

Globalization was supposed to be great for everyone. Nafta was supposed to be a boon. Increased productivity was supposed to be the ultimate tool—the sine qua non—for raising the standard of living for all.

Instead, wealth and power in the United States has become ever more dangerously concentrated, leaving an entire generation of essentially powerless workers largely at the mercy of employers.

A remark by Louis Brandeis comes to mind: “We can have democracy in this country, or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. But we can’t have both.”

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE OF MILLARD OAKLEY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding support that Livingston, Tennessee, resident Millard Oakley has shown his community and the education of its children. In fact, Millard is being honored by Volunteer State Community College as its Friend of the Year this weekend for his unprecedented support of the college and higher education.

Millard is a lifelong resident of Livingston who prospered after receiving a first-rate education in the community’s public school systems and at nearby Tennessee Technological University and Cumberland University School of Law. A successful attorney and businessman who remembers his humble beginnings, Millard recently made a significant contribution for capital improvements at the Livingston campus of Vol State. He also established the Oakley First National Foundation, which awards full scholarships to Overton County students attending Vol State, Tennessee Technological University or the Tennessee Technology Center.

Millard’s life is a prime example of what a good education and the proper motivation can do for a country boy raised in the rural hills of Tennessee. He has served in the Tennessee General Assembly, as the state’s Insurance Commissioner, in the state’s Constitutional Convention, as the Overton County Attorney and as the general counsel of the U.S. House of Representative’s Select Committee on Small Business. He presently serves on the board of directors of the First National Banks of Tennessee in Livingston, Cookeville and Crossville, and of Thomas Nelson Publishers, the world’s largest Bible-publishing company.

I cannot count the times I have sought Millard’s advice on a wide range of issues. He has always given me his honest opinion and wise counsel, and I sincerely thank him for that. Millard is a true friend to me, his community and the Overton County students who benefit from his generosity. Once again, I congratulate Millard for his unselfish devotion to his community and to those who seek a better life through education.

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSWOMAN
ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON ON
THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED
ACT OF 2005

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the first comprehensive clean-up plan for the Anacostia River. It has been called the “forgotten river,” “a neighborhood river,” “the dirtiest river in America” and an especially appropriate name would be the congressional river. The current original cosponsors include Representatives JIM MORAN, TOM DAVIS, CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, ROBERT BRADY, ED MARKEY, ALBERT WYNN, and RAUL GRIJALVA and I expect additional regional members who signed on when I originally introduced the bill during the last Congress to do so again. The Anacostia River flows within 2,000 yards of the Capitol Dome. For years the Anacostia River and region have been associated with blight and despair. Like many cities across America in the past few years that have developed their waterfronts, the District of Columbia government has decided to end the underutilization of the riverfront by creating the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, dedicated to developing the Anacostia waterfront. However before development and hope can be brought to this area of the city, the river must be cleaned up. If the river is cleaned, it could be a very important economic development asset for the entire region. With a cleaned up river, visions of restaurants, parks, office buildings and pedestrian walkways will become a reality.

The bill introduced today would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a program within the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) known as the “Anacostia Watershed Restoration Initiative.” This initiative would create an “Anacostia Watershed Council,” composed of the EPA Administrator, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Governor of Maryland, the Governor of Virginia and the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George’s County. The primary responsibility of the council would be to develop an action plan for the restoration, protection, and enhancement of the environmental integrity and social and economic benefits of the Anacostia watershed. Several federal agencies, such as the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Transportation, the EPA, and Army Corps of Engineers would be involved in the development and implementation of the action plan. This bill also calls for \$3 million for each of 10 years to be authorized for use by the EPA, and \$1 million for each of 10 years would be authorized for the other agencies. The strong Federal involvement in the bill reflects not only the location of the river, but also that Federal facilities represent the major source of its pollution.

This vital piece of legislation also would amend the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to authorize \$150 million to repair and upgrade the District’s inadequate combined sewer overflow system, a critical part of cleaning up the river. The District’s combined sewer system was designed and constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers 160 years ago. The sewer system services Federal

downtown DC, including the Capitol complex. As such, the Federal Government is directly responsible for the sewage and pollution that drains into the Anacostia River on a daily basis. I had secured a \$35 million authorization in last Congress’s WRDA bill in 2003, but the Senate never acted. This year I have requested \$150 million, even though this amount is not enough to help the District address the combined sewer overflow problem. However, this authorization will be a major step toward correcting a serious problem.

This bill also will be the first step in bringing real hope to a region often referred to as “east of the river”. With this bill, this once neglected region of our Nation’s capital will become a thriving gathering place for tourists and residents of this region. 60 Minutes recently captured the story of the young people who are cleaning up the Anacostia River in a moving segment entitled “Endangered Species.” These young members of the Earth Conservation Corps (ECC) are working not only to clean up the river but to “empower our endangered youth to reclaim the Anacostia River, their communities, and their lives.” With the Anacostia River as their classroom, the ECC has been able to achieve positive strides, both environmentally and socially. There is more we can do to support and expand their efforts and help Anacostia to become the jewel of the District of Columbia.

IN HONOR OF JOSÉ C. CAYÓN
DIÉGUEZ

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor José C. Cayón Diéguez, an accomplished Cuban-American journalist who has dedicated his career to reporting on and promoting issues important to the Hispanic community. Mr. Cayón Diéguez is the founder of *El Tiempo de Nuevo York*, New Jersey and Miami.

Launched in 1963, this weekly newspaper offers stories and insight into the lives of Hispanics throughout the United States. Mr. Cayón Diéguez has served as the director and guiding force behind this New York-based publication for the past 33 years. During that time, he has proven himself to be an outstanding leader and a strong voice within the Hispanic community. As the manager and contributing editor of the paper, Mr. Cayón Diéguez has become a spokesman for the causes important to community organizations such as the Puerto Rican Parade Committee, the Puerto Rican Folklore Festival, the Columbian Civic Center, and the Dominican Cultural Civic Center, among others. In addition to his work with *El Tiempo de Nuevo York*, New Jersey and Miami, he was also the editor for the first Hispanic Guide to New Jersey and New York.

Mr. Cayón Diéguez is an active member of the community, who volunteers his time and takes on leadership roles in a multitude of organizations. In the past he has served as treasurer of the National Federation of Hispanic Owned Newspapers, vice-president of the Hispanic Media Council, director of art and columnist for the *Diario Hispanoamericano*,

and columnist for the weekly paper *Zig Zag*. He has also served on the board of directors for the National Association of Cuban Journalists.

For his exemplary work, Mr. Cayón Diéguez has received numerous awards and accolades, including being named one of the 100 most outstanding Hispanic journalists by *Hispanic Media 100*.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring José C. Cayón Diéguez for his impressive career accomplishments and his dedication to serving the Hispanic community. I applaud him for the positive impact he has made through his work as a journalist, and I am confident that he will continue to enrich the lives of those who read his publication in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO HONORABLE RICHARD BYRD

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to draw the attention of the House to the passing of my friend and one of Missouri's finest elected officials, the Honorable Richard Byrd. Richard Byrd was known for his ready helping hand and his deep commitment to the people he represented.

Returning home last Saturday, the day after the first half of the 96th Session of the Missouri General Assembly was completed, Representative Byrd collapsed of an apparent heart attack after carrying his suitcase into his home. A friend to many, his death was a shock to all who knew him.

Richard Byrd received his JD from Washington University Law School and practiced commercial litigation law while serving as a Kirkwood, Missouri city councilman from 1994–2000. He served in the Missouri State House representing the Kirkwood area since 2000, where he made his mark by always listening both to colleagues and constituents, by his consistent willingness to help draft bills and amendments, and by explaining the legal ramifications of complex legislative proposals.

Richard Byrd worked hard to the very end. He was known for burning the midnight oil, always happy to help those who came to him for advice, and had a quick eye for detail. He had the ability to influence those around him and when he spoke, others listened and respected what he had to say.

A man involved in his community, he served on the St. Louis County Charter Commission, on the board of directors of the Missouri and St. Louis Easter Seals organizations, and assistant district commissioner of the St. Louis Area Boy Scouts. He was a member of the Kirkwood Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and coached soccer at St. Genevieve DuBois Catholic Church.

We extend our deepest condolences to his lovely wife, Moira, and their children Richard and Eleanor. We are also thankful for his life—a life of service well-lived. Richard, you will be missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CHEN SHUI-BIAN OF TAIWAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, a year ago, Mr. Chen Shui-bian was re-elected president of the Republic of China on Taiwan. On the occasion of the first anniversary of his second term in office, I offer my congratulations to President Chen and the people of Taiwan.

President Chen continues to work to ensure Taiwan's democracy and freedom, and seeks reconciliation and cooperation with Taiwan's opposition party leaders. He also is leading Taiwan's efforts to gain membership in the World Health Organization and other international organizations. Without membership or observership in the World Health Organization, Taiwan is literally an orphan in the world health arena.

I am pleased that our government has come out strongly in support of Taiwan's bid for World Health Assembly observership this May.

As we join our friends in Taiwan in celebrating President Chen's anniversary, we also recognize Taiwan's steps toward democratization. These include Taiwan's end of martial law in 1987, first direct presidential election in 1996, first change of governing party in 2000 and first national referendum in 2004. Taiwan's example is encouraging to all those who seek and support freedom and democracy around the world.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CAREER OF JOHN H. JOHNSON

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor the life of John H. Johnson. Born in 1918 in Arkansas City, Arkansas, Mr. Johnson has set an example for us all by being both an entrepreneur and a philanthropist. I would like to recognize Mr. Johnson's contributions to Arkansas and our Nation.

Mr. Johnson is the founder, publisher, and chairman of Johnson Publishing Company, the world's largest African-American owned publishing Company. He is also the publisher of *Ebony* and *Jet* Magazines. *Ebony* alone has a circulation of 1.7 million people and reaches 11 million readers monthly.

In 1982, Mr. Johnson was the first African American to be named on *Forbes'* list of the 400 wealthiest Americans. Mr. Johnson's long list of awards and achievements include: the Black Journalists' Lifetime Achievement Award in 1987, the Wall Street Journal/Dow Jones Entrepreneurial Excellence Award in 1993, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996—the highest honor this nation gives to a citizen, the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame Award in 2001, The Vanguard Award in 2002, and The Trumpet Award in 2002.

Arkansas City and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff have worked together to create the John H. Johnson Cultural and Education Museum. On Saturday, May 21st this

museum will be dedicated in Desha County, Arkansas. This museum will capture Mr. Johnson's life by restoring his boyhood home and will include period memorabilia, printed material, and video chronicles about Mr. Johnson's life.

In addition to the museum, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is in the planning stages of opening a learning center in Arkansas City and an academic complex at the University of Arkansas of Pine Bluff. These institutions will undoubtedly become a tremendous asset and staple of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

I am honored to recognize Mr. Johnson, and am delighted that the John H. Johnson Cultural Education Museum will be open for Arkansans to see firsthand Mr. Johnson's lifetime of work and contributions to our nation. His dedication, entrepreneurial spirit, and legacy will continue in Arkansas for the years and decades ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, IL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the City of Trenton.

This past weekend, the City of Trenton celebrated the establishment of their city. In 1818, William Lewis and his brother-in-law, A.W. Casad of Trenton, New Jersey located Lewis' farm at the location where the city now stands. A few years later, in 1825, the first church congregated with others soon to follow.

In 1853 the area found itself in need of a Post Office, which was given the name of Trenton. On May 14, 1855, Trenton, Illinois was established. Less than a year later, on February 16, 1856, the Villiage of Trenton was chartered with Joseph Hanke as the first Mayor. A little over 30 years later, on September 20, 1887, Trenton was incorporated as a City.

In 1955, the year of its centennial, with a population of 1,400, the City of Trenton was given the nickname, the "Friendly City", and went on, in 2003, to receive the Governor's Hometown Award.

Today, the City of Trenton has grown to a city of 2,700 citizens under the current Mayor, Robert Louis Koentz.

Here's to the City of Trenton and all who reside there.

HONORING THE 190TH ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 190th year of existence of the Hurricane Baptist Church of Lebanon, Tennessee. The congregation will celebrate the church's anniversary on Sunday, May 29, 2005, with an afternoon program.