

it seemed a welcome lair; On foreign soil, at break of day, I saw him lying there. The command to halt had come at last, sweet peace and rest were his; And then I took my weary soul and stole into the mist. My soul seemed dead, my mind a blank, I could not reason why; So great a task was asked of him, or why he had to die. For days I pondered, lost in doubt, just a asking why; And, then at last, the mist broke out, again I saw the sky. I saw the face of God look down, His staff was raised on high; And at His side, with hand in hand, I saw our soldier boy. And there my soul worn vision found its answer as to why; This soldier boy of ours had lived and why he had to die. His life had been all goodness, and glorious his deed; God too, has use for soldiers, very special are His needs. 'Tis the good who die to glory, and for us left here behind; their noble lives remind us we too should be their kind. The light he burned so brightly, in home or far afield; Will light our steps upward in God's commanded zeal. Encouraged by his example, strengthened by his unfaltering faith, We too may leave the battle, to rest in God's grace. And, so my vision ended, with God and Louie, too; I now resume my journey, as he would have me do.

So Mr. Speaker it is my honor to rise to recognize Staff Sergeant Lewis Annear for his service, dedication, and ultimate sacrifice to our great country. As we dedicate the new National World War II Memorial, I call on my colleagues to join with me in recognizing this brave American as he gave his life to ensure the freedom that America enjoys today.

HONORING 45 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Junior Matrons of Morristown, New Jersey in my Congressional District who this year are celebrating their 45th Anniversary.

In 1959, the Junior Matrons of Morristown began with a group of twelve young African-American women who pooled their time and resources to found a working group to address one of the critical issues facing African-American youth—low numbers of high school graduates going on to pursue post-secondary education.

Their motto became "service through scholarship," and the group began working to increase opportunities for black youth to attend college. A lack of cultural and historical precedent among African-Americans, the difficulty in financing college education and the limited track record of admissions of black high school graduates to major colleges and universities, were just a few of the obstacles confronting young African-Americans who may have wanted to attend college at the time. When the twelve young black women of the Junior Matrons of Morristown got together, they decided they would take direct action to change this scenario.

In a bold move, they decided to host an annual cotillion that would serve at least three purposes: (1) it would help raise the consciousness of the African-American community about education as a vehicle for pursuing economic, political and social advancement; (2) it would recognize and reward those who re-

mained committed to achieving their first major educational milestone and (3) through personal, corporate, agency and organizations contributions, it would generate substantive funds needed to encourage and enable high school students to translate the dream of a college education into a reality.

The passion and energy behind the founding of the Junior Matrons has continued unabated for these last 45 years, and is a credit to the collective vision of these twelve charter members: The late Sue Graddick, Harriet Britt, the late Frances Younginer, my dear friend Dr. Felicia B. Jamison, Emma L. Martin, Nancy Yett, Muriel Hiller, Nadine Alston, the late Emanueline Smith, Natalie Holmes, the late Marie Davis, the late Natalie Thurmond Lattimore and Cecelia Dowdy.

Over the years the Junior Matrons have been honored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Urban League, among many others. As a testimony of the enduring idealism of these inspired women, the Junior Matrons of Morristown have provided financial assistance to over 3,000 high school students, and has dispensed over \$2 million over its lifetime. The beneficial and residual impact of this assistance cannot be over-estimated. Although a few of the original group are no longer with us, new leaders have taken on the mantle and are endowed with the same zeal and vision.

Mr. Speaker, I am quite certain that the Junior Matrons will continue in the years ahead to promote the cause of quality education and help provide opportunities for our young people to pursue college degrees and productive, fulfilling careers. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Junior Matrons of Morristown as they celebrate 45 dedicated years of serving our community.

RECOGNIZING MOMENTOUS YEAR
OF STEVE SMITH FAMILY OF
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a momentous year for the Steve Smith family of Brentwood, Tennessee. Not only is Steve celebrating his 50th birthday this year, he is also celebrating 25 years of marriage to the former Denise Stinson and the 50th anniversary of his business, Haury and Smith Contractors.

Steve's late father, Reese Smith Jr., started Haury and Smith Contractors with a high school buddy. Beginning as a simple two-man operation, the residential home-building company has prospered into a venture now boasting an annual volume of business at \$20 million. Steve's father would be proud of what he and his brother, Reese Smith III, have accomplished with the company.

Steve is known by his friends as having been an outstanding baseball player at Middle Tennessee State University. He is also a big-game hunter and an accomplished Tennessee walking horse enthusiast. But it's widely recognized that his most significant accomplishment was getting Denise to marry him. They have two outstanding sons, Matthew and Stephen, who, fortunately, took after their mother when

it comes to academics. Stephen currently is attending Princeton, and Matt will be joining him this fall.

Steve is a good friend who has given me great advice over the years. I congratulate him for reaching these remarkable milestones. And I congratulate his family for putting up with him for all these years.

A TRIBUTE TO JANE BARKER (1949–
2003)

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and a remarkable woman, the late Jane Barker. In her short lifetime, she had a profound influence on the lives of countless children and families in New York City. At the time of her passing, Jane served as the Chief Program Officer at Safe Horizon, the leading nonprofit victim assistance, advocacy, and violence prevention organization in New York City.

Jane was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. She earned her Masters Degree in Social Work from Washington University and began her professional career as a school social worker in Peoria, Illinois. In 1976, Jane moved to New York City where she worked at the Brooklyn Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the New York City Department of Mental Health. In 1987, Jane began working at Safe Horizon. During her 16-year tenure there, she shaped the direction of numerous programs. Most recently, Jane led Safe Horizon's trauma response efforts after 9/11, with a particular focus on providing mental health support to those in need.

Jane's legacy will be her pioneering work with the Children's Advocacy Centers in New York City. In 1985, I started the first Children's Advocacy Center in Alabama when I learned that child abuse victims were subjected to significant trauma from the systems that were supposed to be protecting and helping them. Jane shared this vision and courageously set out to change the system. With Jane's unwavering dedication and commitment, the Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center opened its doors in 1996, creating a child-friendly and supportive environment where children did not have to feel responsible for what happened to them. As a result of her vision and leadership, over 15,000 children have come through the Brooklyn Center.

Mr. Speaker, in her lifetime, Jane had a profound influence on services for victims of crime and child abuse, their families, an communities. Members of her family, friends, and colleagues will gather to celebrate her life and her devotion to improving the lives of those around her. I want to commend Safe Horizon for dedicating the Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center in Jane's honor and loving memory.

Mr. Speaker, Jane Barker was a tremendous individual who touched the lives of thousands of individuals and who was taken from us during the peak of her life. I rise today in her honor.

CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the San Francisco Public Library on June 7, 2004. Since its opening in 1879, the San Francisco Public Library has been a symbol of intellectual freedom.

Many years ago, I was proud to serve on the San Francisco Public Library Commission. The library has provided five generations of San Franciscans with wonderful literature, educational materials and a sanctuary for learning.

San Francisco is fortunate to be the home of the state-of-the-art Main Library and 26, soon to be 27, neighborhood libraries. The library is committed to presenting a varied collection of works, respecting the diverse needs and populations of San Franciscans and consistently pursuing intellectual equality. It now offers focus collections pertaining to the African American, Gay and Lesbian, International, Chinese, Filipino, and teen populations and the environment.

This is not only a day to celebrate this magnificent San Francisco institution, but also a time to recognize the many dedicated and skilled librarians and volunteers who make it possible for the library to offer such a wide range of services. Together, they ensure that the library will continue to be a cultural and educational center of opportunity.

Thomas Jefferson wisely counseled that democracy is dependent upon an informed and educated citizenry. The public library is an instrument of opportunity, allowing all Americans access to the knowledge and information essential to our nation's greatness. The San Francisco Public Library has been an outstanding example of a free public library committed to bettering our civic life.

I proudly join my constituents in celebrating the 125th anniversary of this historic San Francisco establishment.

HONORING KATHARINE C. LYALL

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katharine C. Lyall, who served for more than 12 years as president of the University of Wisconsin System. Dr. Lyall's work has made an indelible mark on the great UW System, and her leadership will be missed by all when she retires this year.

Dr. Lyall has dedicated her life's work to the promotion of people and knowledge. A professor of Economics, she held teaching posts at Syracuse University, Cornell University, and Johns Hopkins University before arriving at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Lyall's commitment to education and to her field of study persisted long after her transition to university administration.

Beyond her expertise in the study of economics and her strong administrative leader-

ship, Dr. Lyall brought to the University of Wisconsin System a background in public service and policy. During the Carter administration, Dr. Lyall served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She was later Director of Johns Hopkins' prestigious public policy program.

Dr. Lyall's focus on public service and policy has served the University of Wisconsin System well. Her accomplished tenure saw the implementation of new diversity policies, increased enrollment, and continued distinction of an already outstanding public university system.

In her dedication to access and excellence, in her tireless work for the University of Wisconsin, and in her wholehearted devotion to the democratic ideal in public education, Dr. Lyall exemplifies the Wisconsin Idea. She will be sorely missed.

LINDA WHITE-EPPS POST OFFICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to pay tribute to Linda White-Epps by renaming the Whitneyville Branch Post Office building in Hamden, Connecticut as the "Linda White-Epps Post Office."

Linda was an extraordinary woman who dedicated her life to making her community better. She served in town government and on local non-profit boards. Most of all, though, she was devoted to the cause of raising awareness about breast cancer among African American women. I am proud to have known her and to have called her my friend.

Linda was an executive board member of the local NAACP and sat on the Board of Directors of the local Boys and Girls Club. In 2001, she was elected to the Hamden Legislative Council. But it was her work in fighting breast cancer that led her to be named a Point of Light by the Points of Light Foundation in 2001.

She created Sisters' Journey, a non-profit organization that provides education and support to breast cancer survivors, their friends and their families. In 1999, Sisters Journey published a calendar featuring pictures of women who have beaten the disease. Each turn of a page provides a look at another month, more stories from "sisters" and words of encouragement to women. Each page says examine your breasts and have regular mammograms. The unveiling of the calendar still occurs every October at a fundraiser known as the "Pink Tea," a tradition Linda started.

Linda was one of the women profiled in the calendar. She beat breast cancer in 1990, and spent the last decade of her life helping other women do the same. Sadly, she finally succumbed to the disease last year. Linda faced breast cancer in such a quiet way that many of her neighbors and friends were not aware of the gravity of her illness.

She approached advocacy with humility, but received several awards from the American Cancer Society. She also won the Greater New Haven NAACP Freedom Fund Award, and the "Daily Point of Light" award. Linda was also responsible for organizing the first

"Relay for Life," held in the Hamden area. The event raised about \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society and also reached a larger segment of African American women participants.

Mr. Speaker, Linda was the granddaughter of a postal carrier. Like her grandfather, she lived a remarkable life that made a difference in her community. Honoring her by renaming the Hamden Post Office after her would be a fitting tribute.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2004 PROJECT GRAD NEWARK GRADUATING SCHOLARS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2004 Project GRAD Newark Graduating Scholars. Tonight, more than 300 individuals will gather to honor more than 75 Project GRAD Scholars, graduating from Malcolm X Shabazz and Central High Schools, located in my district's South and Central Wards. These outstanding students will be recognized for having met, maintained, and exceeded strict academic performance standards, and will be awarded a \$6,000 college scholarship.

Project GRAD Newark is a nonprofit, educational support organization that focuses on building the capacity of participating Newark public schools to improve student achievement. Their mission is to ensure a quality education for children in the most challenging, economically disadvantaged public schools in my hometown of Newark, New Jersey, and to support them as the graduate high school, and prepare for, attend, and graduate from college.

Project GRAD Newark was created in 1998 through the support of Ford Foundation and Lucent Technologies Foundation. The GRAD model originated in Houston, Texas in 1989, as a scholarship incentive program to encourage urban school students to graduate high school. Today, it works with a feeder pattern of schools—a high school and the middle and elementary schools that feed students to that high school. This method ensures curricular and programmatic consistency from kindergarten to 12th grade. PGN began implementation of the GRAD model in the Malcolm X Shabazz High School feeder pattern in 1998 and announced implementation in the Central High School feeder in 2000.

PGN serves two feeder patterns comprised of 8,600 students throughout 16 Newark Public Schools. Nationally, Project GRAD serves over 135,000 students in 217 schools across the country.

The results are unmistakable: according to preliminary evaluations, PGN students significantly outperformed their non-PGN peers in math and reading during their first and second years of the model's implementation. On-time graduation rates have increased from 56 percent in 2001 to 76 percent in 2003. 95 percent of GRAD Scholars who graduated in 2003 from Shabazz High School are enrolled in college, and our first class of GRAD Scholars will graduate this year from the Central High School feeder pattern.

As a former teacher, I stand before you today with pride. Project GRAD Newark is