

"My greatest, most fervent hope for all families is that each child will choose a lifetime partner as well as I did," he writes in the 16th chapter. He and the former UT homecoming queen were wed on Jan. 28, 1949. "Relationships are what it's all about," Findlay said. "I don't need yachts or luxury cars—I don't live too high. Success is about building relationships with people and being fair in trying to treat everybody alike."

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, in the month of January, across the country, the State of Texas and in the Fifth Congressional District, we celebrate School Board Recognition Month to acknowledge the hard work of school board members and thank them for their valuable service in the education of our children.

During School Board Recognition Month, we honor the administrators, staff, and volunteers of the Richardson Independent School District who work to promote academic excellence and provide a safe learning environment for our students.

School board members are responsible for fulfilling one of the most important roles in our society: helping develop young men and women into the future leaders of our Nation's economy, government, community, and houses of worship.

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to all Richardson school board members for their continued dedication and hard work. Their contribution to the education of our children is truly helping to shape the future of our communities and our Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO GREGG CHERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Gregg Cherry who has shown a deep commitment to serving and improving his community through his work with child services and a career in law enforcement.

Gregg was born March 29, 1955, to James and Audrey Cherry. He is the oldest of five children. He was born and raised in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. Gregg is a graduate of the old Boys High School where he played several positions on the football team. His football career continued at Shaw University where he received bachelors degrees in English and Communications in 1980. He is the loving father of Craig and Raven Cherry.

It was his love and commitment to his community which led him to a career in law enforcement. During his tenure as an investigator and caseworker for the Bureau of Child Welfare, Gregg saw the many inconsistencies and tragedies children encountered in the child welfare system and wanted to make a positive difference. So, in 1984, he joined the New York City Police Department.

He graduated in the first police academy class under the tutelage of Benjamin Ward, the first African American Police Commissioner of New York City. He began his service at the 79th police precinct. His no-nonsense attitude quickly gained the respect of his community and peers alike.

For his work, Gregg was honored in 1977 with a Gold Shield as a detective. He also served as an organized crime investigator and in the vice and narcotics units in the NYPCD. Gregg's other law enforcement efforts include work as an Anti Terrorist Profiler, a security monitor of Federal installations in the New York area, and an independent investigative consultant with the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

After 20 years of stellar service, Gregg retired on January 16th of this year and is now planning to pursue a career in Federal law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, Gregg Cherry has had a long and distinguished career in the NYCPD and remains committed to serving his community and country with his future employment in Federal law enforcement. 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.

HONORING JOHN HUNTER GRAY

BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Hunter Gray, a civil rights activist involved in the southern movement from the summer of 1961 to the summer of 1967.

Hunter Gray, formerly John Salter, took the name of his Native American family some years ago and has been one of the Nation's most ardent advocates on behalf of Native rights. He was recently diagnosed with a severe and possibly fatal case of lupus that has also brought on a bad case of diabetes.

John Salter was very active with the Jackson, Mississippi, NAACP and boycott in 1964. He was in the trenches with Medgar Evers and others during the civil rights movement from 1961 until Evers was assassinated and Gray and his wife and young son left the State. He also wrote a book titled, Jackson, Mississippi: An American Chronicle of Struggle and Schism (1979).

Hunter Gray's commitment to civil rights has continued throughout the years. He and his wife Eldri, who has been a partner in the struggle for equality for 40 years, now live in Idaho. He has been hospitalized several times over the past few months, and his medication and hospitalization costs are very expensive. Many of his friends are organizing a testimonial and fund-raiser to let him know how grateful we are to him for his many sacrifices and contributions to civil rights, Native American and labor causes.

For further information on Hunter Gray, I refer you to his widely read Web site at www.hunterbear.org. Hunter Gray has left a formative mark on the shape of Mississippi history. I thank him for his service to civil rights and to Mississippi. I ask that you keep him in your prayers and meditations.

HONORING THE GARLAND ISD DURING SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to all Garland school board members for their continued dedication and hard work. Their contribution to the education of our children is truly helping to shape the future of our communities and our Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO MARVIN L. LIFSHUTZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Marvin L. Lifshutz in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments in the field of health care law.

Marvin has specialized in the representation of health care professionals for 40 years. He has represented individual physicians, medical groups, medical staffs at hospitals and medical societies. He represents private practices and hospital-based practices for a variety of specialty clients, including the negotiation of exclusive contracts for employees, independent contractors and chiefs of departments.

In the area of managed care, he has created the organizational structures for independent practice associations and their by-laws, negotiated contracts with health maintenance organizations as well as union health care contracts. He has also formed large and small groups of health care providers in setting up medical clinics.

Marvin has assisted in mergers as well as the purchase and sale of medical practices for all subspecialties. He has also represented health care providers who provide Medicare or Medicaid services in the State of New York. Marvin currently represents physicians and physician groups in managed care negotiations and also represents companies acquiring management service organizations (MSOs) that are in the process of going public.

With such a wealth of information, he has shared his expertise on health care law with

business, health and legal groups. He lectures at the State and County Medical Societies as well as the health care division of the C.P.A. Society on issues of medical practices, managed care, hospital staff privileges, limited partnerships and asset protection for physicians. Marvin also has several medical societies as clients and has lectured at many hospitals to the attending medical staff on different health care issues. Additionally, he has lectured to residents at different hospitals throughout New York State.

Marvin also represents large health care groups in negotiating different contracts for various HMOs. He has formed many multiple specialty groups with MSOs and has negotiated with investment bankers who are acquiring many health care groups which are going to be taken public. Marvin has served as a consultant to a number of hospitals on different matters that pertain to their needs, and in conjunction with other groups he has performed compliance studies for large health care organizations.

Mr. Speaker, Marvin L. Lifshutz has demonstrated exceptional skills and knowledge in the field of health care law and continues to provide important representation in this area. 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.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF LOUIS ALLEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the anniversary of the death of Louis Allen. I submit the following article from Dittmer, John. "Local People." Urbana. University of Illinois Press, 1994, page 215.

"Mississippi Freedom Summer Timeline," January 31, 1964

On the evening of January 31, 1964, Louis Allen was gunned down outside his home in Amite County, Mississippi. Married and the father of four children, the 45-year-old independent logger was hit in the face with two loads of buckshot, dying almost instantly. Three years earlier, he had seen Mississippi State legislator E.H. Hurst shoot Herbert Lee, local civil rights pioneer, in cold blood. After word got around that Allen had talked with Justice Department officials about the case, his life became a nightmare. Over the next two years, Allen suffered economic harassment, was jailed on false charges and had his jaw broken by a deputy sheriff.

When, early in 1964, he learned that whites were planning to kill him, the victim made plans to join his brother in Milwaukee. Allen was to leave Mississippi on February 1, one day too late. No one was ever charged in the murder.

HONORING THE DALLAS ISD DURING SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to all Dallas school board members for their continued dedication and hard work. Their contribution to the education of our children is truly helping to shape the future of our communities and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on February 3 and February 4, I was in Rhode Island performing official duties. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

HONORING THE LIFE OF J.R. RICHARDS

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of J.R. Richards. J.R. was an exemplary leader in my community, the 23rd Congressional District. I had the pleasure of knowing and working alongside J.R. during my time as a school nurse in the Santa Barbara School Districts.

As a teacher, he devoted his life to public education, through which he daily strove to serve young people. In this capacity, he taught mathematics; and many of his students have commented to me on how interesting and dynamic he made the subject for them. J.R. told me once that his greatest pleasure came from drawing out math skills from a classroom of students for whom math was particularly challenging. As one of the most dedicated teachers in the Santa Barbara School Districts, he

embodied the highest principles of the teaching profession.

J.R.'s teaching extended beyond the required classroom curriculum. He challenged not only his students but also his colleagues to strive to achieve their highest potential. His role as a teacher was expanded to one of a friend, mentor and confidant to multitudes of his students, their families and the school staff and faculty.

When J.R. became principal of Santa Barbara High School in 1995 he came not as an outsider but as a leader among his peers. He was one of the family. He had graduated from the school in 1957 and in some ways never left. In his new position, he brought a light and warmth to the campus that enabled all students of all backgrounds to feel welcome. In return for his dedication, he has left a lasting impression on all of his students who feel his impact on their lives today. Each person who recalls J.R. Richards holds close at heart that welcoming, affirming "DON" standing in the halls before class. He inspired confidence, urging each of us to strive to be the very best we can. We won't let you down J.R. You mean too much to us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that today we join with J.R.'s family in mourning the passing of this exceptional man, whose presence will be greatly missed.

LOWER BUCKS COUNTY DAV CHAPTER #117-PA CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Lower Bucks County Disabled American Veterans Chapter #117-PA, an organization that will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on February 15, 2004.

Lower Bucks County DAV Chapter #117 shares a proud history with one of the Nation's oldest and most important housing developments. In 1951, developer William Levitt first unveiled the three styles of homes that would eventually populate what would later be known as Levittown, a planned housing development constructed to meet the needs of the employees of the Rohm and Haas Chemical plant in Bristol, 3M in Bristol Township, and the new steel-making facility for U.S. Steel-Fairless Works in Falls Township. Many veterans of World War II and the Korean War purchased homes in this community under the GI Bill's mortgage package. As a result, numerous Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts were established in the area to meet the needs of the local veteran population.

Although differing in their individual mission statements, all these groups had one common denominator: war-inflicted injuries. As a means of combating some of the myths associated with conflict-related disabilities, a small group of World War II and Korean War veterans petitioned the National Disabled Americans for a charter. On October 21, 1953, Lower Bucks County DAV Chapter #117-PA was established; and over the years, its members have shown that those injured in battle can become indispensable members of society through their activities within the community.