

TRIBUTE TO WILL RORVIG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you with a heavy heart to pay tribute to the life of an extraordinary man. Will Rorvig, from my home state of Colorado, recently passed away after courageously battling a series of illnesses. Will was known throughout the Denver community for his zest for life, friendly disposition and generous spirit. I am honored to rise today to recognize Will's many contributions to the state of Colorado and our great nation.

Will was raised in Montana and graduated from the University of Montana in 1967. Following graduation, Will answered his country's call to duty, and served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He married his lovely wife Lana in 1977.

Will spent his professional career in the field of accounting. Renowned for his brilliance in tax law, Will was widely respected as an outstanding accountant. Over the past six years, Will held the position of Tax Director for the Anschutz Corporation; there he was known not only for his intelligence, but also for his leadership and willingness to mentor less experienced members of his staff.

Will was a beloved figure in Colorado. He delighted in playing golf and meeting for meals with his many friends, business acquaintances and family members throughout Denver. Will is also remembered for his generosity. Not only did Will perform traditional acts of charity, but he also had a unique penchant for generously assisting anyone he encountered whom he perceived needed his help. Will's altruistic nature certainly worked to the betterment of countless individuals less fortunate than himself.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise and pay tribute to Will Rorvig. Will was a generous man, a loyal employee, and a dedicated mentor. Above all, Will was a loving husband to his wonderful wife and a tremendous friend to many. There is no question that the state of Colorado and our nation are better off as the result of Will's contributions. My heart goes out to Will's loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.

FREEDOM FOR EDUARDO DÍAZ FLEITAS!

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

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Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Eduardo Díaz Fleitas, a prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

Eduardo Díaz Fleitas is a farmer by trade who became a dissident by necessity. The incessant brutal repression of human rights by the tyrant Fidel Castro forced Mr. Díaz to choose between a life without rights or fighting for a life with freedom.

Mr. Díaz bravely chose to dedicate his life to the fight for freedom. He joined his fellow Cuban dissidents and eventually Mr. Díaz rose to become vice president of the 5 August Movement, an organization commemorating the popular uprising against the dictatorship by the people of Havana on August 5, 1994.

With predictable cruelty, the tyrant, Fidel Castro, unleashed his machinery of repression on Mr. Díaz. According to Amnesty International, Mr. Díaz was subjected to regular harassment, including periods of detention that culminated in one year's restricted freedom and house surveillance for public disorder on February 25, 2000.

Undeterred by threats of continued harassment, Mr. Díaz resumed his role as a staunch advocate for freedom for every Cuban citizen. In the tyrant Castro's horrific March 2003, crackdown on dissidents, Mr. Díaz was arrested once again. According to the sham trial verdict that sentenced Mr. Díaz to 21 years in Castro's gulag, Mr. Díaz was convicted because:

It is known by everyone in the area that he directs an opposition group of so-called 'human rights,' carrying out activities and meetings, using our national flag and showing posters asking for freedom for political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, in a frank challenge to the judicial, political, and social system.

Mr. Díaz was sentenced to 21 years in the hell hole of Castro's gulag because he challenged the bankrupt, backward, repressive system that robs its citizens of every freedom.

Mr. Speaker, today this Congress participates in one of the great traditions of our Republic. This evening, President Bush will deliver the State of the Union speech to a joint session of Congress here in this very chamber. As we gather here to participate in our constitutional responsibility let us also rise as one to display our solidarity with those brave souls who struggle for the same freedoms 90 miles from our shore. Let us demand the immediate release of Eduardo Díaz Fleitas and all prisoners of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

TRIBUTE TO NIGHTRIDERS INC.

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise before you to recognize a remarkable organization from the State of Colorado. NightRiders Incorporated of Boulder, Colorado was recently recognized for its innovative approach to protecting Coloradans from the perils of drunk driving with the National Commission Against Drunk Driving's Corporate Leadership Award. I am proud to call the attention of my colleagues and this nation to the contributions that NightRiders is making for the betterment of the Boulder community.

NightRiders has developed a unique way of getting Boulder citizens home from a night out. Upon request, a NightRiders employee rides a collapsible motorized scooter to the patrons' vehicle, places the scooter in the car, and safely transports the customer and their vehicle home. This service provides the passenger

a safe ride while ensuring that our streets are safer for all.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to NightRiders Incorporated for its commitment to improving the safety of Colorado's roadways. NightRiders is dedicated to the prevention of drunk driving and the company's achievements are certainly worthy of recognition. I would like to congratulate NightRiders on this well-deserved award.

IN HONOR OF HAROLD REDDICK

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. JIM DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Harold Reddick, a pioneer in Tampa Bay's civil rights community, who leaves behind a legacy of fighting for a better life for all Floridians.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Harold started his career as a porter for Pullman Co., and went on to serve the Tampa chapter of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. But Harold was born to lead—he was constantly breaking boundaries in his battle for equal rights.

In the early 1940's, traveling all the way to Chicago to plan a march on Washington, Harold fought to open federal government and defense jobs to black workers. Harold shook up Tampa Bay's establishment by attempting to register in the local White Municipal Primary, and he was arrested for trying to patronize an all-white drive-in theater.

A former vice president of the Tampa area chapter of the NAACP and strong supporter of the Montgomery Improvement Association, which helped to organize the Montgomery bus boycott, Harold was not afraid to challenge the old rules. He never let intimidation or violence get in his way.

After leaving the railroad industry, Harold went on to fight for the poor and unemployed. Working for the AFL-CIO's Human Resources Development Institute, Harold helped the less fortunate get back on their feet.

As vice president of the local branch of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, the senior constituency group of the AFL-CIO, and as a member of the Florida Silver-Haired Legislature, Harold was an advocate for seniors. And Harold fought for the young as well, serving on various advisory committees to the Hillsborough County School Board, alongside his wife, Doris, a school board member.

Like so many public officials in our community, I had the good fortune to call Harold my friend. I could always count on him for his candid and constructive counsel. Until his last breath, Harold never stopped helping everyone he knew be the best that they could be and helping our community be the best it could be.

Harold Reddick fought for all of us, and thanks to him, our community is stronger. On behalf of the Tampa Bay area, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Harold's family and friends. Harold's legacy will not soon be forgotten.