

Another project that Peace Corps members assisted in was the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts project. Along with FEMA they aided the many victims in need of help from the unfortunate natural disaster. Members of the Peace Corps not only bring back ideas from different cultures, they also share their American culture with foreign countries.

Join me in applauding our fellow Peace Corps members on 45 years of dedicated service to our country. I wish them much success and encourage our young people to take advantage of the great opportunities the Peace Corps has to offer.

HONORING AND PRAISING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 97TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as they celebrate the 97th anniversary of their inception.

Since February 12, 1909, the NAACP has strived to promote their mission to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

As the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the nation, the members of the NAACP have sought to remove all barriers of racial discrimination through non-violence and positive reinforcement.

The NAACP won one of the nation's greatest legal victories—the 1954 Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education*. The NAACP was also a prominent power that lobbied for the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, and 1964. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Fair Housing Act were also achievements of this longstanding organization.

In 2005, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People launched the Disaster Relief Fund to help Hurricane Katrina survivors in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, and Alabama rebuild their lives.

Today the NAACP is a network of more than 2,200 affiliates covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Japan and Germany. As a Californian, it is with honor that I note that our state contains 72 branches and youth units.

The perseverance demonstrated by members of the NAACP reflects the strength of this exceptional organization. Over the past 97 years, this national organization has provided communities around the United States with strong and passionate leaders who have fought for social change. I congratulate them on their successes and look forward to many more years of continued achievements in the future.

I commend the NAACP and look forward to celebrating their centennial in 3 years.

A TRIBUTE TO FOOTHILL FAMILY SERVICE

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Foothill Family Service of Pasadena, California. During the month of March, 2006, Foothill Family Service will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary.

Believing that strong communities begin with healthy families, the mission of Foothill Family Service is to strengthen and support adults, children and families so that they can lead productive lives. Foothill Family Service is committed to the prevention and treatment of child abuse, domestic violence, school failure, teen pregnancy and school violence.

Foothill Family Service offers a plethora of mental health and social service programs to residents of the San Gabriel Valley, Pomona Valley, Glendale and Burbank communities. Some of the programs offered are Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Mental Health Treatment, Family Violence Prevention, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Dual Diagnosing Services, Counseling, and Senior Services. ESTEEM School-Based Services is a program that provides on-site counseling and mental health services at schools in the San Gabriel Valley and in Glendale.

The organization has widespread support throughout the community with many volunteers that donate thousands of hours. Last year, Foothill Family Service assisted more than 20,000 children, adults, and families, most of whom receive subsidized services and have a monthly net income of under \$1,000. Services are provided in many languages, including English, Spanish, Armenian, Korean, Farsi, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, and Japanese.

I am proud to recognize Foothill Family Service upon its 80th Anniversary and I ask all Members to join me in congratulating this invaluable organization for their remarkable achievements.

RECOGNIZING JIM MALONEY, RECIPIENT OF THE 2006 GOIN' SOUTH CIVIC PRIDE AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to stand here today to recognize Jim Maloney a remarkable citizen who will be honored on March 11, 2006, by Goin' South, a civic, social, and cultural organization based in South Buffalo, New York.

Jim is a retired railroad conductor from South Buffalo, NY. He and his wife Delores have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Mr. Maloney is actively involved at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and serves as President of the S.T.A. Travel Club. He also volunteers his time to assist Bishop Timon/St. Jude High School in their fundraising efforts.

Mr. Maloney's recent and most notable contribution to the South Buffalo community was unveiled in the summer of 2005 in the form of

a Law Enforcement Memorial at McKinley Parkway and Abbott Road in Heacock Park. Jim and Delores Maloney's son Daniel died tragically in the line of duty and it was his heroic sacrifice that served as Jim's inspiration. He sought to create a visual reminder of the sacrifices that law enforcement officers make every day.

Turning his vision into reality, Jim worked tirelessly with the help of friends to create the beautifully designed memorial which displays the names of over 70 fallen Western New York Law enforcement officers.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Maloney is being honored as the recipient of the 2006 Goin' South Civic Pride Award for his hard work, civic contributions and steadfast commitment to honoring Western New York's law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. It is my distinct honor to recognize him here today.

RECOGNIZING DR. TAN SIU LIN FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY ON GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Tan Siu Lin for his service to our community and his civic involvement on Guam. Dr. Tan, an entrepreneur and philanthropist, has supported many community projects and initiatives since he and his family first established a business on Guam in 1972. His civic contributions have spanned the fields of education, journalism, information technology and business. Today, Dr. Tan continues to fill important leadership roles on our island and remains involved in many notable community and philanthropic projects that benefit the Western Pacific Region.

The preservation of culture has always been an important goal of Dr. Tan, who was born in Quanzhou, China in 1930. He founded the Chinese School of Guam, the Chinese Park of Guam, and Gee How Oak Tin Association of Guam. He served as the chairman of the United Chinese Association of Guam during its early stages and successfully led the organization through a period of sustained growth and activity. Today, he continues to serve the United Chinese Association of Guam as their Honorary Chairman.

He has endowed a scholarship at the University of Guam in support of academic excellence. He established "The Overseas Chinese Newspaper of Guam" to share news among the Chinese community of Guam and to promote and highlight accomplishments of their community.

His entrepreneurial success has not overshadowed his humanity and his community service. His personal motto is: "deliver to the community with what you have earned from it." He has been recognized by the governments of Malaysia and the Philippines for his philanthropic contributions. Organizations in Hong Kong and Micronesia have also honored him for his work in support of charitable causes.

As he marks another milestone this week with the opening of a new business venture on Guam, I take this occasion to recognize his achievements and his community service. I

join his wife Lam Pek Kim and his children Henry, Willie, Lilly, Jerry, Raymond and Sunny in recognizing his many professional accomplishments and his service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RAÚL DÁVILA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Raúl Dávila, the late, great Puerto Rican actor. Mr. Dávila was a leading light in the Hispanic acting community and a good friend. He will be missed by all who knew or knew of him.

Mr. Dávila was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico on September 15, 1934. He graduated from the University of Puerto Rico and Tulane University. By the time he was in his early twenties, he was acting in soap operas and other works broadcast on the island of Puerto Rico. In spite of his success in Puerto Rico, he soon felt the pull to move to a larger market and to take on more challenges. In late 1963, like so many of his generation, he moved to New York.

Upon arriving in New York, he immersed himself in the vibrant and vital Hispanic acting and arts scene. He began to work as an actor, and starred in many television shows, both in Spanish and English. He, along with other Hispanic actors, fought valiantly for the rights and recognition that Hispanic actors deserved.

One manner in which Mr. Dávila successfully pushed for equal opportunities for Hispanic actors was through his leadership at the Hispanic Organization of Latin Actors, or HOLA, of which he was president many times. Part of HOLA's mission statement reads that the organization seeks "to expand the presence of Hispanic actors in both the Latino and mainstream entertainment and communications media by facilitating industry access to employing professional and emerging Hispanic actors." Raúl Dávila's service to the community, of which he was such a vital part, focused directly on that mission. He sought to open doors for Hispanic actors here in the United States.

Today we often take for granted much of the success that Latino performers have in show business. It is important, however, to remember that this was not always the case. We must recognize those who led the way. For this reason, it is fitting that we honor this Puerto Rican actor, who was not only a pioneer in his field, but also set the standard for others to follow in the decades to come.

We must also recognize Mr. Dávila's artistic achievements, which were many. He was the star of many "telenovelas," popular Spanish-language soap operas, as well as well-received appearances in movies like "The Believers," "The Man with My Face," and "Counterplot." He was perhaps best known for his role in "Carmelo Y Punto." His acting in the play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" won him a prize in 1972 from the Puerto Rican Cultural Institute, and a prize from the newspaper "El Tiempo." He also never gave up his love of learning about his craft, earning a Masters in Dramatic Arts from the Pasadena Playhouse in California later in life.

Mr. Speaker, with the passing of Raúl Dávila, we have lost one of the leaders in the Hispanic acting community. His passion for acting and his dedication to promoting opportunities for other Hispanic actors was truly inspirational. Although he has passed on, his works will continue to inspire and impact the lives of generations to come. Surely, that is the mark of great life. I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Raúl Dávila.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1259—TO AWARD A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL ON BEHALF OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this resolution, H.R. 1259, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

The Tuskegee Airmen, formed from 1,000 pilots, bombardiers and navigators, overcame segregation and racial discrimination to become national heroes and advanced our society by desegregating our armed forces. While in combat, the Tuskegee Airmen completed 15,000 missions and never lost an Allied bomber under their escort.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first people of color in U.S. military history to see air combat. This group of brave soldiers became one of the most respected Army Air Corp Fighter Groups of World War II.

In joining the fight to save Europe and the world from a cruel and heinous regime, the Tuskegee Airmen fought for freedom that they could not enjoy in their own country. In taking to the air during the launch of military aviation,

these brave men were also fighting a war against bigotry and racism at home. Thus, they deserve the kind of recognition that the Gold Medal will give them.

The Tuskegee Airmen are now in their 80's, so we must pass this bill immediately to honor these WWII heroes so these medals will not be a posthumous honor.

RECOGNIZING DAVID D. TUNCAP FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David D. Tuncap of Tamuning, Guam for his service to our community in four decades of public service and leadership both in government and the private sector. Mr. Tuncap is one of those rare individuals on Guam whose vision and contributions to our visitor industry have benefited our community and made our island a better place to live.

Mr. Tuncap served in the Government of Guam as a Director of the Department of Commerce from 1975 to 1976 and as the first Executive Manager of the Guam Airport Authority from 1976 to 1978. He also served from 1976 to 1978 and from 1981 to 1996 as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Guam Visitors Bureau. In addition to his government experience, Mr. Tuncap held several senior management positions in the private sector in businesses related to the visitor industry. Mr. Tuncap was a key player in the development of Guam's visitor industry and in the period of rapid growth and expansion of our island's tourist infrastructure in the 1970s and 1980s. During his tenure at GVB he promoted the Chamorro culture as the foundation of the visitor experience to Guam.

David Tuncap has been a leader on Guam both within the visitor industry and as a community advocate. He is recognized as a visionary who helped to diversify and grow our island's economy. On the occasion of his retirement, I join our island in saluting his impressive accomplishments and in thanking him for his years of service to our community.

I know his wife Dolores, and his daughters, Antoinette Jo Ann, Nora Jean, Tania Paulette, are especially proud of his accomplishments. I also join them in commending David Tuncap for his lifetime of achievements and for the fine example of what it means to be a dedicated public servant and a successful business leader.