

Location alone is not responsible for the success of Southern Illinois Airport. Airport Manager Gary Shafer and approximately 200 full and part-time employees have earned through their hard work and commitment to excellence no only the General Aviation Airport of the Year Award for 2005 but the continued respect and confidence of the flying public. This marks the fourth time that Southern Illinois Airport has been the recipient of this prestigious award, the second highest number among all the airports in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Airport Manager Gary Shafer, the Commissioners and staff of Southern Illinois Airport for this very well-deserved award.

CONGRATULATING THE WESTERN NEW YORK LETTER CARRIERS FOR THEIR "STAMP OUT HUNGER" WIN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate the Western New York Letter Carriers for coming in first National Association of Letter Carriers in the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive.

On June 7th, the NALC announced that Branch 3 of Buffalo/West New York managed to collect a whopping 1,896,038 pounds of donations, placing them in the lead for a third consecutive year. The resolve of the 2,100 members of Branch 3 to collect and process donations at community food banks is commendable, and it is just another example of the hard work and dedication that our letter carriers put into their jobs.

The National Association of Letter Carriers is over 100 years old and the Buffalo/Western New York branch was one of the founding branches in the union. The members are active in both labor issues and the community. The post officers are considered neighbors and friends, delivering mail daily and offering reliable service to residents throughout the county. Despite long winters and the harsh cold, each year the postal carriers have been dependable and enthusiastic, and their first place position in the "Stamp out Hunger" food drive perfectly illustrates these traits.

I would like to thank all the letter carriers for their tireless efforts and to thank the union laborers in Buffalo and throughout Western New York. The union workers of my district comprise the foundation of our sense of community and values. We would be lost without their help. I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude for the indispensable part that they play in our daily lives, and to congratulate them in their "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive win.

FREEDOM FOR HORACIO JULIO PIÑA BORREGO

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Horacio Julio Piña Borrego, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Piña Borrego is a pro-democracy activist in totalitarian Cuba. He is a member of the Party for Human Rights in Cuba. Because of his belief in freedom, democracy, and human

rights, Mr. Piña Borrego has been a target of the nightmare called the Castro regime.

According to Amnesty International, in 2001 Mr. Piña Borrego was detained by the tyrant's security thugs. However, despite constant harassment, and the ever present threat of being thrown in the gulag for his beliefs, Mr. Piña Borrego bravely persisted in advocating for human rights and freedom.

On March 19, 2003, as part of the dictator's condemnable crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mr. Piña Borrego was arrested because of his belief in freedom and human rights. In a sham trial, he was sentenced to 20 years in the inhuman, totalitarian gulag.

Mr. Piña Borrego is currently languishing in an abhorrent, inhuman cell in the totalitarian gulag. These depraved conditions are truly appalling. The State Department describes the conditions in the gulag as, "harsh and life threatening." The State Department also reports that police and prison officials beat, neglect, isolate, and deny medical treatment to detainees and prisoners, including those convicted of political crimes. It is a crime of the highest order that people who work for freedom are imprisoned in these nightmarish conditions.

Because of courageous Cuban men and women, like Mr. Piña Borrego, freedom and democracy are on the march in Cuba. These pro-democracy activists languish in abhorrent dungeons, they defy the dictator's machinery of repression and, despite every threat and obstacle, these opposition leaders continue to demand liberty for the people of Cuba. Through their bravery and because of their unwavering commitment and the hard work and commitment of countless other patriots, Cuba will be free again.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Piña Borrego is suffering in a grotesque gulag because he believes in human rights. My colleagues, we cannot allow peaceful pro-democracy activists to languish in the depraved prisons of tyrants. We must demand immediate and unconditional freedom for Horacio Julio Piña Borrego and every prisoner of conscience in totalitarian Cuba.

REMEMBERING NATHANIEL KRUMBEIN

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of Nathaniel Krumbein. Nat Krumbein was a pillar of the Richmond community and a key figure in the growth of the Richmond-based Heilig-Meyers furniture company.

Mr. Krumbein was a successful pharmacist in Charlotte, North Carolina before moving to Richmond in 1950 in order to help with his wife's family business. He worked with Chairman and CEO Hyman Meyers and President and Vice Chairman Sidney Meyers to help Heilig-Meyers become the nation's largest furniture retailer. As one of the owners and the creative force behind the company, he is credited with the expansion of product lines to include non-furniture departments and was responsible for initial store acquisition and construction for all the company's locations. The company had more than 100 stores by the time he retired as vice chairman of the board in 1984.

Mr. Krumbein was also a dedicated philanthropist and activist. He served as Chair of the Virginia Chapter of the Anti-Defamation League as well as on the National Board. For his service, he was made an Honorary Life Commissioner of the ADL. Also, Mr.

Krumbein's commitment to the fair treatment for all people led to his involvement in the development of the Council of America's First Freedom. He was a strong proponent of education, conservation, and equality for all and worked enthusiastically throughout his life to improve our society. Among all of his commitments, Mr. Krumbein continued his work as a pharmacist and received the Virginia Outstanding Pharmacist Award in 2002.

Mr. Krumbein is survived by his wife of 61 years, Amy Meyers Krumbein; three sons, Charles Krumbein, Michael Krumbein, and Lee Krumbein; and one daughter, Joyce Slater. Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring Nathaniel Krumbein and offering our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO DR. EVERETT L. DARGAN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Everett L. Dargan, an outstanding surgeon, a devoted husband and father, and an all-around good citizen of South Carolina.

At the age of 15, Everett Dargan, a native of Columbia, won a scholarship to Morehouse College in Atlanta. He later transferred to the University of Buffalo in upstate New York where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1949. Dargan credits the faculty and administration of Morehouse College, in particular then-Morehouse College President Benjamin E. Mays, Ph.D. and Harold Eugene Finley, Ph.D., for instilling a lifelong sense of academic discipline, the inspiration to dream that a career in medicine was possible for him, and a dedication to personal excellence. "Dr. Finley put me into warp speed and opened up new worlds to me—embryology, anatomy and zoology. Seeing bacteria and red blood cells was like discovering new life forms on 'Star Trek.' He was a taskmaster and insisted on perfection," Dargan recalls. "But he also had a sense of humor. He was my mentor."

Dargan continued his education at Howard University's College of Medicine where he earned his M.D. and also won First Prize in Medicine. After medical school, he completed his internship at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, NY, and was later named chief resident surgeon at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. Dargan interrupted his specialty training to serve in the United States Air Force as a captain and commander of the 3910th USAF Hospital in Mildenhall/Lakenheath, England, during the Korean War. Later, he would continue his commitment to providing quality medical care to military veterans through his service to the Dorn Veterans Administration Medical Center in Columbia, SC.

Dr. Dargan completed his training in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at Boston City Hospital, achieving the post of chief resident surgeon, and became a thoracic surgical instructor at Boston University Medical Center in Massachusetts. He returned to New York and continued his commitment to academic medicine as a researcher and instructor through various appointments, including associate professor of Surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, chief of surgery at Lincoln Hospital, and director of surgery at Sydenham Hospital. In keeping with his commitment to academic surgery as teacher, practitioner and researcher, he taught medical students and surgical residents for more than 12 years. Dargan expected perfection and taught

his students what he learned from his mentor, Dr. Finley. At Lincoln Hospital, he met his future wife, a registered nurse and flight attendant at TWA, Carol Poyer.

Dargan has published many surgical papers in leading national medical journals and has participated in preparing practicing surgeons for board certification. He has given presentations at national and international medical meetings. Dargan returned to South Carolina in 1978 and began a private practice in thoracic, vascular and general surgery in Columbia, sharing an office with the late Dr. Cyril O. Spann, who had urged him to come home. Two years later, Dargan and Dr. Gerald A. Wilson formed Midlands Surgical Associates, P.A., out of a shared sense of commitment to competent, compassionate, and appropriate patient care in South Carolina. The practice has grown to include Dr. Dennis A. Wilson. In 1979, Dr. Dargan joined the faculty of the University of South Carolina as a clinical associate professor of surgery, hoping to inspire a new generation of physicians to provide compassionate medical services to South Carolinians.

Dr. Dargan is a founding member of Physician's Health Plan of South Carolina, now Carolina Care Plan, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a former chief of staff at Palmetto Health Richland. A life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, he is also a member of the Kappa Pi and Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor societies. The Dargans have two children, Jennifer Dargan and Catherine Dargan Phelps; a son-in-law, Peter Phelps; and two much-loved grandchildren, Addison Morgan Phelps.

Dr. Dargan is being honored in his hometown next Thursday night and I ask you, my colleagues, to join me in congratulating him and commending the University of South Carolina for helping all Columbians recognize Dr. Dargan's contributions by establishing a scholarship at its medical school in his name.

TRIBUTE TO DELORES M. HANDY

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of one of the constituents in my district. Delores M. Handy has been a valuable employee of the Acadia Parish Tax Assessor's Office for over 3 decades. On June 30th, 2005, she will retire after 33 years of service to her community.

This woman, affectionately known as Dee, has become a friendly face in local government. The most common phrase used to describe her is "tremendous asset." Working at the counter in the Assessor's Office, she will always be remembered as a woman who greeted every customer with a smile and an offer to help them solve whatever problems they were facing. Through the years, she has developed friendships with people from every walk of life and no one left her office without feeling like she had done everything possible to serve their needs.

I join the residents of Acadia Parish, along with the people of the 7th District, in thanking Delores Handy for her contribution to making Southwest Louisiana a great place to live. She is a fine example of what is right in our government and will be missed.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN P. MURTHA AND HIS WIFE, JOYCE

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our dear friend and colleague, JOHN P. MURTHA as he and his wife Joyce celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage. I would like to submit the following statement of Father William George to honor this occasion:

DINNER BLESSING BY FATHER WILLIAM GEORGE, S.J. AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER FOR CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. JOHN P. MURTHA

Blessed are you, God of all Creation. We are created in your image and likeness and share the gifts you have bestowed on us, especially your gift of divine Love. Source of all Love and Kindness, we thank you for the love we share this evening of Jack and Joyce Murtha's mature and wonderful love as we celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

St. Paul speaks of how without love, we gain nothing; that Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, is not inflated; it is not rude; it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails. (1 Cor.)

The faith that Joyce and Jack have in each other is witnessed to by their 50 years of marriage, but also how hard they work to support each other and their generosity to others. Their hopefulness is revealed in their patience and continued generosity even when criticized and challenged. Their love is a witness to the divine spirit within all of us and we thank you for them.

Their gift of self to each other reveals the richness of the union of husband and wife in the sacrament of marriage. We ask you to continue to bless their love with your grace.

Jack and Joyce have united in a strong and productive way in service to their country. As one nation under God, we appreciate their dedication and love of country. If every member of Congress had such a supportive spouse, the laws of our land would be more in accord with your will, bringing peace through justice. Please, dear Lord, continue to bless them with vigor, insight and courage.

We ask your care for our young men and women in uniform all throughout the world who are in harm's way. Inspire them and make them shining witnesses to justice wherever they serve.

Please bless our celebration of Jack and Joyce's 50th. Bless this food we are about to receive from your bounty, as we have faith in you, our God, who lives forever and ever, Amen.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS BY LINDA HOWARD GARRETT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to submit for the RECORD the compelling statement of Linda Howard Garrett who gave the valedictory address at the Ann Arundel Community College Commencement Ceremony on May 26, 2005.

Linda is a wonderful and inspiring example of someone who has the will and perseverance to make a brighter future for themselves and their family. Her determination and persistence to go back to school later in life shows that it is never too late to pursue the "American Dream" and succeed!

I was proud to join Linda at Anne Arundel Community College's Commencement and am pleased to submit her address for the RECORD.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS BY LINDA HOWARD GARRETT

"Good evening, President Smith, Congressman Hoyer, Trustees, honored guests, faculty, staff, friends and families, classmates.

If anyone had told me 2 years ago that I would be standing here tonight, I would have stared in disbelief. It was with great trepidation that I returned to school after 37 years, and I wasn't sure I would succeed, much less excel. And yet here I am—here we all are because of our hard work and dedication to a goal.

Many people have asked me what motivated me to work so hard and to remain so dedicated, and as I began to think about that question, I realized there were several answers.

It helped to know that I was enrolled in one of the premier paralegal studies programs in the country, and attending Ann Arundel—a shining star in the Nation's network of community colleges.

Of course there was my family who inspired me by their unflagging support—especially my 14-year-old daughter who temporarily relinquished her self-proclaimed position as center of the universe and willingly assumed more responsibility at home because I had a test scheduled or a paper due.

And the professors who gave so generously of their time and talents: Professors Kelly Koerner, Robyn Brown, Karen Cook, Mona Clark, Stanley Robbins, Susan Kilgard, Richard Faircloth, Sarah Glenn, Cathy Hayes, Sherry Hopkins, Wade Taylor. I could go on and on as I'm sure each of you could as you remember those dedicated teachers who were a profound influence on you.

Sometimes it was a staff member—like Miss Ina in the Florestano student lounge my first year. Even though she wasn't officially scheduled to open until 8:30, she was there every morning at least an hour early, dispensing hot coffee and encouragement.

Often, it was a classmate: the student older than I—in his seventies—still seeking knowledge and growth and intellectual stimulation. Or the 18-year-old who took the earliest classes available so she could hurry home to care for her ailing mother. And all of the amazing single parents juggling families and full-time jobs and still managing to attend every class, turning in every assignment on time.

But perhaps the most compelling influence was a sense of history and an appreciation for what many Americans take for granted. I gained that appreciation while serving for 26 years with the U.S. Army. During that time I had the opportunity to travel all over the world—from the Far East to East Berlin. And the more I saw of the world, the more I came to value the freedoms and opportunities that are uniquely American. And at no time did I feel that appreciation more than during a visit to Ellis Island.

Over a hundred years, ago, immigrants poured into this country seeking a better life. And they weren't satisfied to just be in America. They wanted to be Americans, and that meant that they had to learn a new language and a new history so they could pass a citizenship test. They sought out classes wherever they could find them—in church basements and elementary school classrooms and community halls.

So when it seemed he too much effort for me to write another brief, or struggle to learn the arcane vocabulary of the law or drag myself to one more early class, I would remember those immigrants who, after working backbreaking 12-, 14-, 16-hour days, went willingly, joyfully to class because they understood that every step toward that classroom brought them one step closer to realizing the American Dream. And when I remembered them, I could not dishonor their memory by turning in shoddy work or failing to fully embrace the opportunity their legacy provided because from those humble beginnings an entire system of adult education evolved. Single scattered classes became