-president of the Lansdale Public Library for 15 years. For five years, Mike served on the executive committee of the Montgomery County Boy Scouts. He is an active member of the Lansdale Rotary Club. Mike is the past president and board member of the United Way and the

North Penn Chamber of Commerce, which he worked with for 15 years.

Mike DiNunzio served in the Military with distinction. He was in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and remains a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I have worked closely with Mayor DiNunzio over the years on behalf of Lansdale residents. He is an honorable and committed public servant. In congratulate him on receiving this award and wish him continued success.

CENTENNIAL OF THE SALT RIVER PROJECT

HON. JEFF FLAKE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Salt River Project, an institution that is celebrating its Centennial of Service to the people of Arizona, including a majority of constituents in my own Sixth Congressional District.

When the Salt River Project, or SRP, was formed on February 7, 1903 under the name of the Salt River Valley Water Users Association, it represented a new and courageous experiment in public-private partnership.

The Association's purpose was to provide a means of pooling the assets of central Arizona's pioneering farm communities as collateral for a federal loan to construct Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River east of Phoenix.

The dam, made possible by passage of the National Reclamation Act of 1902, was conceived as a way to bring a reliable supply of water to the region now encompassing the Phoenix metro area. Nobody could be sure that the experiment would work or that the government would be paid back for construction of the dam and canal systems that would bring water to central Arizona's desert valleys.

But vision, courage and persistence paid off.

Completion of Roosevelt Dam in 1911 and subsequent construction of other dams on rivers east and north of Phoenix provided a water and early hydropower system that led to a flourishing economy.

Following World War II, local farms gave way to housing and industry as veterans flocked to Arizona to raise their families and launch business careers. The loan that had financed Roosevelt Dam was paid back in full to the federal treasury. And SRP, which had formed a power district during the Depression years, continued to expand its water-power services to meet the needs of central Arizona's booming economy.

Today, SRP stands as central Arizona's largest water supplier and as the nation's third largest public power utility with more than 780,000 customers. It has won a reputation as a solidly-run company with a strong commitment to the environment, human services, schools and the communities it serves.

Through a partnership between SRP, the federal government, and the state and local communities, central Arizona has grown into one of the most productive metropolitan regions in the nation with a population of more than 3 million and growing.

Mr. Speaker, as SRP embarks on its second century of service, it deserves special recognition for the historic and invaluable contributions it has made to the people of my native state.

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HONORING SHANNON AND LEE
CARTER AS THEY RECEIVE CIN-
CINNATI UNITED WAY'S 2002
ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE
AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor two dear friends and constituents, Shannon and Lee Carter, recipients of Cincinnati United Way's 2002 Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award. The award, which honors Lee and Shannon's extraordinary philanthropic leadership, will be presented on January 30, 2003 at the Cincinnati Club.

Lee and Shannon Carter are a dynamic couple who make our community a better place. They have vision, creativity, energy, and a special commitment and exceptional dedication to helping at-risk children.

Shannon Carter's Leadership Cincinnati class originated the idea for Crayons to Computers, a free store for teachers, and she was the driving force behind it. Shannon worked with the FreeStore Food Bank, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative and Cincinnati's corporate community to get the program up and running. The store opened in February, 1997, and since then it has provided teachers with over \$15 million in supplies to over 75,000 children. Before founding Crayons to Computers, Shannon was a successful businesswoman and donated her time and many talents to the Cincinnati community, including the Cincinnati Ballet; Children's Hospital Medical Center; the Greater Cincinnati Foundation; and the Taft Museum. A Cincinnati native, Shannon has been honored by the Cincinnati Enquirer as a Woman of the Year, received the Junior League's first Columbia Cup, and Family Circle magazine's first annual Halo award. Shannon and Lee have been married 24 years and have two sons, Gunner and Cody. It is easy to see why Shannon's motto is "Be kind and other-oriented."

When Lee Carter retired as a very successful marketing executive, he did not retire from his active involvement in the community he loves. Lee has served as Chairman of the Board, Children's Hospital Medical Center; Executive Committee Member, Every Child Succeeds; Steering Committee Member, Success by Six; Founder and President, Art Links; and Board Member, Family Service Foundation. Lee credits his father's public service with inspiring his own commitment, and says his involvement brings him enjoyment by helping to create a better Cincinnati for all of us. Every Child Succeeds is an organization especially close to Lee's heart. Lee has called Every Child Succeeds absolutely vital to the future of our area, because we can make an enormous difference in the lives of children if we reach them early.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati congratulate Shannon and Lee on receiving this prestigious award, and thank them for their commitment to our community.