

Ms. Hawthorne's achievements in education are endless. In September 2001, Ms. Hawthorne was selected by the National Association of Secondary School Principals to serve as an Assessor for new principals. In January 2003, President Bush and Secretary of Education Rod Paige honored Ms. Hawthorne at The White House upon her selection as one of the top eight principals in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Ann Hawthorne is a product of the New York education system and a true inspiration to the community around her. She continues to work to improve education in New York and for that I ask that we recognize and give thanks to Mary Ann Hawthorne for her wonderful contribution to our community.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Ann Hawthorne selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

Mr. Speaker, please join our community in honoring Mary Ann Hawthorne for her dedication and outstanding service to our community.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR AS OFFERED BY TERRY C. PLAUCH OF MOBILE, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, last week one of my constituents, Terry C. Plauch, submitted a letter to the Mobile Register offering a theory regarding Vice President Cheney's recent hunting accident.

Conspiracy theories are not new to Washington, D.C. From the conspiracies surrounding the assassinations of both Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy, to the Watergate break-in, almost every event in this town elicits its own conspiracy theory. Today, I rise to ask that this letter be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in its entirety for I believe Terry Plauch may be on to something:

Some facts on the Cheney conspiracy:

I have been fascinated with the conspiracy theories about the recent Dick Cheney hunting incident. Although I thought most of them foolish, I decided to find out if any were valid.

After careful research, I have discovered some interesting facts the media either didn't learn or were too scared to report. It turns out these facts prove that conspiracy was involved in the Texas story.

The first fact relates to the prey involved. I found that the birds being hunted, quail and pheasant, have strong political histories. It is no coincidence "quail" just happens to sound like the name of the first Bush vice president, Dan Quayle. And what was one of the main topics the media criticized Bush/Quayle about? They were deaf to the poor, the downtrodden. In other words, the peasants.

It is no coincidence that "peasant" sounds like "pheasant." In fact, the words are only one "h" away from each other. And what is the difference between President George W. Bush and his father, George H.W. Bush? It is a single "h," although capitalized. A happenstance? I think not.

Another interesting fact is that Cheney used a 20-gauge shotgun instead of the more common 12-gauge. So what? It is no coincidence that the difference between the two

gauges is eight, the number of years Bush and Cheney will be in office. A happenstance? I think not.

I have therefore concluded from my research that the shooting was self-defense. Here's what happened: Cheney's intelligence brief stated that birds fly as their primary means of transportation. Knowing that they had to fly to get to the ranch where the hunt was scheduled, Mr. Cheney concluded that the birds flew to the ranch. Now, "flew" sounds like "flu." That's right, the deadly Asian bird flu.

The vice president, former head of Halliburton, knew that if the birds recognized him, they would attack, trying to get revenge for their name sounding like Dan Quayle's. He would then be infected. So when he saw the birds, the self-preservation reflex took over, I and he started shooting anything that flew his way. His lawyer friend, however, started shooting the birds just for a meal. And in his hunger, he stepped into Cheney's arc of fire and became the victim. So Cheney protected himself, and his friend missed lunch.

In conclusion, I must mention the fact that Dick Cheney ran Halliburton. It is no coincidence that the two people the company was named for, Halle Berry and Richard Burton, have ties to the vice president.

Halle Berry played Catwoman in the movies. Cats, as you know, are sworn enemies of birds, both quail and pheasant.

And Richard Burton was married to Elizabeth Taylor. So what? Well, Vice President Dick Cheney happens to be the only person of his generation in the United States who has not been married to Elizabeth Taylor.

A happenstance? I think not.

TERRY C. PLAUCH.

RECOGNIZING THE LAKE OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM AS OREGON 4A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Lake Oswego High School boys' basketball team as Oregon State 4A champions. Capping a storybook season, the Lakers brought home the state title for the first time ever.

The Lakers started strong this season, and never let up. They won 26 games to only 3 losses and were ranked No. 2 going into the championship game on Saturday, where they faced off against the No. 1 South Medford Panthers. Like every good championship game, this one came down to the final seconds with Lake Oswego winning 59-57.

This successful season for the Lakers was more than just the sum of their skill and talent. The team and coaches played all year with heart, desire, and the confidence that they could win it all. Congratulations to Coach Mark Shoff, the players, their families and friends, and the community who cheered them on throughout the season. I am proud to represent this team and its supporters in Congress, and will close with this:

Go Lakers!

HONORING DICK KAY

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of my friend, Mr. Dick Kay, political editor, and host of the news show "City Desk." Mr. Kay will retire in June, 2006, with the honor of having been the longest-serving reporter in the history of Chicago's WMAQ-Channel 5 TV.

With 46 years in the business, Dick Kay has unparalleled political experience, knowledge and perspective. He arrived at WMAQ-Channel 5 in 1968, initially working as a writer/producer but soon switching to reporting. He later became their political editor as well as the host of "City Desk," the Sunday morning public service program.

Over the years, Dick Kay has interviewed mayors, governors, Congressmen, Senators, and countless other public leaders. Viewers have come to rely on his thoughtful yet fearless approach to covering politics and public policy.

Dick Kay's hard work and insightful reporting have been recognized by numerous awards over the years. Among others, Dick has received a Peabody Award—the highest honor in TV broadcasting—as well as 11 Emmys, a National Headliner award, and a Jacob Scher award for investigative reporting. In 2001, he was inducted into the Television Academy's Silver Circle Hall of Fame, which honors those who have made major contributions to Chicago broadcasting for 25 years or more.

In addition to his work as a reporter and editor, Dick was the long-time president of the local unit of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. In this capacity, Dick successfully persuaded Illinois legislators to ensure that on-air employees had the freedom to move to competing stations.

I am sure Dick's wife, children and grandchildren will be glad to enjoy more time with him. The rest of us will miss his hard-hitting investigative work, insightful commentary, and engaging Sunday morning discussions.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dick and his family the best of luck during his retirement and throughout his future endeavors. Political reporting in Chicago will not be the same without Dick Kay, dean of Chicago political reporters.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAY W. JEFFERS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jay W. Jeffers for his career as a teacher. Jay will be honored next week on Tuesday, March 21, at the dedication of Jay W. Jeffers Elementary School, which is named in his honor.

Born in Milford, UT, on May 7, 1921, he grew up along the railroad, the son of a locomotive engineer. In 1939, he graduated from Milford High School where he participated in extracurricular activities such as the yearbook,

newsletter, band, chorus, orchestra, and debate team. In 1939, Jay was accepted to the University of Utah. He worked part-time for the Bamberger/Utah Central Railroad, completing office work and loading cars, and as a stone mason helper, building flagstone fireplaces and barbeque pits. Before finishing his degree, Jay served a mission for the LDS Church in the Texas-Louisiana Mission, for 2 years. After returning, he went back to the University of Utah and graduated in 1946 with a teaching degree and a major in geology. The following year, Jay moved to Las Vegas and accepted a position as a seventh and eighth grade science teacher at the Fifth Street School for \$2,600 per year. In December 1948, he married June Mac Farlane. The couple has 3 sons, 2 daughters, 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

With the desire to further his own education, Jay entered a master's program at the University of Utah, and continued to teach full-time. At this time, he helped consolidate 13 individual school districts into the Clark County School District. In 1953, He received his master's degree in administration from the University of Utah and in the same year, he was appointed principal at the Washington School in North Las Vegas. Also in that year, he became one of four original instructors at UNLV, teaching geology and geography part-time, from 1953 to 1971.

The new Twin Lakes elementary School opened in 1955 with Jay as principal. The seventh and eighth grades were still in the elementary schools so Jay developed and implemented new programs for those grades by departmentalizing subjects and instituting interschool athletic competitions. With Jay's support, the district's first elementary string music program was held there. In 1964, at a time when large numbers of Hispanic pupils were moving to Las Vegas Jay became principal of John S. Park Elementary School. He helped establish the "English as a Second Language" program with a philosophy that students needed to develop and maintain proficiency in basic reading and writing skills, along with learning to speak English. His final assignment was principal at Lincoln Elementary School in North Las Vegas. After 30 years of teaching, Jay retired in September of 1977. In addition to his contributions in education, Jay was a cofounder of the Clark County Teachers Federal Credit Union, now Silver State Schools Credit Union. He also worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 23 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Jay W. Jeffers. His career and life have been dedicated to the education of youth of Clark County. Thousands of current and former residents of Clark County cite his influence as a factor in their success in life. I thank him for his service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 42 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 190, I was on a leave of absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO MARY HARVELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mary Harvell.

Mary Harvell is a pillar in our community who has tirelessly served on our behalf for many years. She was born in the small town of Glenville, Georgia. She is the seventeenth child out of eighteen born to Wilbert and Leressie Brown. As a young girl, Mary dreamed about migrating to New York City. Fortunately, she got her wish and relocated to the "Big Apple" as a young child. She attended public schools in Bedford-Stuyvesant and went on to attend Midwood High School and Brooklyn College where she majored in Sociology.

While studying at Brooklyn College she met and later married Charlie Harvell. From their illustrious union three beautiful children were produced. Today, she is a happy grandmother of five. Mary is also committed and deeply connected to her spiritual family, including her brother, the Bishop Harry Brown of Brunswick, Georgia. She is a member of the New Jerusalem Holy Church of Brooklyn, New York, where the Pastor Lester Charles Smith presides. Mary is very active in her church and has served in various capacities including the Book Ministry, as a Bible Study teacher, and as a member of the Hospitality Committee. Likewise, she also volunteers at the Annual Church Health Fair, which serves the East New York community and assists with the Church Food Pantry, which feeds the community spiritually and physically.

Mary strongly believes that our seniors are the pillars of the community and visits several senior citizen homes and also assists with the transportation of seniors at her church. Additionally, this busy lady volunteers for Assemblyman Darryl Towns. What is so amazing is that Mary makes the time to volunteer all while being employed at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. At Interfaith, she serves as the Secretary in the Purchasing Department where she processes orders from sales representatives, prepares the Purchasing Department payroll, and oversees the ordering of office supplies for the entire medical center. Mary has worked at Interfaith for 34 years, which affords her the opportunity to fulfill her personal mission: "If I can help somebody, then my living will not be in vain."

Mr. Speaker, Mary Harvell has helped many people and we duly note that hers is a life well lived and that we appreciate all that she does for our community. She has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment to our community that makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

HONORING BOBBY CLARK FOR HIS EFFORTS TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, there are many heroes who have worked countless hours to

help victims of hurricanes recover. Mr. Bobby Clark is one of these heroes.

Bobby, along with his wife Lori and children, Danielle, Joe, and Jack, have a history of helping hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast. Following Hurricane Ivan in 2004, Bobby cleared roads of fallen trees, removed trees from his neighbors' homes or from driveways, and delivered supplies and food to victims.

Following Hurricane Katrina, Bobby along with his business partner Pat Achee traveled to Gulfport, Mississippi, to deliver supplies and check on family and friends. Soon after their arrival in Gulfport, they learned St. James Baptist Church was feeding about 300 people a day and sheltering dozens in its sanctuary. The two raised money to provide a generator for the sanctuary, and they also filled an 18-wheeler with food and supplies donated by the city of Fairhope.

Bobby's work at the church led him to meet Cleavon and Corrine Robinson, an elderly couple without home insurance. The couple's home was almost completely destroyed by a fallen tree. Bobby met with Bob Chatham of Chatham Home Planning, who drew up a house plan for Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

Bobby then organized volunteers from the community to build the Robinson's new home in seven days. He developed a schedule and had volunteers working from dawn to dark, and the 864 square-foot house was actually completed in 6½ days!

This was the beginning of the nonprofit "We Care" of Baldwin County, whose mission is to repair or rebuild homes for people in need. The goal for 2006 is to build 15 homes. The residents and businesses throughout Mobile and Baldwin counties have also responded to Bobby's call, donating everything from the building supplies, to the furniture, to the landscaping, and even the lighting.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring Bobby Clark for his selfless commitment to helping his community and inspiring others to do the same. His story serves as an inspiration not only to those of us who live across the Gulf Coast but also to people across the country. We need more people like Bobby Clark in this world—a true hero to those most in need.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed five votes on March 15, 2006. I stayed in New Jersey to be with a family member who was undergoing surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted no on Ordering the Previous Question (with regard to H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes); no on H. Res. 725 (the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4939); yes on H. Con. Res. 190 (Expressing the sense of Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards); no on the Gilchrest Amendment (which strikes language in the