

A TRIBUTE TO LILLIE MAE EVANS
FEREBEE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Lillie Mae Evans Ferebee in recognition of her 100th birthday celebration and her commitment to her community.

Lillie Mae Evans Ferebee, the eldest daughter of the late Willie and Sarah Evans, was born on May 2, 1903 in Greenborough, Georgia. She is the only child from a family of six children. Mrs. Ferebee moved to New York in 1937 where she met and married her husband, the late Livingston Ferebee.

Although God never blessed them with biological children, they raised many family members and neighborhood children who have risen to become professionals throughout the great city of New York. The special gifts from God are her beloved daughter, Sharon Borno and her granddaughter, Yolanda Denise Taylor. Mrs. Ferebee has been the mother of these ladies from the time of their births.

Many beautiful people are found in the Borough of Brooklyn, including Ms. Ferebee herself, who at the age of 100 years old resides in the Brevoort Housing Development of the Bedford Stuyvesant community. Mrs. Ferebee is affectionately known as "Duchess" to her family.

A retired supervisor with the federal government at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Mrs. Ferebee has lived her life with the axiom of helping those who are unable to care for themselves. She graduated and completed her early education in Greensborough, Georgia. Mrs. Ferebee has traveled throughout the United States as a motivational speaker. Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Ferebee administered care to many children in her neighborhood, enabling them to complete college and become business and health professionals, lawyers, and doctors. She has advocated on tenant issues for over 30 (thirty) years in the Brevoort Development. Mrs. Ferebee has been well respected for her role as captain of the Brevoort Tenant Association. Over the years, she has received numerous awards from the New York City Housing Authority, the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, the Eastern Order, and many other community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to salute Ms. Lillie Mary Evans Ferebee on her 100th birthday celebration. She is truly a gift from God and an honest and virtuous woman! As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable woman.

OROFINO HIGH SCHOOL

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and praise the students of the Orofino High School Government Class for participating in the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" national contest. The following students were recognized as the

state winners: Tarina Anderson, Kelly Burge, Rachel Burrell, Sam Christiansen, Kayleen Copeland, Melissa Dangman, David Dobyns, Desirae Downing, Whitney Gochmour, Maggie Hall, Holly Jones, Mallory Larson, Hana Nedoma, Terra Rintelen, Brianna Savage, Jessica Silva, and Kyle Stanley. They competed in the national contest in Washington, D.C., displaying their knowledge of the government institutions of the United States and the ideals upon which our democratic form of government is based. Their teacher, Cindy Wilson, also should be commended for her commitment to teaching Constitutional principles and instilling an appreciation for civic participation in her students.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DOUGLAS R.
JACKSON

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Douglas R. Jackson in celebration of his 25th anniversary with the Community Baptist Church.

Dr. Jackson founded the Community Baptist Church in Saginaw, Michigan in 1981, and has been the President of Michigan Association of Christian Schools since 1990. He is a board member of the Independent Fundamental Baptist Association of Michigan and the International Baptist Mission in Tempe, Arizona. He is also chairman of the board at Maranatha Baptist Bible College in Watertown, Wisconsin, and treasurer of the board for Baptist World Mission in Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Jackson's further accomplishments include his legislative lobbying for Christian education, and national recognition for the Michigan Association of Christian Schools.

I am honored today to recognize Dr. Douglas R. Jackson for his many accomplishments, and to wish him the best on the celebration of his 25 years with the Community Baptist Church.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 1298, UNITED STATES
LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS,
TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA
ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for H.R. 1298, the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003.

This bill provides desperately needed funds to combat the global HIV/AIDS pandemic, and we must act now.

The fact that such a bill is before us today is due to the efforts of grassroots organizations all over this country. I would like to personally thank Thomas Peterson and the Aids Services Foundation of Orange County. Their efforts save lives, and I applaud their commitment and compassion.

In addition to the funding provided in the bill, this legislation also advances the so-called ABC methodology for prevention: Abstinence, Be Faithful, use Condoms—in that order.

Apparently this is not enough for the right wing of the Republican Party. They will offer amendments to make it an abstinence only bill. I urge this body to reject such proposals.

Mr. HYDE has done a fantastic job in drafting a bill that should have broad bipartisan support, and I commend him and thank him for his efforts. He has set forth a reasonable and sane program for prevention of HIV/AIDS, and we should not let uncompromising ideology prevent us from saving the lives of millions of people.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 364
AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of men and women in Northern Virginia. This year, members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 364 in Woodbridge, Virginia have received several awards and honors and several members are serving as officers at District and Department level. These accomplished individuals are valued contributors to the Northern Virginia community, and I commend them for their efforts.

As the 2002–2003 16th District President, Barbara A. Stevenson presided over 11 Units in the Northern Zone, Department of Virginia.

Kara Byrd served as the Commander of Post 364 and was honored twice for her hard work this year. She was the recipient of the Department of Virginia Member of the Year Award for 2001–2002. She also earned the Kathleen Seefeldt Community Service Award from the Dale City Civic Association.

Devon Cabot served as Honorary Junior Vice President, Southern Division for 2002–2003.

Laura Carruthers served as Department of Virginia Junior Secretary for 2002–2003.

Unit 364 Junior President Meaghan Cabot received the Department of Virginia Junior Member of the Year Award for 2001–2002.

Receiving the American Legion Auxiliary National Award for the most outstanding Unit Community Service Program in the Southern Division for 2001–2002 was Cathy Carruthers, also the Department of Virginia National Security Chairman for 2002–2003.

Another multiple award winner, Marcia Wheatley, served as Department of Virginia Legislative Chairman for 2002–2003. She was chosen for the American Legion Auxiliary National Award for the most outstanding Unit Legislative Program in the Southern Division for 2001–2002 and also received the Catherine Spellane Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Dale City Civic Association.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men and women who serve the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 364. Their constant efforts on behalf of the community, state, and nation deserve our highest praise. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating this group of extraordinary citizens.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STRATEGIC MATERIALS ACT OF 2003

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Strategic Materials Act of 2003, legislation that would ensure that we retain the ability and capacity to produce strategic metals, so important to our defense and many other vital industries in the United States.

I am a big supporter of free trade, but I also understand that the United States must take care that it does not become completely and totally dependent on another country for materials that could be vital to our defense. One such class of materials for which I believe we need to take care to maintain the capacity to produce is the raw material used to make titanium, and other nickel-based alloys, that are absolutely vital to maintaining our military, as well as important to our aerospace industry and other areas of our economy as well. Let me be clear, as a supporter of free trade, I do not suggest the U.S. erect barriers to the trade of these materials, I just suggest that we should not unilaterally dismantle and offer preferences to the importation of these specific materials. My bill will ensure that these specific import-sensitive strategic materials are not eligible for Generalized System of Preferences or GSP designation.

The GSP designation is designed to promote economic growth and development in designated developing countries, and I support using trade as a means to stimulate a developing country's exports and economy. Trade can be a better way to provide assistance, because it helps to develop a country rather than just providing direct aid. That said, I have concerns that GSP is not appropriate for certain strategic materials, especially given that other countries already have significant market share in some of these materials. Extending GSP to these strategic materials could very well mean the United States loses the capacity to produce these materials domestically, as well as lose jobs. The reason for GSP, to provide assistance to develop an export industry in a developing country, does not appear appropriate when a foreign country or countries already control a significant share of the U.S. market.

The legislation I am introducing today sends a clear message that, given the importance of maintaining a strong military and the importance to other sectors of the economy, we should not hasten to offer preferences, for that risks complete dependence on foreign countries for strategic materials like titanium sponge—the basis for titanium. We must take care we do not use a program designed to assist developing countries' trade to inadvertently assist the demise of our domestic capacity to produce these materials that help make our military the strongest in the world.

MACV

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Minnesota Assistance

Council for Veterans (MACV), and in honor of their receiving the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans 2003 Outstanding Member Award.

The Outstanding Member Award is presented annually to the coalition member that demonstrates "exemplary commitment and service to American's homeless veterans." Through a strong, collaborative partnership with medical and veterans' centers across Minnesota and an unmatched commitment to the state's homeless veterans population, the MACV has met and exceeded these qualifications. As a result, this award recognizes the tremendous achievements the MACV has provided for all Minnesota citizens.

Since 1992, when it opened its first office in my Congressional District, the MACV has grown significantly. Today, the MACV operates eight transitional housing facilities throughout the state. By providing food, housing, employment and school opportunities in a structured, affordable program, the MACV represents a model organization for other states to replicate.

As we celebrate the achievements of the MACV and all our nation's homeless assistance programs, I urge my colleagues to remember the thousands of homeless veterans across the United States that go without help each and every day. On any given night, 275,000 veterans of the United States armed forces—including thousands in Minnesota—are homeless, and many struggle with alcohol, drug and mental challenges. It is critical that we continue to support the efforts of those who seek to provide these honorable veterans with a better way-of-life.

I commend the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans and their staff for this award, and thank the thousands of people across the United States committed to helping our nation's homeless veterans each and every day.

CONGRATULATING THE CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM ON ITS NEW CINCINNATI WING

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the Cincinnati Art Museum on the occasion of the opening of its new Cincinnati Wing.

The Cincinnati Wing showcases 400 works of art with connections to Cincinnati, the Queen City, in 15 renovated galleries encompassing 18,000 square feet of space. The galleries are decorated with recreations of period wallpaper depicting the 200 year story of our great American city's history. This award-winning project also features panoramic views of beautiful Eden Park and downtown Cincinnati.

The elegant new space will allow rarely viewed Cincinnati art to be displayed. The collection includes paintings, sculptures and decorative art from the late 19th century to the 1980s. From the great ceramics of Rookwood Pottery and the superb carved furniture of Aesthetic Movement craftsmen such as Benn Pitman, to the sculpture of Hiram Powers and the paintings of Frank Duveneck and John Twachtman, Cincinnati's artists produced works of international renown and made the Queen City a center for art.

We congratulate Cincinnati Art Museum Director Timothy Rub, his very capable staff and the many supporters of the Art Museum in the Greater Cincinnati community for their vision and commitment. This new wing commemorates the rich tradition of the fine arts in Cincinnati and will be a magnificent to one of the great art museums in America.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration as they celebrate 100 years of Korean immigration to the United States.

A century ago, 102 Koreans immigrated to Hawaii as sugar plantation workers, the leaders of a new wave of Korean immigration to the U.S. Today, the Korean-American community has grown to 2 million, making it the fifth largest Asian community in the U.S. Korean-Americans have overcome many challenges along the way; however, the success the Korean-American community currently enjoys is largely due to the perseverance and hard work of those first immigrants to Hawaii 100 years ago.

The United States has benefited greatly from the participation of the Korean-American community in business, medicine, the arts and many other fields. Moreover, the Korean-American community has flourished here. The 11th District of Virginia exemplifies this symbiotic relationship, with a large and vibrant Korean-American community making lasting contributions to Northern Virginia. As the Representative of a district that has greatly benefited from the participation of its Korean-American citizens, I was an original co-sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 297, which recognizes the contributions of Korean-Americans during the past 100 years in business, science, the arts and other fields. This resolution passed in the House of Representatives by a 417-0 vote on September 23, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I applaud the leadership of the Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration in commemorating the achievements and contributions of Korean-Americans in the United States. Efforts like theirs are what make our representative democracy work: they have helped not only to educate the American public about the values and accomplishments of the Korean-American community, but also to secure a more effective representation of those communities throughout the United States.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HARVEY AND ANIS KELLEY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate two outstanding cattle ranchers from Plateau Valley,