

Every once in a while, a person comes along who has the capacity to positively influence people, the community, and life in general. Kirk Peek was just such a man. It saddens me to say that, tragically, he perished in a plane crash on January 17, 2006.

Kirk was born on August 14, 1938 in Unionville, Missouri. Very patriotic and dedicated to our country, he joined the Marines in 1956. He was an avid outdoorsman and after his discharge, Kirk settled in Lone Pine, CA. A 41-year resident, he was the community's beloved barber and his shop was considered the unofficial center of town. People went to Kirk's barbershop for a friendly chat, to find shelter from inclement weather, shoot pool, or to pick up dry cleaning. Kirk was not always there, but the door was never locked. His shop was also a sort of self-help bank as well because frequently the cash register wasn't locked either. As Lone Pine's informal ambassador, Kirk welcomed tourists and his barbershop felt like a second home for many people.

Kirk was involved in several organizations over the years including the Lions Club, Mt. Whitney Golf Club, Little League, the volunteer fire department, Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce, Inyo Associates, and the Lone Pine Booster Club. Appointed to the Inyo County Board of Education in 1998, Kirk felt it was an honor to serve and he continually provided astute insights, wise counsel, and humble leadership.

An accomplished pilot, Kirk flew almost everywhere. He loved to fly and said it gave him a sense of spirituality and a sense of awe. He felt at home in the air and he would always make sure his plane was available for a friend in need.

Although Kirk will be remembered as a gregarious, honest, and caring man who was generous with his time and talents in order to help others, Kirk's lasting legacy rests in his family. He was a dedicated husband to his wife, Judy, and a loving father to daughter, Beth, as well as a devoted grandfather to Sara and Daniel Blodgett. Sadly, Kirk's son, Phillip Shawn Peek, passed away in 1991.

When Oscar Wilde said, "Some people cause happiness wherever they go," he could have been talking about Trueman Kirk Peek. With his contagious sense of fun and enthusiastic love of life, Kirk always brought out the best in people. He had a genuine affection for others and made friends wherever he went. And those friends deeply miss Kirk and mourn his passing.

#### A TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA DEANS

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Patricia Deans, a decorator, designer, economist, coordinator, organizer and entrepreneur. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her accomplishments.

Patricia was born in Wilson, NC in 1941 and is the oldest daughter of Samuel and Helen Ruth Reid. Patricia graduated from Charles H. Darden High School and moved to New York in 1959. In September 1963, she graduated from Adelphi Business School and began working in the health care profession where

she remained for 30 years. She is the mother of three children, Sharon, Walter and Sean, and the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren.

As a community advocate, she is involved with the following organizations: National Association for the Study of African-American Life and History; National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, state coordinator; Solid Waste Advisory Board, SWAB, Brooklyn Borough President's appointment May, 1996; Glenmore Plaza Tenant's Association, president; Brownsville Heritage House Inc., first vice president; Faith Hope and Charity Community Services, Inc., secretary; Brooklyn Public Library Friends Group; Stone Avenue and Brownsville Branches; Multi-Cultural Committee for District 23, member; Youthbuild Brownsville, member.

Patricia's art exhibits have touched both children and senior citizens. Mt. Ararat-Presentation Church Community Senior Citizen Center exhibited her art during its Thanksgiving Convocation for resident leaders.

Patricia's work, which has a multi-cultural focus—Kwanzaa, Dr. Martin Luther King's Celebration, Hispanic Heritage and Black History Month to name a few—is also exhibited at the Brownsville Heritage House. Founded by Mother Rosetta Gaston in March 1981 at the age of 96, Brownsville Heritage House was to be a beacon of hope to the Brownsville Community. Patricia's commitment is to safeguard and enhance the work started by Mother Gaston. One of Patricia's greatest objectives is to see Brownsville Heritage House become to Brooklyn what the Schomburg Center is to Harlem. She desires to see children take advantage of the rich heritage contained within its walls. Patricia wants more people to become aware that Brownsville Heritage House, located on the third floor of the Stone Avenue Branch Library, is the first library built for children and therefore should have landmark status.

Patricia's art graced the Fort Greene Senior Citizen Center and other venues around the city as well as a library dedication at PS/IS 332, which was attended by the former first lady of New York City, Mrs. Joyce Dinkins along with other dignitaries.

Patricia's strong belief in improving the quality of life in urban and rural environment led her into becoming an entrepreneur in July 1994. She saw the need for community based partnerships to provide opportunities for the elderly, the children and the homeless. By pooling resources, sharing gifts and talents, the end results will provide multiple opportunities and empowerment for this population.

To further this quest, Patricia conducts workshops, consults on arts, education, restoration and environmental community development through the use of intergenerational instruction.

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

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2006*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during rollcall votes 74, 75, and 76, taken last week.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 74, the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297; "yes" on rollcall 75, final passage of H. Res. 742; and "yes" on rollcall 76, the motion to table H. Res. 746).

#### A TRIBUTE TO MARIE I. HOLNESS-FLEMMING, LCSW

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 3, 2006*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marie Isabel Holness-Flemming, Senior Associate Director of Social Work Services at North Brooklyn Health Network. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her accomplishments.

Ms. Holness-Flemming is an accomplished professional, dedicated to helping people cope with illness and crisis. As a social work professional for over 20 years she has worked with and developed programs to service a wide variety of populations such as critical ill newborns, the elderly, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of violence and substance abuse.

Ms. Holness-Flemming was born in Panama City, Republic of Panama to Boswell and Vera Holness. At the age of two, she immigrated with her family to the U.S. where they settled in the Bronx. Education, highly valued in her household, Ms. Holness-Flemming was a New York State Regent Scholarship winner. She went on to attend Union College in Schenectady, New York obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Psychology. After working for several years with preschool children as a day care teacher, she returned to academia and obtained a Master of Social Work degree from Hunter College School of Social Work.

Pursuing her interest in children, she worked for a child-abuse prevention agency focusing on "at risk" families in order to prevent children from entering the foster care system. Understanding that violence in the household was not only directed toward the children, she developed support groups for victims of domestic violence in an effort to empower women to protect themselves as well as their children. In 1987, she then joined the social work staff at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center where she served for 14 years in a variety of positions moving from direct practice to program development and administration. She worked as a Social Work Supervisor, Discharge Planning Coordinator, and Coordinator for HIV AIDS testing counseling programs, Director of Social Work and Associate Director for the Emergency Department. Ms. Holness-Flemming was honored by the Generations+ Health Network as one of its outstanding women in March 2001.

Currently, at the North Brooklyn Health Network, Ms. Holness-Flemming is responsible for

the social work staff at Woodhull Medical Center's Chemical Dependency Program and Cumberland Diagnostic and Treatment Center's Mental Health Program. She was instrumental in the implementation of the department's computer-based discharge planning program and has developed an ongoing education program for staff to ensure they are informed and are providing quality care. She is involved in a number of community outreach projects to promote closer ties to the surrounding community. Ms. Holness-Flemming is a member of the hospital's Ethics Committee and Acute Care Flow team. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, NASW, and the Counsel of Social Work Administrators.

Ms. Holness-Flemming is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Homeowner Association where she has assisted in numerous food and clothing drives. She has volunteered time to assist the elderly in nursing homes and worked with the homeless. Ms. Holness-Flemming counts her family as her primary support system. She still resides in the Bronx with her husband of eight years, Tony Flemming, and her mother. In her free time she enjoys gardening, reading, watching ballet and modern dance and going to museums.

Mr. Speaker, Marie Isabel Holness-Flemming's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes her worthy of our recognition today.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 5

Time to be announced

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits.

S-216, Capitol

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session.

SR-222

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-628

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Indian separation plan and the administration's related legislative proposal, relating to U.S.-India atomic energy cooperation.

SH-216

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the problem of methamphetamine in Indian country.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine all hazards medical response.

SD-430

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-215

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 2459, to improve cargo security.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Sergeant At Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and Capitol Guide Service.

SD-138

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Appropriations

Energy and Water Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Army Corps of Engineers.

SD-124

Foreign Relations

European Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Islamist extremism in Europe.

SD-419

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine various avenues of Federal funding for museums including authorized programs, grantmaking agencies and earmarks.

SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Global Climate Change and Impacts Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the current and future role of science in the Asia Pacific Partnership.

SD-562

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the 2005 wildfire season and the Federal land management agencies' preparations for the 2006 wildfire season.

SD-366

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

3 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

SR-222

APRIL 6

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Appropriations

Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Treasury.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine offshore aquaculture, focusing on current proposals to regulate offshore aquaculture operations, discuss research in this field being conducted off the coasts of New England and Hawaii, and the impacts that expanded aquaculture operations would have on fishermen, seafood processors, and consumers.

SD-562

Aging

To hold hearings to examine employment and community service for low income seniors.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care coverage for small businesses.

SD-215