soul,'' Mr. James Brown, KC is also affectionately known as the ''Local James Brown'' throughout the entertainment circles in North America and members of his international fan club. Along with his own musical group, the International Band, KC has performed at major events and famous places including the West Indian Labor Day Parade in Brooklyn, the Harlem Day Parade, Manhattan's Annual Halloween Parade, the MGM and Sahara casino in Las Vegas, and the Royal Caribbean and Carnival cruises, just to name a few.

KC's summer concerts were launched in 1989 at his garage at East 87th Street in East Flatbush, Brooklyn where he held a huge block party on Memorial Day. In order to accommodate the growing crowd that came to yearly event, in 1991, KC moved his Caribbean style street festival to Ditmas Avenue near his East 87th Street garage. The event covered ten blocks. The event continued at Ditmas Avenue until 1996, when KC took his show and a loyal following of thousands to its new home on Atlantic Avenue.

Spanning 10,000 square feet and a maximum occupancy of 4,300, the Hideaway is a spacious outdoor venue located at 2494 Atlantic, in an industrial section of Brooklyn. Since 1998, the Hideaway, which is owned and managed by KC, has been hosting its hallmark Summer Concert Series featuring today's leading soca, calypso, and reggae musical acts from around the Caribbean and here in the United States. Along with top performers, the Hideaway showcases some of the most popular Caribbean-American DJs. It is also equipped with a fully licensed bar, a professional sized stage, and an elevated VIP lounge where performing artist and special guests can view and enjoy the shows.

KC's Hideaway has become a major attraction for thousands of Caribbean music lovers from around the world who are drawn to Brooklyn, the Caribbean Capital of the United States, year after year to celebrate the West Indian Labor Day Carnival season, which begins in May. The venue stages around 66 shows a year and the number of concertgoers has steadily increased over the past three years. The concert grew from an audience of about 80,000 for the season in 1998, to approximately 165,000 for this season.

Mr. Speaker, St. Blasé ''KC'' Charles has developed and created a major cultural event in his community, which has brought thousands of people to Brooklyn each year to celebrate their Caribbean heritage. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO FATHER STEPHEN PATRICK WISNESKE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an individual who has been a spiritual guide for the Catholic community in Menominee, Michigan, Father Stephen Patrick Wisneske. On July 1st, ''Father Pat'' will be retiring from Holy Spirit Parish, where he has been pastor for the last 32 years. Throughout that time, his leadership, his generous spirit, and his warm sense of humor have all been important sources of inspiration and comfort. He will be sorely missed.

Father Pat Wisneske was ordained on June 3rd, 1950, embarking on a 54-year journey in the clergy that touched countless lives in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In 1950 and 1951, he served as an Assistant Pastor at Holy Trinity Parish in Ironwood, and St. Thomas Parish in Escanaba, respectively. In 1953, he began a six year tenure as Assistant Pastor at St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish in Iron Mountain, Michigan. During this time, he also served as the Chaplain for the VA hospital in Iron Mountain. From 1959 to 1963, he was the Administrator of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Franklin Mine.

In 1963, Father Pat became the pastor of St. Stephen Parish in Loretto and served there for three years before transferring to St. Jude Parish in White Pine, where he also oversaw the St. Ann mission in Bergland. After the Bergland mission was transferred to a parish in Marenisco in 1967, Father Pat became the temporary administrator of Holy Family Parish in Ontonagon until 1972.

The spring of 1972 was a very tense time for Menominee Catholics as they awaited the final outcome of a two year study that would eventually consolidate their parishes. When the members of the new Holy Spirit Parish learned that Father Pat would be their new pastor, they wondered what kind of pastor he would be. It did not take long to realize that he was a kind and gentle man who was indeed a ''present'' to them. Through the sadness of illness or death, and the joy of baptisms, marriages, first communions and confirmations, Father Pat was always there to offer guidance, leadership, spirit, faith, and friendship.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to his parish assignments, Father Pat was always willing to take on additional duties and leadership roles. Over the years he has served as the director of the deacon program for the diocese, twice as Dean, President of the St. Joseph's Association, and a member of the Priest's Council. He has also given of his time to serve as a chaplain for different organizations including the VA hospital in Iron Mountain, the Knights of Columbus, the Daughters of Isabella, and the Civil Air Patrol.

Another example of Father Pat's leadership has been his unwavering commitment to the youth of the community. He has been steadfast in his support for Menominee Catholic Central Schools, and he has always enjoyed working with young people, recognizing that they are indeed the future.

Those of us who know and love Father Pat have our own special stories of this remarkable individual. On a personal note, when tragedy struck my family, it was Father Pat who consoled us, reassured us, and provided comfort for us in our time of greatest need. Father Pat's kindness, spiritual guidance, and love will never be forgotten and we will always be indebted to him.

Mr. Speaker, 32 years after he came to Menominee and Holy Spirit Parish, it is time to bid a very fond and difficult farewell to Father Pat. He often said that he was energized by his parishioners, but they in turn would say they were energized by Father Pat. He was always present for us, giving us, the members of our Holy Spirit family, our Menominee Community, and our God the best present he could—himself. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring and thanking Father Patrick Wisneske for his dedicated service to his parish and the Catholic faith community throughout the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LA RENAISSANCE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the owners and the staff of La Renaissance, a family owned restaurant in Pueblo, Colorado. For twenty-six years, La Renaissance has been an icon in the Pueblo community. It is my pleasure to recognize their dedication to Pueblo and the State of Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation today.

In 1978, La Renaissance opened as a full service restaurant in Pueblo. Brothers Bob and Jim Fredregill started the restaurant as a small family business, and has grown to a staff of thirty-five. A well-known dining destination in Pueblo, La Renaissance has recently received honors for the brothers' business practices. The Colorado Food Service Hall of Fame recently inducted both Bob and Jim Fredregill, and the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce recognized La Renaissance as their Small Business of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize La Renaissance for continued excellence in business and for their commitment to the Pueblo community. Establishing the restaurant as part of the community's foundation captures the essence of small business. I congratulate La Renaissance on many years of success and wish them many more in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY JOSEPH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Anthony Joseph in recognition of his entrepreneurial success in the marketing and communications field.

As a product of New York City public school system, Anthony parlayed his academic achievement and his experience as an All-City championship football player into a walk-on position on the Boston University squad. Anthony promoted campus parties and events to subsidize his tuition. After graduation, he quickly turned a temp job in The New York Times' finance department into a staff position in the paper's marketing department.

With just one experience as an employee with the New York Times, Anthony combined his knowledge of urban landscape with his marketing expertise to incorporate the fastest rising marketing/communication company in the urban field. Anthony laid the foundation for his urban success by moonlighting with Vital Marketing Group VMG while still at the Times. Through contacts at a major apparel and an advertising agency, Anthony was able to participate in business meetings where he was

able to present strategies, which, over time, turned into contracts with Tommy Hilfiger, Hush Puppies, and Wolverine Boots.

Eventually, Anthony's growing client base necessitated his departure from the Times. He partnered with the African-American media company that established the billboard beachhead on Harlem's 125th Street, utilized by so many entertainment companies at the time. Together they formed VMG, with Anthony leading the charge. After merely four years of business, its roster counts big-timers such as the U.S. Army, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Coca Cola, Remy Martin, Foot Action, Posner Cosmetics and Universal Records to name a few. It has an income of over $7 million in annual revenue.

Vital Marketing's unusual methodology and its consistent success can be credited in great part to its founder and president, Anthony Joseph. The Queens-bred son of a Jamaican mother and Puerto Rican father, Anthony, understood the significance of culture early on as it related to marketing.

In May 2001, VMG was presented with the Black Enterprise Rising Star Award, in honor of the high revenues garnered by VMG's high profile clients. A year later, VMG offered further proof that they were on the assent when they turned a cold call and a year of conversation into a multimillion dollar contract with the U.S. Army via advertising giant Leo Burnett.

Mr. Speaker, Anthony Joseph has created a successful company through his own hard work and ingenuity. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

REMEMBERING DR. J.W. REMKE, JR., GENEROUS AND DEDICATED COMMMUNITY LEADER

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. J.W. Remke, Jr. of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. Dr. Remke was a dedicated community leader, a distinguished optometrist and businessman admired throughout Tennessee for his willingness to help others. Dr. Remke was always happy to use his time and his energies to build a better life for his community and its families.

Joe Remke knew early in life what he wanted to do and where he wanted to live. After graduating from the University of Tennessee and the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, he returned to his hometown of Lawrenceburg and soon opened his own business, the Remke Eye Clinic. For the next 50 years, Dr. Remke could be found helping his friends and neighbors see better—in Lawrenceburg, Waynesboro, Hohenwald or Lewisburg, even a few politicians in Nashville and Washington, D.C. For Dr. Remke, work was a joy, more a hobby than anything else, and something he looked forward to. Even at the age of 79, Dr. Remke saw patients every day, right up until the time of his brief illness.

Dr. Remke's commitment to his patients was truly outstanding—just like his commitment to his community. He was a founder of the 21st Century Council, the first economic and community development organization in Lawrence County. Thanks to his leadership, major employers including the Jones Apparel Group soon established operations in the area. I don't know of any community leader in Tennessee who has done more to attract industry to his community. Whenever there was a local need, Joe Remke gave generously. He had served as President of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, as Chairman of the Lawrenceburg Power Board and as president of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club. Dr. Remke, along with his late wife, Peggy Jo Remke, were equally dedicated to supporting the activities of their church, Lawrenceburg's Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Even with all of his work with community organizations and local businesses, Dr. Remke was perhaps celebrated most for his generous spirit and wise counsel. I benefited tremendously from such advice when he was kind enough to help me in my earliest campaigns. Whether it was a new business idea that needed help or just a relaxed visit with an old friend, folks from Lawrence County to Nashville, Memphis, and Knoxville always knew they'd find the support and guidance they were looking for in a chat with Dr. Remke.

On behalf of his many friends in the Fifth District of Tennessee, I send my deepest condolences to Dr. Joe Remke's wonderful family.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RALPH WILLIAMS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the hard work and success of Ralph Williams of Pueblo, Colorado. Strong small businesses build strong communities, and Ralph has provided much leadership in continuing SCA Insurance's strong business tradition in the Pueblo community.

As the chief of SCA Insurance, Ralph is considered by his colleagues as an expert in the industry. Ralph's personable style and business acumen helped to build a loyal clientele and to work closely with local agencies and other statewide organizations. The Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce recently honored Ralph for his work as a business leader with their Charles W. Crews Business Leader of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to acknowledge Ralph Williams before this body of Congress and this nation for his dedication and commitment to success. His work as a business leader in the Pueblo community is certainly commendable. I congratulate him on his achievements, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO KATIE DAVIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Katie Davis in recognition of her dedication to her community through both her professional and volunteer activities.

Katie Davis is someone who is energetic and inspirational and continues to serve as a respected dynamic leader in the community. However, after serving thirty-three and a half years in public service, she is retiring from her position as the Deputy Director for Support Services at Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, Brooklyn, NY, effective April 29, 2004.

Katie graduated from Hunter College Magna Cum Laude, earning a B.S. in Community Health. Later, she received a Master's degree in Public Health Administration at Columbia University. She began her public service as a Registered Nurse at Kings County Hospital Center, and later was employed as Associate Director for Clinical Service for 9 years at Harlem Hospital Center.

Katie is the wife of Hervin L. Davis and mother of Charlene and Jacqueline Davis, who continues to serve as an inspiration in spite of her untimely death. As a young woman who overcame her mental disability, Jacqueline served others until her untimely passing in her early 20s.

Katie is a long-time member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Brooklyn where the Reverend Robert M. Waterman is pastor. She is known in the community and among the Antioch Baptist Church family as a spirited and committed Christian. She has faithfully supported many church activities over the years and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Antioch Capital Campaign. Katie genuinely cares about those in her community and is always working with others to serve those in need.

Throughout her career, Katie has continued to be actively involved in activities and programs to improve the educational and social conditions of her community. She is energetic and strategic in her approach, getting others involved in addressing key issues that affect the young and the elderly. Long noted for her active leadership throughout the community, she continues to promote and encourage young people and adults to seek an education, as demonstrated by her current position as President of Medgar Evers College Community Council. The Council awards several scholarships annually to eligible students attending Medgar Evers College who exhibit outstanding academic performance and potential leadership qualities.

Katie's dedication and clever leadership skills are consistently recognized at Kingsboro Psychiatric Center. She volunteers her time as a facilitator of the Advisory Committee for the Emerson-Davis Family Center. This special center houses single-parent families, separated by homelessness, parental mental disability or substance abuse, who are reunited by the Emerson-Davis Family Center in Brooklyn, New York. While ''Emerson'' refers to the Center's street address, ''Davis'' honors Jacqueline Davis, Katie's deceased daughter.

Mr. Speaker, Katie Davis has dedicated herself to helping people and families in need through her distinguished professional career and her community-based work. 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 person.