

of the Incarnation officiated by the Rev. Kenneth Major, her pastor and spiritual adviser. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to her husband, Mr. Garth Reeves, the publisher emeritus of The Miami Times; her sister Dorothy Burrows Baker; and her stepdaughters Rachel Reeves and Lynnette Richardson.

I join the Miami-Dade community in celebrating her life and her friendship. She will carry on through the example she set and the wonderful thoughts and memories we all have of her. This is the wonderful legacy the late Beatrice "Bee" Reeves left behind.

A TRIBUTE TO VIVIAN YVETTE
BRIGHT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vivian Yvette Bright, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive accomplishments.

Ms. Bright represents an esteemed and respected instrument that is superbly tuned to the needs of others and who performs with beauty, depth and understanding in the orchestra of life.

Academically, her credentials include an M.S. in Human Resources Management from the New School for Social Research; graduate of the first class of the Pratt Institute Community Economic Development program; and a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. She has received numerous honors and is listed in "Who's Who of American Women".

Vivian Y. Bright wears numerous hats. She is committed to the never-ending fight for her community and the development of our youth. She believes that it is important to try and do as much as you can for as many as you can for as long as you can. This is illustrated by her exhaustive list of associations. Vivian is a life member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and past President of the Delta Alpha Zeta Chapter; life member of the National Council of Negro Women; former Chairperson of the Board of Directors Cypress Community Day Care Center; Trustee of the Addiction Research & Treatment Center/Urban Research Institute; member and former member of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn NAACP; member of Community Board No. 5 and former Vice President and Chair of the Land Use Committee; President of the Women's Caucus for Congressman EDOLPHUS 'ED' TOWNS; President of the Leadership Council of Open Communities of Brooklyn, Inc.; Business Manager-Concerned Women of Brooklyn; and member of Stuy Park Lions—among many other affiliations. In addition to all of the above and more she has been a member of the historic Berean Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York for over 55 years and has served as the church's Business Administrator since 1989.

Vivian has received many awards among which are: Brooklyn Navy Yard Community Leadership; The Lucille Rose Humanitarian Award-NAACP; Gov. Carey International Year of the Child Award; New Horizons Village Homeowners Leadership award; Community

Service Awards from Assemblyman William Boyland, Assemblyman Darryl Towns and Senator Marty Markowitz; a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD Award from Congressman EDOLPHUS TOWNS; a citation from New York City Mayor David Dinkins; and the Robert J. Epslinger Distinguished Service Award from Lions Inc.

Vivian is a proud wife and mother receiving constant support from her husband of 47 years, Lonnie M. Bright and their children Gary, Teresa, Marvin, Jamal and Tiffany. Her involvement in community affairs in the East New York section of Brooklyn, where she has lived for over 40 years, has won her wide support and admiration from the residents.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Vivian Yvette Bright as she offers her talents and services for the betterment of our community.

Mr. Speaker, Vivian Yvette Bright's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

IN HONOR OF MIKE FREEZE, AR-
KANSAS GAME AND FISH COM-
MISSION

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today on behalf of Congressmen JOHN BOOZMAN, MIKE ROSS, VIC SNYDER, and myself, to pay tribute to one of my good friends, Mike Freeze of England, Arkansas, who has served the last seven years on the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. We are grateful to have such a leader in Arkansas committed to improving conservation and recreation across our state.

Freeze was appointed to the Commission for a seven year term on July 1, 1999, serving the last year as Chairman. He has brought a wealth of experience to the position, serving as the Commission's first former employee to return as Chairman, the Commission's first fish farmer, and the first ever member from Lonoke County. Freeze operates Keo Fish Farms, is the previous owner of Arkansas Aquatics Inc., and was the state fisheries research coordinator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission from 1978–1983.

Freeze graduated from Little Rock Hall High School in 1971, received a bachelor's degree in fisheries and wildlife management from Arkansas Tech University at Russellville in 1975, and a master's degree in biology from Murray State University in Kentucky in 1977. He has served many leadership roles over the years including President of the National Aquaculture Association, the American Fish Farmers Federation, the Striped Bass Growers Association, and State Chapter President of the American Fisheries Society.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to work with Mike Freeze for many years. I hope my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives will join the Arkansas delegation in thanking Mike for his service and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO YOUNG-CHON MIN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Young-Chon Min, a distinguished member of the business and civic communities. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Mr. Min was born in South Korea and immigrated to U.S. in 1988. He graduated Sunrin Business High School, but he started working as a musician right after his graduation in spite of his parents' objection to his career choice. He became a member of the MBC-TV Orchestra and he worked in various places such as the U.S. Army Base in South Korea.

After his immigration to the United States, Mr. Min became involved with the Korean American Entertainers Association of New York. In April 2001, he became chairman of the organization and later became the president in 2003. Coinciding with his chairmanship of the organization, Mr. Min also volunteered to provide entertainment for the elderly residents of the various nursing homes in the New York area, such as The Schulman Institute of Brookdale University Hospital, the Flushing Manor Nursing Home, the Union Plaza Nursing Home, the Queens Korean Catholic Church, and the Yonkers Nursing Home.

Mr. Min is also a faithful member and serves as a treasurer of the Church of Little Grain and the New York Association of The Swendenborgian Church. He has a lovely wife, Jung Hwa, a son, Sung-Sik, and a daughter Nicole who is married to Jung Min Kim. The couple has two children, Dean and Sean.

Mr. Min received numerous awards and appreciation plaques from various organizations such as CCM, Flushing Manor Nursing Home and the Brooklyn Roman Catholic Church Diocese.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Young-Chon Min, as he offers his talents for the betterment of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, Young-Chon Min's service to our communities makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF CHEATHAM COUN-
TY, TN

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, today I commemorate the sesquicentennial anniversary of Cheatham County, Tennessee.

May 5, 2006 marked the official 150th anniversary of the county, and this week, with Ashland City Summerfest and Redd Stewart Homecoming Days, Cheatham County residents will take part in the culmination of a year's sesquicentennial celebrations.

Cheatham County was founded on February 28, 1856 when the Tennessee General Assembly designated the 50 acres of land to the

west of Nashville and north of the Cumberland River as Cheatham County. It was named after Speaker of the State Senate, Edward Saunders Cheatham. Ashland City was established as the county seat. After the sale of the first town lots, the county was able to build its first courthouse and jail on the public square, where they stand today.

Cheatham County is the third fastest growing county in the State; today more than 38,000 people call it home. It is also a center of commercial and industrial growth with A.O. Smith Water Products, Triton Boats and Trinity Marine as the county's top three industrial employers. While agricultural production has declined in recent times, many Cheatham County farmers remain major contributors in the beef and tobacco sectors. Despite all the growth and industry, Cheatham County's beautiful rolling green hills are preserved in the Cheatham Wildlife Management Area, a 21,000 acre game reserve for hunting and fishing.

One of Cheatham County's most notable citizens was the late Redd Stewart, a singer and songwriter who wrote our state song, the "Tennessee Waltz." This week, the events of Redd Stewart Homecoming Days will pay tribute to the musician with two days of free bluegrass concerts. In addition, Cheatham County residents will commemorate the sesquicentennial anniversary at Summerfest in Ashland City. We'll get together at Riverbluff Park on the Cumberland River to share good times as our Cheatham County founders did: eating home-cooked food, playing games and dancing to old time bluegrass music.

I am proud to honor all the generations of Cheatham County families who have contributed so much to this special place. I join with everyone in Tennessee's Fifth District in commemorating Cheatham County's 150th anniversary, and I commend County Mayor Bill Orange and today's residents for ensuring that Cheatham County remains a community where folks can live, work and raise future generations of great Tennesseans.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. EDA HARRIS-HASTICK

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Eda Harris-Hastick, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn, New York community.

Dr. Eda Harris-Hastick is a tenured Associate Professor of Social Work at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York. A trained clinical social worker with over 30 years experience in alcoholism and substance abuse services and administration, she has also served as Assistant Chief of Alcoholism Services at Harlem Hospital Center and is a former Administrator at New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services.

Dr. Harris-Hastick began her career at Medgar in 1984 in the dual capacity of Director of College Counseling Services and Chairperson of Special Programs. Since that time, she has initiated several innovative programs to assist students including an Emergency Fi-

nancial Assistance Fund to aid students in financial crisis (1984), the Rose Ross Scholarship Fund for students interested in social work and/or social welfare, in memory of a former social work colleague (1998), and has served as the MEC Coordinator for the CUNY-wide Substance Abuse Information and Referral Services Unit. As director of the MEC Academic Success Center, Dr. Harris-Hastick supervised academic advisors and counselors, and in collaboration with the OAA, initiated creative strategies to implement counselor training, centralize and streamline the college's academic advisement and counseling services programs that were later expanded into a separate unit to serve students in a more comprehensive manner. A recipient of numerous research grants and academic awards, she has been engaged in several community initiatives and international health and mental health missions to the Caribbean, where she has utilized her expertise as educator, researcher and social worker to balance teaching and academic research with community service. Dr. Harris-Hastick has studied Korean and Caribbean immigrant cultures in Brooklyn and in the Caribbean and has involved students in collaborative research projects to teach research/problem solving skills in local/international community contexts. Her publications and her research continue to reflect her interest/commitment to understanding cultural differences, women's issues and public health concerns.

Dr. Harris-Hastick has completed the initial stages of the development of a Bachelor of Social Work degree. In addition, she has continued to serve as faculty advisor for the MEC Student Black Social Work Club, which she assisted in initiating in 1995. As an elected member of the City University Faculty Senate (UFS), she also serves as an elected member of the Executive Committee of the UFS. A founding member of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI), she currently serves as board member of CACCI's Educational Foundation, Caribbean Research Center's Editorial Board, SUNY Downstate Medical Center Community Advisory Board, Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions Editorial Board, NYC Chapter of NASW Leadership Team, and NYS OASAS (Substance Abuse) Workforce Development.

Dr. Harris-Hastick was born on the Caribbean island of St. Kitts and has traveled extensively throughout the Caribbean where she has conducted research on substance abuse, organized training seminars and collaborated with faculty and administration at the University of the West Indies, and with social workers, health clinicians and others practitioners engaged in chemical dependency and HIV/AIDS studies, treatment and administration. Dr. Harris-Hastick's published work consists of several journal articles and a book chapter that include: *Managing Stress in Challenging Times*; *Susus: New Life for a Caribbean Grassroots Approach to Savings*; *Voices of Korean American Women*; *Substance Abuse Treatment Among English Speaking People of Caribbean Ancestry*; *The Importance of Culture in HIV/AIDS Prevention in Grenada* (with Dr. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, Minister of Health and the Environment, Grenada, W.I.), and a forthcoming article "Substance Abuse and AIDS: Intertwined Epidemics in the Caribbean region" is nearing completion.

Dr. Harris-Hastick has received numerous awards and citations for leadership and com-

munity service. A sought after speaker, Dr. Harris-Hastick has made numerous presentations to student groups as well as local, national and international groups including business, academic, social work, civic and community organizations such as the National Conferences of NASW and NABSW, National Association of Meeting Planners, Asian American Studies Conference, Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, CACCI, and the Addiction Studies Institute. Dr. Harris-Hastick received a BA in Sociology/Anthropology from Queens College, a Masters in Social Work from Smith College, School for Social Work, and a Doctorate in Education from Columbia University.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Eda Harris-Hastick as she offers her talents and services for the betterment of our local and global communities.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Eda Harris-Hastick's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

FREEDOM FOR RICARDO PUPO SIERRA

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Ricardo Pupo Sierra, political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Pupo Sierra is a member of the Cuban Human Rights Party and a pro-democracy activist. Mr. Pupo Sierra has been a constant advocate for human rights for those currently toiling under the nightmare of repression called the Castro regime. He has bravely denounced the cruel policies of the tyrant and demanded that the people of Cuba be allowed their inalienable rights.

Mr. Pupo Sierra was arrested by the dictatorship and, after a sham trial, thrown into the totalitarian gulag. According to Prima News, in August 2005, Mr. Pupo conducted a hunger strike to protest the abhorrent treatment of prisoners in the grotesque gulag. According to Directorio, he began a hunger strike on June 9, 2006, to demand access to religious services.

Mr. Pupo Sierra also sent this message to the Cuban people saying: "Do not be afraid of the regime. Do not allow yourself to continue being deceived: dissent. Speak the truth without fear. Do not be discouraged. We are reaching the final point of the ruling system in Cuba. We will soon have a free, democratic Cuba with the rule of law."

Mr. Pupo Sierra is a brilliant example of the heroism of the Cuban people. His message exemplifies the Cuban desire to live in liberty, free of the tyrannical repression imposed on them by the murderous despot. Mr. Pupo Sierra knows the violence, abuse, and repression that will be used to try to break him. Yet he stands strong in the strength of his conviction: "We will soon have a free, democratic Cuba with the rule of law." Mr. Pupo Sierra is an apostle of freedom for Cuba.

Despite incessant repression, harassment, incarceration and abuse, he remains committed to the conviction that liberty and human