

church. Furthermore, a Korean church was begun to better serve the growing Korean population of the area. A free counseling center was created in 1980, along with a clothing exchange program, both of which continue to serve the community today. More recently, current pastor Rev. Dr. John Smucker has implemented new programs such as the English Language center, which helps teach English to those in need, and the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, which is a non-profit group dedicated to raising funds for teaching English as a second language, the food pantry, free counseling services, after school programs and the Home Care Fund.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of its 100th year of service to the community of Flushing, I ask that the whole House join me in congratulating this outstanding house of worship and a strong pillar in our community for all that it has done thus far, and in wishing the church, its members and clergy many more years of success and good fortune.

IN HONOR OF GENERAL RICHARD MYERS, CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to retiring General Richard Myers. General Myers became Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on October 1, 2001. Appointed to the position by President George W. Bush, as Chairman, General Myers serves as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Council.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, General Myers is a graduate of the Kansas State University, where he entered the Reserve Officer Training Corps program, and Auburn University where he earned an MBA. He entered the United States Air Force in 1965, beginning a distinguished career of service, including logging more than 4,100 flying hours, of which 600 were combat hours in the F-4, and operational and leadership positions in a variety of Air Force and Joint assignments.

General Myers' first major command came in November 1993, when he became head of U.S. Forces in Japan and the Fifth Air Force at the Yokota Air Force Base. This assignment was followed by service as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; Department of Defense manager, space transportation system contingency support at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; Commander, Air Force Space Command; and Commander in Chief, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Space Command. Prior to becoming Chairman, he served as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a duty in which he served as Chairman of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council, Vice Chairman of the Defense Acquisition Board, and as a member of the National Security Council Deputies Committee and the Nuclear Weapons Council.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have been fortunate to have General Myers serving as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for

the past four years. His fine character and dedication to service have resulted in a career of which he, his wife Mary Jo, and his three children can be proud. I know my fellow Members of the House of Representatives will join me in thanking him for his commitment to his country and in wishing him all the best in the years ahead.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF SALLY K. GRISWOLD

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Sally Griswold, as she is honored by the Board of Directors of the Vocational Guidance Services, VGS, with the Herbert E. Strawbridge Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes an individual's outstanding work on behalf of VGS services that support individuals with disabilities or societal disadvantages.

Mrs. Griswold has been a passionate and unwavering advocate for the VGS since the 1950s. Her husband, the late Bruce Griswold, was recovering from polio, and turned to the VGS for rehabilitation services. Mrs. Griswold's husband and her son, James Griswold, served as Chairs of VGS's Board of Directors.

Mrs. Griswold's volunteer tenure with the VGS reflects involvement and leadership within all areas of the organization, from fund raising campaigns to program expansion. In 2004, VGS placed more than one thousand individuals back into the workforce. Three hundred and sixty of those individuals were people with significant disabilities, and 200 were at-risk youth or adults making the transition from welfare to work.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of Mrs. Sally K. Griswold, recipient of the 2005 Herbert E. Strawbridge Lifetime Achievement Award. This honor reflects Mrs. Griswold's lifelong commitment and support of Cleveland's Vocational Guidance Services. Mrs. Griswold's spirit of volunteerism and deep sense of service to others continues to raise the lives and spirits of countless individuals into the light of hope and possibility, thereby uplifting our entire community.

PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE RITA

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCaul**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. McCaul of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week, I visited the Katrina relief efforts in my district, and Vice President CHENEY and I met with the Texas Emergency Management Agency. They did an outstanding job in the Katrina relief effort, but now we are faced with another hurricane—Hurricane Rita.

As I speak to you now, Rita, a category 5 hurricane, is bearing down on the coast of Texas and is projected to hit near Galveston. Now more than ever, this kind of leadership is needed for our communities in Texas.

Along with the mandatory evacuations in the Gulf Coastal region, there currently exists a voluntary evacuation in the Greater Houston area for flood plains, and neighborhoods near main bayous. Although these evacuation orders are voluntary, the Federal Emergency Management Agency strongly suggests that in the event of a hurricane all evacuation orders must be honored to prevent needless loss of life.

If we work together, we can save lives. This is our duty as friends, as neighbors and as Americans.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM COLLINS

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, New Mexico recently lost a respected soldier, admired educator, beloved husband and father and distinguished citizen. William Collins died peacefully at the age of 84 on August 29, 2005, at his home in Albuquerque.

Bill was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on November 14, 1920, but at a young age moved with his mother and sister to Boston, Massachusetts. It was there that his father, Robert Collins, was recuperating at a hospital from wounds suffered at the Battle of Somme in World War I.

Growing up in East Boston, Bill excelled in baseball and football and attended Kents Hill Academy in Maine on a baseball scholarship. A later baseball scholarship led Bill to the University of Southern California, and after his first year, Massachusetts U.S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge appointed him to the United States Military Academy. At West Point, Bill played on two national championship teams with Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard while simultaneously playing baseball as a feared left-handed pull hitter. Always a prankster who received numerous demerits, Bill would later claim to have held the all-time West Point record for "walking the yard" as punishment for his amusing deeds.

The United States' involvement in World War II resulted in a 3-year, early graduation for Bill's West Point class. Upon graduation in 1945, he married Doris Leahy in the Cadet Chapel. A lovely lady, Doris would be Bill's wife and best friend for 60 years, a union blessed with two sons and grandchildren. Bill then joined the 11th Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He fought for his country in the Philippines and was preparing to parachute into Japan as a Pathfinder when the war ended.

Serving as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Bill was a Company Commander in the 28th Infantry Division in Germany and an R.O.T.C. instructor at the University of Rhode Island. He was then transferred to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corp and served in Redstone Arsenal in Alabama and in Korea. Following his tour of duty in Korea, Bill served as project engineer for the Sidewinder and Redeye missile programs at White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico. He subsequently joined the Army's Intelligence Corp and served as a counter intelligence agent in Korea, recruiting, planning and directing intelligence-gathering missions into North

Korea. Bill retired from the Army in 1964 with the rank of Major.

After military retirement, Bill returned to school and earned Masters and Doctorate degrees in Latin American Studies from the University of New Mexico. For the next 30 years, he taught American and Latin American history as well as that of Spain, Portugal and Mexico at Purdue University. His classes were so interesting and filled with such quick wit that the walls of large lecture halls were lined with televisions to accommodate the overflowing attendance. In addition, Bill, who was ambidextrous, amazed his students by his ability to write on the blackboard right-handed and then switch the chalk to his left hand in order to continue writing without blocking the students' view. He received the "Mobil Best Teacher of the Year" award at Purdue 2 years running and then served on the selection committee.

Bill loved Purdue football and was a long-suffering Boston Red Sox fan. When he was a youngster in Boston, he would travel by trolley car to attend games at Fenway Park for 25 cents. He recalled meeting famed Red Sox hurler Cy Young at Fenway and, with his father, meeting Hall of Famer Bobby Doerr when Doerr first came to the Red Sox in 1940. Bill watched every Red Sox game on television from his home in Albuquerque and was thrilled when the team won the 2004 World Series, their first time to do so in 86 years. When Bill passed away, he was wearing his Boston Red Sox wrist watch that he proudly wore for many years; he then fell asleep on the same pillow he had used 60 years before at West Point.

Mr. Speaker, William Collins will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of this fine American.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOHN H.  
JOHNSON

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to John H. Johnson, who left this Earth on August 8, 2005 after a lengthy illness. I again extend my sincerest condolences to his family.

For my colleagues who may not be familiar with his legacy, John H. Johnson was a publishing icon—a true legend—who exemplified the power of faith, perseverance and entrepreneurial spirit. He was an extraordinary businessman whose life was like a giant tree that had grown from a small seed—one step and one season at a time.

His journey began on January 19, 1918, when he was born in Arkansas City, Arkansas. Although his father died in a sawmill accident when John was only eight years old, his mother worked diligently to move her family to Chicago and to give them a better life.

As a result of his mother's sacrifice and his unwavering faith, his dreams knew no boundaries. Consequently, in 1936 during the era of Jim Crow, with the mere vision of formulating a national magazine geared toward the em-

powerment of African-Americans and a \$500 loan from his mother, Johnson did what many would deem impossible. He formed the now successful Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., which later published two of the nation's top African-American magazines, Ebony and Jet. Not only have these magazines served as the beginning of prosperous careers for young journalists, but they also serve to highlight positive accomplishments and achievements in the African-American community often overlooked in the mainstream media.

For Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Ebony was the light that inspired him through the stormy days of apartheid. To Newsweek's contributing editor, Mr. Ellis Cose, the Chicago skyscraper that houses Mr. Johnson's company symbolizes just how high black entrepreneurship can reach. And for Members of the Congressional Black Caucus, both Jet and Ebony help us better serve our constituents by providing invaluable information on how our work in Washington affects their lives.

In addition to his publishing empire, John Johnson's phenomenal entrepreneurial skills coupled with his tenacity led him to successfully venture into cosmetics, television production, as well as the fashion industry. Needless to say, Mr. Johnson realized almost 70 years ago, that entrepreneurship can provide a path to achievement and wealth for Americans willing to invest in their own vision and abilities.

Besides his \$500 million enterprise, some of his more well-known accolades include, appearing as the first African-American on the Forbes list of the 400 wealthiest Americans in 1982, receiving the Black Journalists' Lifetime Award in 1987 and the Wall Street Journal/Dow Jones Entrepreneurial Excellence Award in 1993, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Clinton in 1996, the highest honor the nation can bestow on a citizen.

Furthermore, in 2003, the John H. Johnson School of Communications was established in his honor, while the John H. Johnson Delta Cultural and Entrepreneurial Learning Center in Arkansas City was dedicated to him in 2005. These are fitting honors to a man who dedicated his life to breaking barriers and to being a hallmark of excellence.

Mr. Speaker, again it is both an honor and a privilege to stand before you to give tribute to a man who dedicated his life's work to ensuring that African-Americans were uplifted. As a result he helped to uplift our nation.

I would like to close with a quote from his autobiography, *Succeeding Against the Odds*, "I believe that the only failure is failing to try . . . and if my life has meaning . . . it is because millions of Americans, Black and White, have proved through me that the Dream is still alive and well and working in America."

Mr. Speaker, John Johnson's life encapsulated the American dream—his works while on Earth ensure that the Dream remains an attainable reality. May he rest in peace.

ROFEH INTERNATIONAL HONORS  
PETER BLACK AND RAHMIN KODSI

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2005

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, for years I have taken the opportunity to share

through the pages of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the important work done by a very significant institution—ROFEH International—New England Chassidic Center.

This important organization, led by Grand Rabbi Levi Y. Horowitz, does extremely important and creative work in the medical field. Rabbi Horowitz is himself a very distinguished expert in the field of medical ethics, and demonstrates beyond any argument that an appreciation of the advantages of modern medicine and a deep commitment to one of the world's great religious traditions is not only fully compatible but can be mutually reinforcing.

This organization has done a great deal to help people in need of medical treatment and has done much to make sure that the superb medical facilities of the Greater Boston Area are available to people worldwide.

This year at the Annual Dinner on November 20, ROFEH International-New England Chassidic Center will honor two very eminent men who have distinguished themselves in support of this important work.

Dr. Peter Black, Neurosurgeon-in-Chief at Brigham and Women's Hospital, receives the "ROFEH International Distinguished Service Award." Rahmin Kodsi, President of Clement Textile Company in Boston, is the recipient of the "Man of the Year" award.

Mr. Speaker, the sort of work that ROFEH International-New England Chassidic Center does in the medical field is highly worthy of emulation and I am taking advantage of this opportunity to ask that the drafts of biographies of these two extremely qualified honorees be made a part of this RECORD.

PETER M. BLACK, M.D., PH.D.

Dr. Peter Black has devoted most of his professional life to understanding and treating patients of all ages with brain tumors and/or epilepsy. He has traveled widely in developing countries to teach techniques and concepts. In Boston, he has developed a busy neurosurgical practice, believing that compassion, good judgment, and technical excellence must go hand in hand.

Dr. Black is a graduate of Harvard College and McGill Medical School, with neurosurgical residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital and a staff position there. In 1987, he became Franc D. Ingraham Professor of Neurosurgery at Harvard Medical School, Chairman, Departments of Neurosurgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Children's Hospital, Neurosurgeon-in-Chief at Brigham & Women's Hospital, and Chief of Neurosurgical Oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Center, positions he has continued to hold since then.

He has published extensively in tumor and epilepsy research with over 350 peer-reviewed papers and ten books on these topics. His clinical work emphasizes cutting edge technology for treating tumors of all types; he is a leader in image-guided minimally invasive surgery, brain mapping, and intraoperative imaging for tumors.

Dr. Black is the chairman of the editorial board of Neurosurgery and sits on several other editorial boards of scientific journals. He is a frequent invited speaker at national and international conferences. Among his awards are the Mayfield, ASEAN and Botterell awards, the Distinguished Service award for the Joint Section on Tumors, the Distinguished Leadership in Neuroscience award for the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives, and the Pioneer Award from the Children's Brain Tumor