

Through the work of Ms. Bernita M. King, Mr. Russell L. King and the American Jewish Committee, however, Shephard King's legacy will be alive and well because of the Shep King Endowment Fund, which was established in 2004, one year after Shep King passed away. Throughout his life, he had a profound appreciation for the insights and opportunities that his education had provided him, and he always encouraged his own children and others to get as much education as possible.

Because he believed so strongly in the power of education, the Shep King Endowment Fund is dedicated to providing scholarships to underprivileged children in South Florida. The Endowment aims to identify recipients while they are still in elementary school and to provide hands-on guidance, as well as financial support, to aid children and offset private school educational expenses during junior high school, high school and college. Although the scholarship is established through the United Jewish Philanthropies, the recipients are students of any race, religion, or ethnicity. Currently, the first Shep King Scholar is studying at a private junior high school in Miami, and an additional student is anticipated to be added this fall.

My hope is that over the years, the Shep King Endowment Fund can bring the opportunities that come through education to many others and that Shep's legacy will continue to live on through their accomplishments.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
DICK GODDARD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of my friend, Dick Goddard, for his life-long activism and advocacy in promoting and protecting the welfare of animals, especially humankind's best friends, our dogs and cats.

Mr. Goddard has served as WJW TV8's, FOX8 News, Chief Meteorologist for 40 years. His interesting intellectual insights and quick wit reflect in every forecast and have endeared him to thousands of daily, faithful viewers. For decades, Mr. Goddard has channeled his celebrity profile, both, on and off camera, to promote and support programs that benefit the animal companions of our community. From neuter and spay programs, to featuring dog and cat adoptions twice weekly during the 6 o'clock news broadcast, Mr. Goddard's unwavering and compassionate focus has provided safe and secure homes for hundreds of unwanted pets.

Mr. Goddard has built strong connections with area animal shelters and volunteers his time and talents in raising tens of thousands of dollars for more than 60 animal welfare organizations throughout Ohio. He regularly attends and promotes animal welfare events and is the point person in our community regarding animal-related concerns. Mr. Goddard's commitment and compassion is equaled and supported by many volunteers, including Patti Fisher and Mary Pennington, who've worked behind-the-scenes with Mr. Goddard for nearly 20 years.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Dick Goddard,

whose personal and professional integrity, affable nature, and deep concern for our community lends a voice of protection, rescue, warmth and shelter for stray and abandoned dogs and cats throughout our region. I also wish my friend a very happy birthday and a lifelong forecast of peace, health and happiness, under blue and sunny skies.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 18TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAGORNO
KARABAKH FREEDOM MOVE-
MENT

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I join today with many of my colleagues in extending my congratulations to the people of Nagorno Karabakh on the anniversary of the Nagorno Karabakh Freedom Movement.

On February 20, 1988, the people of Nagorno Karabakh officially petitioned the Soviet government to reunite with Armenia and reverse the injustice perpetrated by the Soviet dictator, Joseph Stalin.

This peaceful and legal request was met with violent reaction by the Soviet and Azerbaijani leadership, and escalated into full military aggression against Nagorno Karabakh. The people of Nagorno Karabakh bravely defended their right to live in freedom on their ancestral land.

Today, Nagorno Karabakh continues to strengthen its statehood with a democratically elected government, a capable defense force, and an independent foreign policy.

I stand with the people of Nagorno Karabakh in celebrating their continuing freedom and democracy.

HONORING VINCE YOUNG AND HIS
2005 ROSE BOWL VICTORY

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Vince Young on leading the University of Texas Longhorns to their 2005 Rose Bowl Victory.

Vince is a fellow Houstonian who has successfully overcome numerous obstacles to the success that he now enjoys. As a young child, he was hurt in a horrible accident that left his body battered and bruised. Vince worked tirelessly to recuperate with a tenacity not often demonstrated by 7-seven-year old children and, with the help of his mother and his grandmother, he recovered. Under the guidance of his family, Vince also fought his way through the difficulties and temptations that so many young people must face in today's world.

As a student at James Madison High School in Houston, Vince demonstrated a natural athletic prowess. His stellar performance as a high school quarterback earned him the attention of universities nationwide. Vince chose to attend the University of Texas at Austin, an institution known for academic excellence and a

tradition of athletic achievement. There, he triumphed as a student-athlete. In 2003, he became the starting quarterback for the Longhorns and began a college football career that was certainly meant for the record books. As a starter, Vince garnered the best win record in the University of Texas' history, which consists of 29 wins and only 2 losses, the sixth best winning percentage in NCAA history.

During the 2005 season, Vince's strength, accuracy, agility, and speed led the Longhorns to an undefeated season and a Big 12 Championship. His outstanding performance earned him nationwide accolades and culminated in a stunning victory over the USC Trojans at the 2005 NCAA Championship game. Under Vince's leadership, the talented team earned the University of Texas its first national title since 1970.

Vince's trademark is his versatility, which is expressed both on and off the football field. Throughout his college career, he was heavily involved in community service activities. His particular interest in assisting youth has been demonstrated through his mentorship of elementary and middle school students, his performance as a student-teacher and mentor for middle school math and science students through the LEAP, Learn, Enjoy and Play, Program, and his volunteer activities at the Austin YMCA. Vince has also served as a speaker at several youth organizations in Austin and is active in community service projects through his church.

In a State where football players at all levels are often treated as royalty and who, at times, come to expect indulgences that others are denied, Vince has consistently demonstrated a depth of character to which all young people should aspire. He is a charismatic leader who has set a tremendous example for all of us and who has shown that hard-work, dedication, and heart are a recipe for success.

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to Vince for his victorious Rose Bowl performance. But more importantly, I would like to express my thanks to him for representing the city of Houston with such class. I wish him continued success as he grows both as a football player and a man.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CARLOTTA
WALLS LANIER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carlotta Walls LaNier for her contributions to the American human rights movement and her continued service as a role model and educator for the youth of this country.

Carlotta is truly a woman of living history. She was born on December 18, 1942, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was one of the nine African American teenagers who integrated Little Rock Arkansas' Central High School in 1957, following the U.S. Supreme Courts' ruling in Brown v. Board of Education. Implementing such a ruling required a presidential order to provide troops to protect Carlotta and the other students breaking through the racial barrier. Despite threats on her and her family's life, and countless other incidents of intimidation and prejudice, Carlotta graduated in 1960.

History would later call these brave Americans the "Little Rock Nine."

Inspired by Rosa Parks, Carlotta had the desire to get the best education available, Carlotta enrolled at Michigan State University. She attended Michigan State for 2 years before moving with her family to Denver. In 1968, she earned a B.S. from Colorado State College (now the University of Northern Colorado) and began working at the YWCA as a program administrator for teens.

Carlotta was awarded the prestigious Spingarn Medal by the NAACP in 1958. She has been a member of the Colorado Aids Project, Jack and Jill of America, the Urban League and the NAACP, as well as the president of the Little Rock Nine Foundation, a scholarship organization dedicated to ensuring equal access to education for African Americans. She has also served as a trustee for the Iliff School of Theology. In 1999 at the White House, members of Congress and the President bestowed upon Carlotta and the other members of the Little Rock Nine the nation's highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, for their sacrifice and contribution to the cause of equality.

Mr. Speaker, Carlotta Wells LaNier continues to spread her influence by speaking today, to the students of Cornerstone Christian Academy in Henderson, Nevada, as part of a Black History Month Celebration. I am honored to recognize this great woman.

TRIBUTE TO THE DELAWARE RIVER POWER SQUADRON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Delaware River Power Squadron on the occasion of its 90th anniversary.

Delaware River Power Squadron is dedicated to boating safety through education and civic activities in several locations in Philadelphia while also serving the boating public throughout southern Pennsylvania, the Delaware River, and the Chesapeake Bay.

First organized in 1915, it was not until May of 1916 that the Delaware River Power Squadron was formally recognized as a unit. Since then members of the Delaware River Power Squadron have formed an additional 20 squadrons in the District 5 region of United States Power Squadrons including eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Delaware River Power Squadron has worked with the armed forces of the United States in time of war to provide training materials and patrol teams, and continues to work in partnership with government agencies such as the Coast Guard, the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Ocean Service, the National Safe Boating Council, and others to provide safe boating education, reliable waterway charts, vessel safety examinations, environmental support, and homeland security.

Delaware River Power Squadron is a constituent of the United States Power Squadron, which is comprised of over 49,000 members in

448 squadrons and divided geographically into 33 districts. Membership is open to all interested persons 18 and older without regard to race, religion, gender, or any other characteristic protected by the non-discrimination laws of the United States.

I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Delaware River Power Squadron for the past 90 years of service and dedicated commitment to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 5, H.R. 670 and rollcall No. 6, H.R. 657 on February 8, 2006, had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

THE FACE OF POVERTY IN AMERICA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, the devastation of Hurricane Katrina exposed what America did not want to see. Beyond the tragedy of this natural disaster, Katrina shined a spotlight on America's poor and disadvantaged. The convenience of disregarding the plight of the poor came to an abrupt halt as a result of Katrina and its aftermath. Katrina pulled the cover off of what prior reports by the U.S. Census Bureau found, which stated for the past four years, the poverty rate has steadily increased; which is a reverse trend from 1993 to 2000.

Katrina also exposed the gross disparities relating to poverty in America. According to the Census Bureau 2004 report, the Black poverty rate of 24.7 percent is almost twice that of the general population. This translates to about 9.4 million African Americans, almost one in-four living below the poverty line. Consequently, those affected by the Katrina devastation were disproportionately Black and poor. Despite the rhetoric of conservative pundits who claim that poverty in the Black community is due to irresponsibility, statistics show that individuals living below the poverty line are hard working citizens who go to work every day. It should be underscored that poverty is a result of a lack of income. Americans fall into poverty simply because they do not have enough financial resources. So it is plausible that even when people are working in the market place they can still fall into poverty. Statistics show that one-in-ten African Americans above 16 who were poor worked full-time jobs.

Furthermore, 37 million Americans are living in poverty. Statistics in 2004 indicate that 13 million American children lived below the poverty line, translating into three-in-seventeen. This was an increase of roughly 200,000 from 2003, which means 3,000 children were falling into poverty each week. Moreover, African American children under the age of 18 consist of 43 percent of all poor African Americans.

Senior citizens, those 65 and older, have a poverty rate of 23.8 percent. In comparison with other counterparts, statistics show that more African Americans and Hispanics are in poverty at a higher rate than whites and other racial classifications. African American children represent 17 percent of American children, but they make up 31 percent of all poor children in America.

Conservatives are quick to attribute poverty to dysfunctional family structures. However, renowned economist such as William Springs suggests that this is a gross over simplification. He contends that poverty is the "result of economy-wide forces and public policy." Mr. Speaker, I share this analysis, hence, it places the onus on policy makers to enact legislation centered on relieving the burden poverty. After the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 the Black poverty rate decreased to 32.2 percent. During the years of 1993 to 2000 which were marked by strong fiscal policy the poverty rate for African Americans dropped annually.

Katrina exposed America's weakness, not only in the Federal Government's delinquent response, but also relative to our inability to address poverty particularly in the minority community. As we consider the 2007 fiscal budget, we must see the opportunity to provide provisions that alleviate poverty in the Gulf Coast and urban communities across the Nation. Tax cuts for the wealthy and the slashing of social programs will not suffice.

Mr. Speaker, a recent article in the "The Crisis", entitled Poverty in America: The Poor are getting Poorer, by William E. Spriggs captures the statistical data and reports that highlight the issue of poverty in America, especially the disparities as to race.

HONORING KJELL BERGH ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Kjell Bergh on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Mr. Bergh is a respected Minnesota business leader and a true citizen of the world, working extensively with civic and business organizations and governments around the globe. Mr. Bergh will be celebrating his birthday with his family and friends in Minnesota on February 18.

Born in Kristiansund, Norway, Mr. Bergh was educated at the University of Oslo and Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, earning his B.A. in International Relations there in 1970. In 2004, Mr. Bergh received his masters degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Mr. Bergh is well known as the owner of several major automotive dealerships in Minnesota. In addition, he owns travel agencies specializing in tours and adventure travel in Scandinavia and Africa. Along with his business connections, he has fostered an impressive commitment to our community here in Minnesota, earning numerous awards for his work and serving on many boards of prominent businesses, academic institutions and non-profit organizations. His international links