

\$11 million to revitalize the park with art shows, music, children's programming and improved grounds maintenance. I am proud to say that with the Association's help, Madison Square Park has truly become an oasis in the heart of Manhattan and a source of pride for those who live nearby.

The 23rd Street Association's president of 10 years, Sharon L. Ullman, has been an instrumental part of the Association's success. Her dedication to public service is truly inspiring: Ms. Ullman served as the Warden of Madison Square Park for four years, has been a longtime board member of the Associated Blind and the Gramercy Park Block Association and has received community service awards from Concerned Citizens Speak and New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Ms. Ullman was also named one of the top 100 New Yorkers by New York Resident magazine.

The Association's 2004 honoree is North Fork Bank, which will be represented by North Fork's Senior Vice President, Carl M. Gambino. The Bank's 15 New York City branches are vital elements of our community, employing more than 250 New Yorkers and managing more than \$1.5 billion in assets. Mr. Gambino, who was born and raised in Greenwich Village, has served as the director of the 23rd Street Association, the New York City Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the East Village Business Association. Mr. Gambino is an inspiring humanitarian and business leader whose Christmas Toy Drive and financial counseling initiatives have greatly benefitted New York City children.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the 23rd Street Association, its president, Sharon L. Ullman, and its honoree, North Fork Bank.

#### REMEMBERING ORVILLE G. BENTLEY

#### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2004 the University of Illinois College of Agriculture lost one of the most influential leaders in its history. Orville G. Bentley served as Dean of the College from 1965–1982. When Mr. Bentley took the helm, the facilities of the College were below par, making it hard to retain graduate students and faculty. However, he quickly became the College's champion for improving research and teaching facilities and as a result, the College of Agriculture, is today among the best in the country.

Apart from improvements on campus, Orville was most proud of the vital international work the University of Illinois provided during his tenure. Under his stewardship the University of Illinois made substantial contributions to creating new agricultural institutions in Africa and the Asian sub-continent.

Dean Bentley left the University of Illinois in 1982 to join the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but he will be remembered as someone who always made time for his colleagues and thoroughly enjoyed welcoming visitors from different parts of the world. In his 17 years of service to the University of Illinois, Orville G. Bentley was instrumental in improv-

ing the College's facilities and in making Illinois a leader in the international agricultural arena. His contributions will be treasured and his character will be missed.

#### COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF TERRI ANN SIMMS GRIER

#### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Terri Ann Simms Grier a great citizen and dedicated public servant who recently passed away at the age of 42.

Terri Ann Simms Grier was born July 12, 1962 in Cleveland, Ohio to Emmet and Evelyn Simms. Upon graduation from high school she went on to pursue her education at Smith College and would later graduate from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Employed for 13 years with the American Transport Association as a legislative analyst, Terri represented ATA at both the federal and state level on legislative matters. Additionally, she served as President of the Employee Association and was well respected in the field of government relations.

Terri was an active member of the Washington Government Relations Group, a non partisan organization of African-American lobbyists and government relations professionals, where she held the office of secretary through two administrations spanning four years (1998–2001).

Terri enjoyed traveling and had visited such countries as France, Spain, Egypt, Amsterdam, Iceland, Brazil, Mexico, Jamaica, Portugal and the Bahamas. She was also fluent in both French and Spanish. A devoted wife and mother to her husband Glen and son Jamir Langston Grier, here greatest joy was her family.

May Terri Ann Simms Grier's legacy of love live on in the hearts, minds and deeds of everyone who knew her.

#### HONORING LEE ROSENBERG

#### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Lee Rosenberg and Rabbi Kudan for winning the Humanitarian Award of the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois.

I am proud to call Lee a good friend and to recognize his achievements today on the House floor. Affectionately known by his many friends as "Rosy," Lee Rosenberg has dedicated a lifetime toward advancing the cause of human rights and social equality in Israel and for the Jewish people around the world. I have often discussed foreign policy matters with Lee and benefited from his impressive knowledge, insight, and advocacy for state of Israel and humanitarian affairs.

I was honored to attend the Humanitarian Award Dinner, which recognized Lee's outstanding contributions on November 11th. The ceremony was hosted by the Holocaust Me-

morial Foundation of Illinois—an organization working to preserve the value and dignity of human life through remembrance of the events surrounding the Holocaust.

Since 1986, the Foundation has presented its Humanitarian Award to honor distinguished citizens who have helped embody the ideals of the organization. Lee Rosenberg's contributions over the past twenty years have reflected these ideals and his impeccable reputation as one of Chicago's most active leaders in the Jewish philanthropic community.

In addition, Lee has worked tirelessly to improve his community through active membership in the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, the Jewish Community Relations Council, AIPAC, and as a board member for several private sector and not-for-profit corporations.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lee Rosenberg for receiving the Humanitarian Award bestowed by the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois. The Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, and indeed the city of Chicago, are proud of Lee's achievements and for winning this prestigious award. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank Lee for his contributions to community service and wish him continued success in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO SGT CLAY PEACOCK

#### HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize SGT Jay C. Peacock who was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor for his actions of heroism during the Vietnam War. SGT Peacock, known as Clay, received the Bronze Star during a special ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11, 2004.

During the Vietnam War, SGT Peacock was a Ground Radio Operator for the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron. On October 26, 1969, during an attack by the North Vietnamese Army, SGT Peacock was deployed by helicopter into the Special Forces Camp at Bu Prang. Heavy fighting with constant artillery, mortar, and small arms fire continued through October 28th.

Mr. Speaker, SGT Peacock distinguished himself during the attack by dividing his time between his radio operator duties and taking care of the Officer in Charge who was wounded on the second day of the North Vietnamese siege.

At dusk on the second night, supporting aircraft were called to help prevent the North Vietnamese from overrunning the camp. Knowing that their friendly position had to be marked for supporting aircraft, SGT Peacock put himself in the line of fire to successfully mark their position with strobe lights from his survival vest. Because of his unselfish actions, the aircraft were able to force the North Vietnamese army to retreat.

Mr. Speaker, although his heroic actions took place over 30 years ago, SGT Peacock received his long overdue and much deserved medal surrounded by family and friends on Veterans Day. With great pleasure, I rise today to congratulate this wonderful achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF EMPIRE CITY  
IRON WORKS ON THE OCCASION  
OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Empire City Iron Works, the oldest and largest steelmaker in New York City. For the past 100 years, Empire City Iron Works has played an integral role in developing New York's distinctive urban landscape. At a time when many of its competitors are struggling, Empire City's specialized service and ability to adapt to changing market conditions make it a model for new businesses in the region.

Empire City Iron Works was established in 1904 by Leopold Heffner, an ironworker who immigrated to the United States from Austria. Early in its history, Empire City produced cast iron frames and covers for coal-delivery holes installed in New York City sidewalks, some of which remain to this day. During World War II, Empire City's employees worked diligently to provide supplies to the U.S. Navy, constructing ammunition boxes and gun racks, as well as watertight doors for ships produced in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. In later years, Empire City made enormous contributions to New York City's power grid, one of the most reliable networks in the country. In cooperation with Consolidated Edison, the company built almost every power plant in the New York metropolitan area.

Today, Empire City Iron Works furnishes and installs a wide range of metal products including steel pan and ornamental stairs, structural steel, railings and walkways. On occasion, it works directly with artists, cutting and fitting pieces to create sculptures according to the artist's specifications. The company has also undertaken a number of high-profile projects in recent years, such as the extensive renovation of the Museum of Modern Art and the construction of the first new building at the World Trade Center site. With projects ranging from the Time Warner Center in Manhattan to the Atlantic Center Mall in Brooklyn, Empire Iron Works continues to thrive; at present, it has more than 75 employees at its factory in Long Island City, Queens.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that my distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to this fine company and its exceptional work in New York City. I wish the management and employees of Empire City Iron Works another 100 years of success.

REMEMBERING WILLARD T.  
"BILL" HODGE

### HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on September 21, 2004, Willard T. "Bill" Hodge got on his tractor to clear some brush and weeds from his farm. It would be the last time this prolific farmer would tend to his historic and treasured land, but his contributions to agriculture in Illinois will be remembered for many harvests to come.

Bill Hodge started farming in Champaign County in 1956 on his farm in Seymour, Illinois, which to this day remains one of the oldest farms in the county. In the 1970's, Bill served on the Champaign County Zoning Board where he had the opportunity to venture from township to township listening to the concerns of area farmers. Mr. Hodge used this experience to come to Washington, DC to tell agriculture's story to members of Congress. He also served on former Representative Ed Madigan's Farm Advisory Committee.

In 1981, The News Gazette named Bill Hodge Farm Leader of the Year. He served on the Champaign County Forest Preserve District from 1987 to 1993 during which he was credited for leading the district stably and successfully.

Bill Hodge cared deeply about what was good for his fellow farmer. This intertwined with his interest in local politics as he made successful efforts to get his colleagues involved in the process.

While many in Champaign County feel the loss of Bill Hodge, comfort can be taken in the fact that he passed away on a gorgeous Tuesday in September doing what he loved the most. Whether it was tending to his own farm or helping the agriculture community in Champaign County, Bill Hodge always left the land in better shape than he found it.

He will truly be missed.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL  
BIBLE WEEK NOVEMBER 21-28, 2004

### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of National Bible Week. I am honored and pleased to serve as Congressional Co-chair for National Bible Week, November 21-28, 2004. It is my hope and expectation that people of faith throughout the United States will join together to celebrate the Bible's core messages of fellowship, justice, peace, righteousness and love. I am proud to be a part of this annual event.

I congratulate the National Bible Association for its dedication to encouraging people to read and take interest in the Holy Bible. Indeed, it is a special privilege to have the opportunity to be guided and inspired daily by words, phrases and stories some of which are 3,000 years old. These ancient writings have been an extraordinary source of strength, guidance and wisdom to persons across this nation and around the world.

The Holy Bible is an extraordinary living document—like our Constitution—which continues to inform our thinking as well as our national conversation on both moral and ethical issues. I'm delighted to join in this celebration of National Bible Week.

HONORING BILL AND SHEILA LAMBERT AND RABBI PETER J. RUBINSTEIN

### HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sheila and Bill Lambert, as well as Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein, for receiving the International Humanitarian Award, which is the highest honor that the World Union for Progressive Judaism can bestow. These three distinguished individuals have worked diligently and selflessly to advance the cause of human rights and social equality, and I am proud to recognize their many achievements on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

I was honored to be invited to attend the International Humanitarian Awards Dinner hosted by the World Union for Progressive Judaism, which represents over 2,000,000 progressive Jewish congregations in over 41 countries. This respected organization seeks to strengthen modern Jewish life through supporting congregations; integrating Jewish religious traditions with inclusiveness and gender equality; and advancing social justice in the spirit of tikkun olam, which means repairing the world.

Sheila Lambert's professional experience includes twenty years at The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. Her extensive volunteer experience focuses on Jewish continuity and helping underserved and disadvantaged populations, particularly women and children.

A member of the board of Project Keshet, Sheila is the Founder and Board President of Bottomless Closet, and is a member of the Board of Governors and Overseers of Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion. In addition, Sheila is a Founder and Board Chair of Summerbridge, is on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Children's Learning Lab, which is a children's museum, and is the former Vice President of the Board at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, a major Reform congregation in Manhattan. She is also a member of the Advocacy Council for the Citizen's Committee for Children.

Sheila's husband, Bill, has always shared her devotion to the mission of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. He is currently the Vice Chairman for Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein and is one of the four founding partners of Wasserstein Parella Group, Inc. I have tremendous respect for their selfless dedication to peace and their impressive record of accomplishments in advancing humanitarian goals. They are shining examples of leadership and commitment to a more humane society, and I am proud to call them good friends.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Sheila and Bill Lambert, and Rabbi Rubinstein for receiving the International Humanitarian Award. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank them for their contributions to community service and wish them continued success well into the future.