

kept the woman calm until rescue personnel from the Niagara Falls Fire Department arrived.

State Park Police Lieutenant Patrick Moriarty, Niagara Falls Fire Battalion Chief John Jacoby, and Niagara Falls firefighters Gary Carella and David Beahen all made their way out onto the ledge, just feet from the edge. Mr. Carella spoke to the woman with Mr. Beahen securing him from behind. As the woman suddenly began to slide towards the falls, Mr. Carella lunged to seize her, while Mr. Beahen lunged to catch him. They safely brought the woman to shore amid the cheers of dozens of onlookers who had gathered to watch this dramatic rescue.

I want to thank these men, and the personnel from Engine 8, Engine 4, Truck 1 and Rescue 1 who assisted them, for their astounding courage. The rescue only reaffirms what we already know: that the first responders of Niagara County are some of the finest. We should all feel safer knowing that that these brave men and women do such a stellar job, around the clock. I applaud and admire their valor and altruism.

#### TRIBUTE TO LI-PEI WU

#### HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. WU and I rise today to ask our colleagues to join in saluting Mr. Li-Pei Wu, Chairman Emeritus and Director of GBC Bancorp, and the new Presidential Policy Advisor to Taiwan's President Chen Shu-Bian. He is a remarkable man with a myriad of accomplishments.

Mr. Wu has enjoyed a distinguished and successful career as a banking executive. He served as CFO of the National Bank of Alaska and President of Alaska National Bank of the North. In 1982, Mr. Wu took the helm of General Bank in Los Angeles. Under his able leadership, both General Bank and its holding company, GBC Bancorp, developed into industry leaders.

Mr. Wu was born in Changhwa, Taiwan, one of the poorest communities in Taiwan. Despite facing political oppression, he earned a B.A. in Economics from National Taiwan University and taught at the Kwanglon Business School. After his brother was sent to prison by members of the Nationalist Party, Wu left Taiwan to earn his MBA at Fort Hays State University. He struggled with the English language, but his determination and business acumen soon landed him important positions in Alaska's largest financial institution, the National Bank of Alaska.

Li-Pei Wu's accomplishments go far beyond the business world. For more than 35 years he has dedicated his time and energy to advocate for democracy and human rights in Taiwan. He is the founder and chairman of the Formosa Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan public interest group that seeks to foster an environment of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, while also promoting understanding and friendship between Taiwan and the United States. He was the founding president of the Taiwanese American Citizen League, which has grown from one to twelve

chapters nationwide. He has worked tirelessly to help Taiwanese-Americans achieve success and leadership opportunities in American politics, culture, and society. In addition, he serves as an honorary member of the Pacific Council on International Policy and as a Board of Advisors member for the Asia Society of Los Angeles.

Mr. Wu's commitment to human rights, peace, and economic success has been widely recognized. He is the proud recipient of the 1998 Ernst & Young Greater Los Angeles Entrepreneur of the Year Award and has been asked to teach at the University of Cambridge as a Distinguished Guest Lecturer in the school's Department of Oriental Studies. He has served as a delegate to Taiwan's National Affairs Summit at the direct invitation of Taiwan's President Lee Tung-hui. In 1990, he was the recipient of the Outstanding Entrepreneur Award bestowed on him by the National Association of Investment Companies.

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in honoring and thanking Mr. Li-Pei Wu for his outstanding contributions to our community and for his steadfast commitment to human rights and strong relations between the United States and Taiwan.

#### HONORING COLONEL DANIEL E. FURTADO

#### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the many contributions and accomplishments of Colonel Daniel E. Furtado on his retirement from the U.S. Army Reserve, after 38 years of devoted service including the prestigious command of the 5th Brigade, 104th Division. Colonel Furtado has dedicated over 30 years to his community and our nation.

Colonel Furtado is a native of Campbell, California and has been very active in civic and community affairs, having served both as mayor and city councilmember of Campbell. Through his many contributions to education, health, and national security, Colonel Furtado has impacted the lives of many and recently was selected as Citizen of the Year for the City of Campbell for the year 2000.

Colonel Daniel Furtado enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 1963, while enrolled in ROTC. After completing a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Jose State University in Applied Arts and Sciences, Colonel Furtado received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of San Francisco. From 1969 to 1971, he worked in Houston, Texas as Chief of the Pharmacology Section at the Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam. Later he worked in Palo Alto, CA as clinical coordinator for the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Colonel Furtado was Co-Director of the Pharmacy at O'Connor Hospital at Campbell, CA from 1979 to 1980, when he was appointed Associated Director of the Primary Care Associate Program at Stanford University School of Medicine. He still teaches pharmacology and is currently Senior Lecturer in Medicine at Stanford and Associate Clinical Professor of Pharmacy at the University of California.

Colonel Furtado has been a volunteer for the American Heart Association for over 25 years, and has served as President and on the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara County Chapter. His significant public service record is exemplified through the multitude of service awards that he has received, including the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hourglass Device, and the Army Service Ribbon. Colonel Furtado is a member of the Emergency Preparedness Council of Santa Clara County and the Immediate Past Chairs of both the West Valley Sanitation District Board of Directors and the County Library Joint Powers Authority. Miraculously, Colonel Furtado also finds time to serve on the Homeland Security Task Force, the Public Safety Committee of the National League of Cities, and the Public Safety Committee of the League of California Cities.

Colonel Furtado's engaged assistance to the community and his many contributions to society have made him a distinguished member of Santa Clara County. His hard work and dedication toward the protection of our nation through military service make him a role model for our youth.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Colonel Daniel E. Furtado for his ongoing efforts on behalf of his community and for his numerous accomplishments in the fields of education, health, community and military service.

#### A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD JONES JR.

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Richard Jones Jr. in recognition of contributions to the community through his professional work and civic endeavors.

Richard is a police officer in the New York City Police Department and is assigned to the Transit Division's Kings County Task Force. He is also an independent associate for Pre-paid Legal Services.

A Bedford Stuyvesant resident, Richard is the father of three lovely children. Shawntice is an honor student. His two active sons are Sirrichard and Khaliq. Richard's devotion to his family is unmatched.

Richard is a founding member of the civic association; "Black Men Who Care Inc.," which was founded in 1998 to creatively occupy the spare time of the youths residing in Brooklyn. During the winter, the organization developed a mentorship program to help youth after school. This program targeted young men between the ages of 12 and 15. In spite of the organization's name, it has come to include members of all races and both genders.

Richard is the Treasurer and Director of Sports and Recreation. Each week, he spends many hours with the organization, planning and coordinating future activities. The organization emphasizes etiquette, self-respect, respect for one's neighborhood, and respect for elders. For his continued community service, Richard received the Isaac Liberman Service Award in 1999 from the Hundred Year Association of New York.

As an independent associate with Pre-paid Legal Services, Richard is providing an opportunity for hard working middle class people to

obtain quality legal services. With the help of Richard's efforts, more people, regardless of their income status, will have access to quality attorneys.

Mr. Speaker, Richard Jones Jr. has dedicated his time to improving the community as a member of law enforcement and a civic leader. 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.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2004*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4766) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, today I rise on behalf of the hard-working farm families of Southwest Georgia who have more than earned the economic assistance that a tobacco buy-out would provide.

By introducing this amendment, my colleagues seek to make a statement about the tobacco industry as a whole. In reality they are punishing American farmers who have already suffered the loss of more than fifty percent of their income. A tobacco buyout does not provide an incentive to grow tobacco nor does it get the U.S. Government out of the tobacco growing industry, rather it provides our farmers with an honest chance to survive.

Those of us representing American tobacco growers are in the best position to understand the unique importance of tobacco reform. We have been working on a bipartisan basis for over two years to end the depression-era price support system that, despite severe cuts in quotas and the even greater economic losses of our farm families, has not been touched in nearly 18 years. This amendment obstructs our reform efforts and complicates the chances of any real solution. Our farmers deserve better.

I urge my colleagues not to support this amendment.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN C. WHITEHEAD

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of John C. Whitehead for his continued dedication to public service.

John was born in East New York and raised in Bedford Stuyvesant by his loving parents, Jesse and Mary. The ninth of twelve children, he was educated in the New York public school system.

John previously served his country proudly as a member of the United States Army and Reserves.

He has vast experience with many civic groups and community-based organizations. John is a founding member of the youth organization Black Men Who Care. He is the Chief Executive Officer and an Executive Board Member. He is a member of the Men's Caucus for Congressman Ed TOWNS where he is a Congressional diplomat and Chairman of this year's awards dinner. John is also an executive board member of Community Board No. 5 which serves East New York.

John is deeply involved with a number of community organizations. He is an Advisory Board Member of NIA Theatrical Production Company and New York City Works, a Special Advisor to the Committee To Honor Black Heroes, and a member of Black Watch. John has served as a supervisor and youth counselor for the Vanguard Urban Improvement Association, which was founded by Albert Vann (City Councilman and Former Assemblyman), and is the former vice-president of the Spring Creek Tenants Association.

John is currently employed by the New York City Department of Sanitation as well as being a licensed paralegal. He has served as Vice-President of the United States Steel Workers Local No. 2, and has worked as a security supervisor for Burns Security.

John is a single parent of six wonderful children: John Jr., Jeffrey, Jatina, Dakeem, Jay and Justin. By his example of community service, love of neighbor and a strong work ethic, he strives to teach his children that they can be successful in any endeavor they undertake. John's greatest focus and concern is to be the voice for those hard-working taxpayers who are not being heard. They need and deserve someone to ensure the delivery of quality services to their community.

Mr. Speaker, John C. Whitehead has continued to strengthen and improve the community through his wide array of civic activities. 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.

IN HONOR OF VIRGIL BLANCO

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Virgil Blanco on being selected as a Fulbright Scholar for 2004. For his remarkable achievement, Mr. Blanco was honored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on Thursday, May 20, 2004, at Middlesex County Administration Building in New Brunswick, NJ.

Mr. Blanco, a professor of modern languages and department chairman and director of the Center for International Education at Middlesex County Community College, has been selected as a 2004 Fulbright Scholar Program recipient. The Fulbright Scholar Program is an honor bestowed upon only 800 American faculty and professionals, by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in the U.S. Department of State. Mr. Blanco recently spent 3 weeks visiting French and German post-secondary educational institutions, learn-

ing in-depth their educational system. He also lectured about community colleges and immigrant students in the United States.

Mr. Blanco has been an active member in his community. He was founder and chairman of the New Jersey Collegiate Consortium for International Education, and also served as chairman of the New Jersey World Trade Association, co-chairman of the New Jersey World Trade Conference, and member of the State Advisory Committee on Bilingual Education.

For his outstanding research and dedicated community service, Mr. Blanco has been the recipient of numerous awards and grants, such as the N.J. World Trade Council Education Award, the Above and Beyond Award for Teaching Excellence, and the N.J. Department of Labor and Industry Research Grant.

Mr. Blanco received his bachelor's degree from the University of Miami, a master's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and his post-doctorate degree from the University of Madrid.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Virgil Blanco for his continued pursuit of educational excellence, and for his dedicated service to the students of Middlesex County Community College.

A TRIBUTE TO CONSTANTINE LINCOLN STEWART

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 14, 2004*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Constantine Lincoln Stewart for his public service for the City of New York and his volunteer efforts to educate our children.

Lincoln, as he is more affectionately known, currently serves as a senior policy advisor in the Office of Policy Management with the New York City Comptroller's Office. As a Senior Policy Advisor, he conducts research and analyzes public policy issues affecting education, the infrastructure, public safety, and technology. He has worked in the Comptroller's Office for the last 17 years.

Lincoln is also an adjunct professor at York College in Jamaica, New York. He tutors students of all ages throughout the city. He enjoys the opportunity to be a positive influence on young people. Lincoln especially likes working with students in the areas of math and science. These areas are traditionally viewed as problematic for women and people of color. Lincoln emphasizes that it is the student's duty to take responsibility for his or her own education. He often tells his students that the international community is providing opportunities for ambitious African-American, Latino, female and immigrant youths.

Lincoln was born in Jamaica. He is the second of Samuel and Lethe's five children. He received his degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of the West Indies. After graduating, he immigrated to Brooklyn in 1980. He quickly resettled in West Texas after accepting an offer as a chemical engineer with the Phillips Petroleum Company. Two years later, he returned to Brooklyn and attended Baruch College where he earned his Masters of Business Administration.

Lincoln is the loving husband of Charmanie Harris Stewart, his wife, partner, and friend for