

They worked with the Communipaw Avenue Block Association and the Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy to restore the historical Rev. Dr. F. Webb Park, and they are a member of the Communipaw Avenue Block Association and Garden Club. They have developed a Spiritual and Social Plan dealing with fair housing, financial problems, and other neighborhood matters. They have been active in the Morris Canal Redevelopment Area Development Coalition Plans and have planted trees in local parks.

St. John AME Church has developed a Voter Education and Registration Project and Database, and is building a Community and Cultural Center for Senior Citizens and Youth. They have an Uplifting the Brotherhood of Men Ministry for fathers and their children, a cell phone ministry for battered women, an Outreach Golden Senior Citizen ministry, and are a member of the Today I Must Excel (TIME) program for Inner City families and youth.

They have a DSL computer lab for children and have developed an Adult and Youth Job Training Center. Every year they hold a Health Fair addressing minority health matters, an October Harvest Feast for Community Youth and their families, and a Profound Black Leaders Lecture Series.

Under the leadership of Rev. Charles W. McNeill, Jr., these outstanding citizens continue to fulfill the legacy of community service that St. John AME Church has exemplified for the last 60 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me as I recognize these men and women who are dedicated to making our community a better place, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in sending our best wishes for many, many more years of service and ministry.

IN RECOGNITION OF BERNARD BARUCH HOUSES' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Bernard Baruch Houses Tenant Association located in the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

As the largest New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) development in Manhattan—Bernard Baruch Houses provides homes for over 2,000 residents in our city. They also offer amenities that serve nearly 200 senior citizens and disabled residents.

The Bernard Baruch Houses Tenant Association is a well-known presence in our community, and continues its work to strengthen ties with its residents on a daily basis. This association truly exemplifies neighborhood cooperation, enhancing the opportunity for each and every New Yorker to live in a safe, affordable home.

The Bernard Baruch Houses has been instrumental in providing families throughout New York City with reliable and responsible services. Their buildings have served our city's families, elderly and disabled for the past 50 years.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bernard Baruch Houses Tenant Association

on their 50th anniversary, and join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize their service within the New York City community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the National Week of Action for Immigrant Rights. Scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2004, through Sunday, September 26, 2004, hundreds of community activists will mark the National Week of Action by holding rallies, visiting Congressional offices, and hosting educational events throughout the United States to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the historic Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride and highlight the need for comprehensive immigration reform.

It has been nearly one year since hundreds of immigrant workers and their supporters traveled throughout the United States as part of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride. Modeled after the Freedom Rides of the 1960's, the 2003 Freedom Riders raised awareness about the unjust realities of our current immigration policies and urged fair treatment of immigrant workers. I was proud to introduce House Resolution 384, cosponsored by fifty of my colleagues, to honor the Freedom Riders for their courageous campaign and to encourage President Bush and Congress to enact policies that support the goals of the Freedom Ride.

This year's National Week of Action will highlight again the need to reform our broken immigration system. Advocates will urge passage of H.R. 4262, the Safe, Orderly Legal Visas and Enforcement (SOLVE) Act, H.R. 3142, the Agricultural Job Opportunity, Benefits and Security (AGJOBS) Act, and other legislation which would fix our immigration system while honoring our tradition as a nation of immigrants and strengthening our national security.

The National Week of Action includes a fast by students and supporters to highlight the need for passage of S. 1545, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, and H.R. 1684, the Student Adjustment Act. I am a proud original cosponsor of H.R. 1684, bipartisan legislation to open the doors of higher education to immigrant students who work hard and deserve the opportunity to attend college and pursue the American dream.

Throughout our nation's history, we have welcomed immigrants to this country. We should continue to honor this tradition and recognize the enormous economic and cultural contributions that immigrants have made to our nation.

I commend the New American Opportunity Campaign (NAOC) for spearheading the National Week of Action and honor the commitment of its supporters to ensure equal rights for all people. I encourage my colleagues and the American public to use the National Week of Action to learn more about our immigrant community and the need for reform of our immigration system.

IN HONOR OF MRS. KAREN COOPER'S 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR SOLDIERS AND OUR NATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Karen A. Cooper consistently displayed outstanding service to this Nation as she served the United States Army for over forty years. Her distinguished public service began in 1964. Mrs. Cooper will end her dedicated service to the United States in 2004 as the Administrative Assistant for the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Housing). Her insight and grasp of administrative procedures and knowledge of her job enabled her to insure the successful completion of all tasks with the United States Army Secretariat. Through Mrs. Cooper's diligence and exceptionally high degree of professionalism and technical abilities, she made a marked improvement in Army installations for soldiers, Army families, and civilian employees.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDERNESS ACT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of an historic piece of legislation, the Wilderness Act, which was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on September 3, 1964. Since the Act's inception, over 105 million acres of our collective natural heritage has been protected under the wilderness designation.

This week, as we take time to recognize the accomplishments of the Wilderness Act, we must also recognize the work that has yet to be done. Throughout the nation, there are many more wilderness areas that have yet to fall under the full protection of the Wilderness Act—places like the Arctic Coastal Plain, Utah's Redrocks wilderness, and the Northern California Coastal wilderness.

We must continue our efforts to safeguard these existing natural habitats from human exploitation and development in order to protect threatened and endangered species and to ensure the long-term health and vitality of the entire ecosystem.

And I believe that as a global community, we must quickly recognize the dramatic impact that human development has made on our natural environment and work to reduce the human footprint that we leave behind on the world.

IN HONOR OF HERBERT JULES FRIEDMAN

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Herbert Jules Friedman, a man who

dedicated his life to helping others, and who left his mark of generosity on the Tampa Bay community.

After fighting in World War II's Battle of the Bulge as part of the 106th Infantry Division, Herb moved to Tampa. Always a hard worker, with a knack for business, Herb started Southern Mill Creek Products and quickly found success in the agricultural chemicals and equipment manufacturing industry.

Herb was always willing to share his success with others. His employees will remember their boss for his big heart and generous spirit. And members of the Berkeley Preparatory High School football team will remember how Herb always made sure there were summer jobs available for them.

But Herb may be best remembered for the many charitable and cultural organizations that he supported. The members of the Tampa Bay Wheelchair Athletic Association will never forget the year that Herb took 17 wheelchair athletes on a free Las Vegas vacation, or the many other ways that he supported their organization. Nor will the West Tampa Pony League Baseball Team forget the year that Herb donated funds to pay for new uniforms and equipment. These are just a few of the ways that Herb shared his joy for life with those less fortunate.

Herb also served as a board member for the Tampa Philharmonic Orchestra, the University of Tampa Board of Fellows, the Berkeley Preparatory School and Congregation Schaarai Zedek, of which he was a member for 55 years. Herb was also an active member of the Rotary Club of Tampa.

But even with all of these activities, Herb always made time for his family. On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Herb's beloved wife, Nell, and their four children, who made Herb so proud. Herb always did right by you, and by our entire community. We thank you for sharing his kindness and charity with us all.

THANKING MR. LAURICE WALTON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement in September 2004, we rise to thank Mr. Laurice Walton for 29 years of outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Laurice began his career at the House working as a Computer Systems Analyst and then was promoted to a Senior Systems Analyst. In that capacity Laurice has served this great institution for the last 29 years as a valuable employee of House Information Resources (HIR) within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. During his career, Laurice has made significant contributions to support the tracking of legislation in the House. He developed the Summary of Proceedings and Debate (SOPAD) and the Congressional Budget Office Early Warning systems. SOPAD was eventually replaced by the Legislative Information Management System (LIMS) used by the Office of the Clerk to collect, record and report official legislative infor-

mation on House floor proceedings and the progress of bills through the legislative process. Laurice individually developed the LIMS Reports Due to Congress application. He also produced the quarterly Member Profiles and provided support for the daily operation of LIMS.

Laurice has displayed great passion for his work and dedicated himself to ensuring that the needs of his customer, the Clerk's office of Legislative Computer Systems, are met to its satisfaction.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Laurice for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U. S. House of Representatives. We wish Laurice many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

HONORING THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the City of Walled Lake, Michigan on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Founded on December 7, 1954 the beautiful City of Walled Lake is noted for its bustling community of some 7,000 residents enveloped by a country atmosphere. The City of Walled Lake's caring citizens, diligent community leaders, superior schools, vibrant economy, and proud heritage constitute an exceptional civic life for its citizens.

The City of Walled Lake's rich history dates back to 1830, when two men by the names of King and Prentice established a trading post for Native Americans on the lake's eastern shore. Soon, in 1838 a general store to be established here William R. Adams; and in 1834, Ms. Fanny Tuttle taught in the first log cabin school.

The twentieth century saw the city serve as home to the Walled Lake Amusement Park, the abode of the Flying Dragon, the Pretzel, the Tilt-a-Wheel, the Rocket Ride, as well as the Walled Lake Casino where all of the name bands played—Red Nichols and the Dorsey Brothers, Les Brown, Harry James, Vaughn Monroe, Lawrence Welk, and Chuck Berry. Today, the City of Walled Lake has truly created a blend of old time charm with new and continued growth for its residents and its business community.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask you and my esteemed colleagues to please join me in congratulating the citizens of the City of Walled Lake on their very special anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INTER- NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS COL- LEGE OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the International Martial Arts College of the United States, founded in Pennsylvania's 19th Congressional District.

The original International Martial Arts College (IMAC) was created in 1993 in St. Petersburg, Russia with a mission of bringing countries together to promote peace and cross cultural exchange through the universal medium of athletics. Over the last 11 years, competitions sponsored by IMAC have grown from several hundred participants to the largest competition in the world.

When IMAC sought a team from the United States, Master Tony Abel of York, Pennsylvania became the coach and team Captain and remains in both capacities today. Recognizing the importance of the United States role as ambassadors, an international tournament was held in York in 1995 and attended by many countries. Master Abel also officially formed a Board of Directors for the United States chapter of IMAC that same year.

To this day, international competition through IMAC continues, benefiting not only the participants but also helping to break down the barriers of culture and language. IMAC anticipates a future role in the Olympics where representatives, including residents of my District, will be able to compete. I wish them well in the years ahead, and I applaud their devotion to their sport and to international goodwill.

IN HONOR OF CAPT. DALE A. LUMME

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize and honor the service and career of Captain Dale A. Lumme as he retires after 24 years of distinguished service in support of our Nation. Throughout his career, Captain Lumme has epitomized the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment, and has displayed exceptional leadership, providing a lasting contribution to the future capability and readiness of the U.S. Navy.

A 1980 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Captain Lumme first served as an intern in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Following this internship, he departed for Pensacola, Florida, where he was selected for flight training. In less than 2 years he was pinned on the coveted Navy Wings of Gold and embarked on a career as a Navy Helicopter Pilot.

In the following 4 years, Captain Lumme was stationed in San Diego, California with the Sea Snakes of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 33, where he made deployments on the USS *Leftwich*, the USS *Robert E. Peary* and the USS *David R. Ray*.

Following these deployments, in 1986, Captain Lumme was chosen as the Flag Lieutenant to Admiral Paul Miller, the Commander of U.S. Seventh Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan. An internship with the Joint Chiefs of Staff followed, and he completed his shore duty with a position in the Office of Legislative Affairs.

By December of 1989, the aviator was ready to get back to sea, and this time with far greater responsibility. Capt. Lumme spent 3 years in San Diego, California, followed by 2 subsequent years in Atsugi, Japan deploying on a variety of Naval Ships as the helicopter detachment Officer in Charge. He divided his