

In 1941, he organized the Florida State Conference of the NAACP and worked as an executive secretary without compensation. His platform also broadened as he began to add his voice to issues such as Black voting disenfranchisement, segregated education, and later in 1943, lynchings and police brutality. He began to organize protests, and write and circulate letters voicing his concerns about the issues.

He also organized the Progressive Voter's League and with his persistence and diligence, in 1948, helped over 116,000 Black voters register, which represented 31 percent of the African-American voting population in the Florida Democratic Party. In 1946, due to his role in the League, Mr. Moore and his wife were terminated from their jobs. Mr. Moore then took on a full-time paid position as an organizer for the NAACP. However, in 1949, over Mr. Moore's objection, the national NAACP office raised the dues from \$1 to \$2, causing a substantial amount of members to revoke their membership. This marked only the beginning of a strained relationship between Mr. Moore and the national NAACP office.

During that same year, the landmark Groveland rape case occurred, in which four African-American men were falsely accused of raping a White woman. Although the men were brutally beaten and no evidence suggested that the woman was raped, one of the men was killed, one was given a life sentence, and the other two were sentenced to death. With Mr. Moore's assistance in conjunction with the legal counsel of the NAACP, the case went to the U.S. Supreme Court and the conviction for the two sentenced to death was overturned. However, Sheriff Willis McCall, a known White supremacist, shot the two men to death as he was driving them to their pre-trial hearing. Recognizing this tragic injustice, Mr. Moore vigorously advocated for the indictment of Sheriff McCall.

Sadly, Mr. Moore never lived to see the outcome of his work in this case. On the eve of his 25th wedding anniversary and Christmas Day 1951, Mr. Moore and his wife were killed when a bomb placed underneath their bed in the floor detonated. Mr. Moore died in his mother's arms on the way to the hospital while Harriet died only nine days later.

Following the Moores' murder, there was a public outcry in the African-American community. Despite massive amounts of mail sent to President Truman and the Florida Governor in protest and the many protests and memorials organized demanding justice, no arrests were made in relation to the horrendous crime.

In no uncertain terms, Harry T. Moore led without permission, without acknowledgement, and without fear. What made his vision so tangible was the fact that he believed he could achieve what he set before himself. In a speech his daughter gave in 2002, she stated, "Daddy started the movement. He had absolutely nobody but us, and yet he accomplished all of those things—the voting, the teacher salaries all of the lynchings that he investigated. That's a very important part of history."

Mr. Speaker, Harry T. Moore's story is one of such importance as we celebrate Black History Month and reflect on the success of past and present leaders. For these stories are not only told to recall the achievements of African-American trailblazers, but to offer the next Harry T. Moore the hope, promise, direction,

and purpose needed to rise from the ordinary to achieve the extraordinary.

I shall conclude with an excerpt of the heartfelt words written by Langston Hughes in memory of Harry T. Moore:

In his heart is only love  
For all the human race,  
And all he wants is for every man  
To have his rightful place.

And this he says, our Harry Moore,  
As from the grave he cries:  
No bomb can kill the dreams I hold  
For freedom never dies!

## SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 8, 2006*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the important contributions of mentoring programs such as the One Star Foundation, an initiative established by the State of Texas, and the program HOSTS, Helping One Student to Succeed, in the Laredo Independent School District, which help students who are at risk of failing reading and or math by mentoring them with members of the community, and the Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas program. The National Mentoring Month is important, and it serves as a guide to us in our communities to reach out to youth, to show them there is another way, that they should not give into despair, but instead give into the hope of a better future.

Every time you reach out and mentor a child, you provide that child with a positive example of what an adult role model should be. Mentoring can be an invaluable resource for single-parent families, and low-income families, and it helps give the children the ability to succeed in school. There are over 156 mentoring programs in the State of Texas, and over 50 mentoring programs in my district working to give hope to children in urban and rural communities. These are excellent examples of how communities should come together to ensure that children have the best chance to succeed in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have had this opportunity to honor the value of H.R. 660, which supports the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month.

## TSUNAMIS, FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES, SEEN AND UNSEEN

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2006*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD "Witness for Justice # 248" entitled Tsunamis, Floods and Earthquakes; Seen and Unseen, published December 26, 2005 by the United Church of Christ of Cleveland, Ohio. The article eloquently written by Rev. Sala W.J. Nolan, Minister for Criminal Justice and Human Rights of this Church on 700 Prospect Ave. in Cleveland re-

minds us of the existence of unseen tsunamis, floods and earthquakes that continue to overrun communities around the world—stifling the voices of those forgotten. Recalling the 2005 Indian Ocean tsunami that killed nearly 300,000, and Hurricane Katrina that took the lives of more than 1,000 Gulf Coast residents, leaving even scores more homeless and displaced, Rev. Nolan speaks of unseen tsunamis, floods and earthquakes that manifest throughout the world in the form of racism and other forms of injustice. "They take place in U.S. prisons, which house one-fourth of all prisoners in the world and young Black men exist at 8 times the population rate of the Black men of South Africa at the height of Apartheid," explains Rev. Nolan. The "invisible flood of incarceration" as described by Rev. Nolan—the imprisonment of our Black and Hispanic youth—is robbing our communities of future entrepreneurs, doctors, lawyers, political and community leaders and tearing them away from their families—leaving them to languish and surrender their dreams within a less-than-colorblind criminal justice system with a swift, revolving door.

I also join Rev. Nolan in her concern over the erosion of freedoms not protected in a political environment where the Republican-controlled White House and Congress have mistakenly justified the infringement of personal freedoms for the sake of a safer America. Rev. Nolan says that since the PATRIOT Act has passed, "our government has acquired vastly broadened authority to monitor, arrest and detain citizens. We have learned that freedoms not protected will erode." Since the 2001 terrorist attacks, the Bush administration has jailed and deported immigrants who have been living in our country for many years, obeying our laws, contributing to our society and working hard to support their families. It has created an atmosphere of fear and suspicion of anybody who seems to be a foreigner. We must force this secret tsunami to retreat off our lands and we must restore freedoms to those left most victimized by the misplaced political zeal for power—the poor, the enslaved, and the tortured.

I join Rev. Nolan in all her concerns and her wish for a more just America free of unseen tsunamis, floods and earthquakes. Witness for Justice #248, Dec. 26, 2005.

TSUNAMIS, FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKES: SEEN AND UNSEEN

(By Sala W.J. Nolan)

As 2005 draws to a close, we have much suffering to address. The tsunami of last December 26 still reverberates throughout the world. The worst hurricane season in U.S. history has damaged the Gulf Coast in ways that will extend to generations. And an earthquake has devastated Kashmir, where relief is terribly complicated by Indian and Pakistani political claims.

The events were life shattering and will leave enduring legacies. They are especially notable because of the human suffering that was unmasked. We saw aging and African-American citizens in the wake of Katrina, without food and water or medical care, left abandoned on bridges and in nursing homes and sports arenas. The visible poverty among so many citizens of the richest country in the world—and their utter abandonment by the institutions obligated to serve them—shocked the planet.

Every day there are unseen tsunamis, floods and earthquakes. They take place in U.S. prisons, which house one-fourth of all

the prisoners in the world and young Black men at eight-times the population rate of the Black men of South Africa at the height of Apartheid. They happen among immigrants in the housing projects of France. They occur among the farmers of Vieques and fishers of the Marshal Islands whose livelihoods and health have been damaged by years of bomb testing and with school-aged children in broken neighborhoods; with Afghan nationals in the cells of Guantanamo; and in secret prisons in Eastern Europe and Saudi Arabia. All over our world, where governments and institutions fail to protect their citizens or actively harm them, the earthquake happens. And when those who suffer are forgotten, the devastation is terrible.

Consider the political activists who were imprisoned in the late 1960s and 1970s. Richard Williams was one of them. Following 9/11, he was placed in isolation for 15 months without cause. He was given poor medical care, which often occurs in prison. He passed this month, at the age of 58, and we remember him. Remember Marilyn Buck, Leonard Peltier, Oscar Lopez and others who have languished in prison. Remember Assata Shakur, who has a price on her head. In June, ten environmental and animal protection activists from the San Francisco Bay area were subpoenaed to a grand jury after police raids failed to produce evidence of criminal wrongdoing. Since the Patriot Act passed, our government has acquired vastly broadened authority to monitor, arrest and detain citizens. We have learned that freedoms not protected will erode.

Recently, I traveled to the Gulf Coast after the hurricanes, carrying supplies and assessing what we could do to help. I met a little boy, about 10 or 11, collecting toys for his younger brother and sister. When his turn came, there were no appropriate toys in the can for him. He turned away, dejected. Then I remembered that my 5-year-old niece had given me her most precious rubber frog and told me to give it to somebody special. I pulled the frog out of my pocket and gave it to the boy. His face lit up and he ran off with it, laughing and teasing his little brother. In that moment, the disaster was forgotten and he was just a boy again.

The prisons of the U.S. hold fathers and mothers whose children, more likely than not, will grow up in an earthquake of poverty and chaos. You probably know some of them, because the invisible flood of incarceration is enormous, but you may not know the secrets that keep because discrimination is a powerful force in their lives. Remember them. What could you do for the children? What could you do for someone who is ill? How much could be done by remembrance and a well-placed word for political prisoners and indigenous peoples of contaminated lands. Remember those who suffer from the secret tsunamis of our world today, and consider that is in your hand. What will you do with what you have?

#### CONGRATULATING BREEANNA AND SADIE LANCASTER

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate sisters Breeanna and Sadie Lancaster for their outstanding performance in the Pony of the Americas Horse Show.

Breeanna and Sadie both placed in the top 10 of the recent show and received awards at

the State Chapter Banquet on January 15, 2006.

Breeanna placed first overall in the 9-to-12 years-old category. She scored first place in showmanship, reining, western riding, trail, bareback equitation, and horsemanship and jumping competitions; second place in western pleasure and junior English pleasure, and third place in junior western pleasure, junior trail and open and Indian costume competitions.

Sadie placed second overall in the 9-to-12 years-old category. She placed first in times and senior English pleasure competitions; second place in reining.

At the banquet, Breeanna was named "Top Rider" for the Texas POA Club for 2005 and Sadie was the third overall in the State chapter. Breeanna was also given the Lance P. Scott Award for the most overall points in a year. She was also awarded the Diane Goodman Tennant Showmanship Traveling Award given annually to the point exhibitor who accumulated the most showmanship points in their age group for that year.

These young ladies exemplify hard work and a commitment to excellence. Both ladies have overcome obstacles to persevere and to have winning seasons.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Breeanna and Ms. Sadie Lancaster for their extreme dedication and persistence to their extra curricular activities. These young ladies serve as an inspiration for all.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2006*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, February 9, 2006, I was unable to be present to vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 670, congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL, rollcall vote 5; on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 657, honoring the contribution of Catholic schools, rollcall vote 6; and on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act, rollcall vote 7. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on motions to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 670 and H. Res. 657 and "nay" on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297.

#### TRIBUTE TO BONNIE TERRY

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2006*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend who left us far too soon. On January 27, 2006, Bonnie Terry lost her long struggle with breast cancer despite drawing on the same determination she had used to change the lives of many others. I miss her laugh and her belief that any problem was solvable so long as we worked together. Bonnie Terry was a community activist, a pillar of faith for the United Methodist Church, and a shining example of the power of people to make the world a better place.

This is a loss not only for her family, friends, and colleagues but also for San Antonio. We lost a relentless yet optimistic advocate for a range of causes. The causes she fought for reads like a master list of different organizations to help the disadvantaged. Bonnie worked with Habitat for Humanity, United Way, American Red Cross and Network Power/Texas, which promotes women's issues. During and after the 1998 floods, Bonnie served as executive director of the San Antonio Interfaith Flood Recovery Alliance. Our community is now poorer for her absence.

So relentless was her drive, not even illness stopped Bonnie from working. While fighting breast cancer, she visited my office during the Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation's annual visit last May. She told her story to me and to other lawmakers. Like so many other Americans, she had fallen into the widening fissures of our health care system and found herself in need of the type of help she had spent her life providing to others. Bonnie testified for the need for insurance support for cancer treatment at a National Breast Cancer Coalition meeting in Washington seeking legislative policy for access for quality care. Moreover, Bonnie made a point of attending the coalition's meeting with Senator HILLARY CLINTON.

Like many in our city, Bonnie hailed from elsewhere, but there should be no doubt that she made San Antonio her home. Born in Germany, Bonnie was the child of a military family that eventually settled in San Antonio. She graduated from Jefferson High School, San Antonio College, and the University of Texas at San Antonio. However, even while working on her bachelor's degree, it was apparent that Bonnie would match her education to her faith in making her life's work. People will always seek a higher purpose in life. Bonnie found hers in serving others and in doing so making their lives better.

If Bonnie's determination was the vessel for her actions, faith was her North Star. Steeped in the United Methodist Church, Bonnie sought to implement the teachings of the Lord. She served as an urban missionary at Travis Park United Methodist Church where she energized a food bank and outreach program, which the Reverend Bert Clayton, a long-time friend, said this was one of her greatest feats. Her next project focused on the downtown's homeless community. The Reverend John Flowers, pastor at Travis Park, said Bonnie helped envision a day center for homeless or transitional people there that opened in 2004.

My prayers and thoughts go out to her sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews. I hope it comforts them in their time of grief that Bonnie was a beloved figure in San Antonio. We will miss her.

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. SALLY FOX

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 16, 2006*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the public service and remarkable community involvement of Mrs. Sally Fox.

Born in Denver, CO, to school teachers, Mrs. Fox devoted much of her life to public schools in Colorado. In addition to other volunteer efforts, Mrs. Fox served as president of