

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. He was also a member of the Alabama Wildlife Federation for many years and was both a member of the board of directors and past president of that organization. In 1964, he was recognized for his tremendous efforts in the field of conservation when he was awarded the Governor's Conservation Award by then-Governor George C. Wallace.

In the midst of his busy professional schedule, Mr. Stimpson also found time to serve in many community organizations and on several boards of directors. He was a member of the board of Mobile Infirmary for 25 years; he served for 20 years as a past chairman, president, and member of the St. Paul's Episcopal School board of trustees; and was a vestryman at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout South Alabama. Mr. Stimpson will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Nedra Greer Stimpson; his children, Nedra Stimpson Crosby, John L. Stimpson, Ben C. Stimpson, Jr., Mary Stimpson Turner, and Greer Stimpson Stephens; his brother, William Herbert Stimpson; and 16 grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

#### TRIBUTE TO RETIRING SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY LEADERS KENNETH AND MARY ANN SHAW

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw, Ph.D., and Associate to the Chancellor, Mary Ann Shaw, M.S. Both Dr. and Mrs. Shaw are retiring administrators at Syracuse University and active members of the central New York community.

Kenneth A. Shaw has served as chancellor of Syracuse University with great honor since 1991. Prior to coming to Syracuse, Chancellor Shaw presided over the 26-campus University of Wisconsin system that serves more than 160,000 students. In addition, Dr. Shaw was chancellor of the Southern Illinois University system from 1979 to 1986, president of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville from 1977 to 1979, and vice president and dean of Towson State University from 1969 to 1977.

Dr. Shaw is the recipient of honorary degrees from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 2002; Purdue University, 1990; Illinois State University, 1987; Illinois College, 1986; and Towson State University, 1979. He was also awarded the NCAA's Silver Anniversary Award in 1986 and received the Advancement and Support of Education's District II Chief Executive Leadership Award.

Recently Chancellor Shaw was elected chairman of the Metropolitan Development Association, a regional development, planning, and research organization including a 12-county area in upstate New York. In retirement, Chancellor Shaw plans on taking a more active role with the association.

Mary Ann Shaw is the associate of the chancellor of Syracuse University and has

held this position since 1991. At Syracuse University she works closely with the Office of Institutional Advancement and assists her husband, Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw.

During her tenure as associate, Mrs. Shaw has helped found and direct the University's Center for Public and Community Service, which promotes public and community service as a fundamental part of the teaching and learning experience. Mrs. Shaw was an original founder of the Syracuse University Literacy Corps, a cadre of SU students who tutor young students in local schools. Mrs. Shaw is currently the chair of the steering committee for the development of the Central New York Children's Hospital and was instrumental in the development of United Way's Success By Six. Mrs. Shaw has also been active as a member and/or officer of the following community organizations: Lifetime Healthcare, Inc., BlueCross BlueShield of Central New York, Inc., the Salvation Army of the Syracuse Area, Syracuse Stage, Syracuse Symphony, and Central New York Community Foundation.

Chancellor Shaw has long been known among the Syracuse University student body for his accessibility and visibility not only in university activities, but in everyday student life. The chancellor has demonstrated his profound commitment to the education of students in many ways; none more significant than his connection and engagement with the Syracuse University student body.

Upon hearing of the chancellor's plans to retire, the Syracuse University student newspaper, the Daily Orange, published an editorial that praised his willingness to defend the newspaper's freedom of speech and his consistent availability to answer questions and talk with the student writers. The editorial wrote that Chancellor Shaw 'recognized the importance of an independent student voice amid a university of administrative voices.'

The Shaws' dedication to the constant advancement of the resources and ideas available to students is reflected in the university's many academic achievements. Chancellor and Mrs. Shaw will leave a lasting influence on the relationship between the Syracuse community and the university. The success attained by the Shaws is attributed largely in part to their genuine concern and interest in providing an atmosphere that fosters growth and discovery.

Both Chancellor and Mrs. Shaw have made a far-reaching impact on the students and faculty of Syracuse University as well as the surrounding community. Their leadership has elevated the educational curriculum and caliber of student attending and graduating from Syracuse University. Chancellor and Mrs. Shaw have set an educational precedent that solidifies Syracuse as a top collegiate program.

On behalf of the students, faculty and community members of Syracuse, I extend my sincere gratitude for the dedication and service Chancellor Shaw and Mrs. Shaw have offered to the community. We look forward to their continued involvement in local civic and business organizations in retirement.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO LOUISE GARCIA

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I rise to pay tribute to the passing of a great woman from my district. Louise Garcia, a native of Durango, Colorado, recently passed away at the age of 85. Louise dedicated her life to improving public transportation and serving the Durango community. I am honored today to bring her contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today.

Louise will forever be remembered as a pioneer of the transportation system in Durango. She worked as both a dispatcher and a bookkeeper for the city bus and Opportunity Bus transportation systems. Louise dedicated her time, energy and even personal living space to the betterment of the city's bus system. Louise enjoyed the outdoors and often volunteered to take children camping with the local Community Action organization. Louise was also an active member of the Mother's Club and the choir at her local church.

Mr. Speaker, Louise Garcia was a dedicated woman that selflessly served her Durango community, and I am honored to pay tribute to such a generous public servant. Her lifetime of service is an incredible model for all Americans and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this difficult time of bereavement.

#### HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE JUDGE PATRICIA ANN BLACKMON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Judge Patricia Ann Blackmon, for her significant and groundbreaking professional accomplishments, and for serving as an inspiration and role model for minority women in Cleveland, Ohio, and far beyond.

Her unwavering integrity and strong work ethics were gifts from her mother, who taught by example during her childhood in Mississippi. Blackmon was the first member of her family to attend college, graduating magna cum laude from Tougaloo College in Mississippi with a Bachelor's Degree in African American Studies, political science and history. Her quest for knowledge and personal growth led her away from her Mississippi home, north to Cleveland, to earn a law degree at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Throughout her noteworthy career as an attorney, Judge Blackmon has served as the chief prosecutor for the City of Cleveland, assistant director of Victims/Witness Program, and professor at Dyke College. Presently, Judge Blackmon holds the monumental title as the first African-American woman to preside over the Court of Appeals of Ohio. Judge Blackmon has served, and continues to serve, on many civic advisory boards. She currently serves as

trustee for the Cleveland Bar Association, Lake Erie College, and the Black Women's Political Committee. For her outstanding contribution to the legal profession, Judge Blackmon has been awarded numerous personal and professional awards, including her induction into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, and the 1996 Alumni of the Year Award from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Judge Patricia Ann Blackmon, as she is being honored on February 5, 2004, by the 14th Annual Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership series, sponsored by Dominion East Ohio. Judge Blackmon's professional excellence and accomplishment as a distinguished attorney and judge serves as a beacon of hope and light for people of all races so they may visualize and realize their dreams. And Judge Blackmon's journey from Mississippi to Ohio reflects tenacity, integrity, dreams and hope, and she continues to inspire us all.

**HONORING BRIGADIER GENERAL  
BRADFORD C. BRIGHTMAN ON  
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize one of the exemplary servicemen who has served the great State of Alabama and our country in ensuring freedom for the American people. Brigadier General Bradford C. Brightman has not only offered his knowledge and expertise to the Nation while serving, but he has taught the men and women who have served under him to do the same. Today I wish to recognize his numerous accomplishments and honor his distinguished career on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army.

General Brightman served our country for 1 year as a combat engineer enlisted man and then was commissioned on May 16, 1969, after completing the United States Army Engineer Officer Candidate School. He served on active duty from May 1969 until July 1975, during which time he spent 19 months of combat aviation duty with the 1st Aviation Brigade in Vietnam. He also served as an Operations Officer and Flight Instructor at the United States Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama, before leaving active duty in August 1975 and joining the Alabama National Guard.

As a member of the National Guard, General Brightman served his country in a number of aviation unit assignments and in staff positions with group and higher headquarters. These positions have also included assignments as the Deputy Commander of the 62nd Troop Command in Montgomery and Commander of the 226th Area Support Group in Mobile, Alabama.

General Brightman has received numerous awards during his service including the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievements Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He has also been awarded the Armed Forces Reserve

Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation, Master Army Aviator Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Veterans Service Medal of Alabama, Special Service Medal of Alabama, and the Faithful Service Medal of Alabama.

In addition to his successful military career, General Brightman has also achieved success in the academic arena, earning a degree in civil engineering from Auburn University in 1977 and his MBA from Troy State University in 1985. He attended three military educational facilities including Army Command and General Staff College, Associate Logistics Executive Development Course, and the Army War College. In 1992, General Brightman received the United States Civilian Achievement Award for his participation in the writing of the Panama Canal Treaty Implementation Plan. Currently, General Brightman works as a Senior Project Manager with a management and engineering services company in Mobile.

Mr. Speaker, Brigadier General Bradford C. Brightman has selflessly offered his life and services for his country. It is for this devotion that I would like to extend our most sincere thanks and gracious appreciation on the occasion of his retirement. While the United States Army National Guard will certainly miss the benefit of his leadership and experience, I know I join with his family and many friends and colleagues in wishing him continued success in the years ahead.

**TRIBUTE TO THE TULLY BOYS  
VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM**

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Tully boys varsity cross-country team. The team had an outstanding season, capturing the class D State title. Tully posted the meet's low score of 38 points, beating their closest opponent, Oakfield-Alabama by 42 points.

Seniors Lopez Lomong and Dominic Luka led their team to victory with a 1-2 finish. Other runners who placed for the State championship team were senior Bennett Hillenbrand in 20th place, freshman Tommy Miexell in 28th place, and Matt Kinne in 42nd place. These young men led their team to the second State championship in school history by a Tully athletic team.

The team includes Greg Hartnett, Tommy Miexell, Scott Vandermelon, Mike Heyman, Jeremiah Fraser, Casey Knapp, Brent Hartnett, Matt Kinne, Justin Rood, Travis Kushner, Kevin Easton, Dan Hatch, Rune Anderson, Lopez Lomong, Dominic Luka, Bennett Hillenbrand, Zac Long, and Pat Jordan. The team is coached by Jim Paccia. These young men are a source of pride to our community and should be commended for their hard work and dedication.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO WALTER  
PREDOVICH**

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you to pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district. Walter Predovich of Pueblo, Colorado recently passed away at the age of eighty-four. He will always be remembered as a devoted family man and highly respected attorney throughout the state. I would like to ask my colleagues to please join me in remembering his life before this body of Congress and this Nation today.

Walter began his career by answering his nation's call to duty in serving his country in the Navy. After an honorable discharge, he returned to Colorado to graduate from Colorado College and later the University of Denver School of Law. He went on to practice law for more than half a century and retired as a senior partner in the law firm of Predovich, Ward and Banner. Walter was also passionate about the arts, and served on the board of directors of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, where he had been president and chief operating officer for almost fifteen years. He is survived by his wife and best friend of fifty-seven years, Marjorie, their two sons, Walter and David, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the wonderful life of Walter Predovich. Walter was a beloved man who made a tremendous impact on his community through his many years of service in his profession and to the performing arts. Walter's love of family and community service is truly a model to us all. The Pueblo community and the State of Colorado will truly miss Walter, and my thoughts go out to his family during this difficult time of bereavement.

**HONORING CLEVELAND READS—  
GREATER CLEVELAND'S LITERACY COALITION**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 25, 2004*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Cleveland Reads, as they enter into their seventeenth year of offering the gift of literacy to thousands of Greater Clevelanders. For many children and adults, learning to read and write also brings a significant sense of accomplishment, self-esteem, and the promise and possibility of a renewed and brighter future.

Established in 1987, Cleveland Reads, a non-profit organization, has consistently worked to draw individuals, businesses and agencies into their volunteer literacy projects and campaign. Recently, Cleveland Reads was awarded a significant monetary grant from the United Parcel Service (UPS). The UPS award will enable the agency to enhance their existing volunteer outreach programs, and will also be used to create an effective tutoring model that will be initiated within our community's literacy coalition.