

support of this and other educational institutions in the Middle East plays an important role in our public diplomacy efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the American Community School at Beirut in this year of its Centennial Anniversary. I congratulate the school on its distinguished history and look forward to its promising future.

HONORING DON DEHART

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Don DeHart, a compassionate and caring man who dedicated his life to helping those in need.

Don DeHart grew up in Indiana and quickly became an indispensable part of his father's construction business. He earned three engineering degrees and became the general manager of a successful road construction firm. Don also volunteered as a pastor in remote rural areas, but became restless because, as his wife Eva said, "he felt there was more to God's work than thicker cushions on pew seats."

Don and Eva began making mission trips to help impoverished Haitians in the late 1960s. They eventually co-founded "For Haiti With Love," a charity dedicated to providing much needed medical and other services to poor Haitians. The DeHarts eventually moved to Florida to be closer to their mission work.

The DeHarts built a small medical clinic which helped provide basic medical services to some of Haiti's neediest people. Though he was not trained as a medical doctor, Don quickly became an expert on treating burns, which are quite common in Haiti, saving many lives in the process. The DeHarts also helped nourish some of the country's poorest residents in Cap Haitien, Haiti's second-largest city.

Don befriended one of his patients, a young girl named Roseline, who had a crippling spinal condition. Don and Eva brought her to America for surgery, and when her mother died, adopted her. Roseline, now 22, graduated from one of the fine high schools in my congressional district and has taken over her adoptive father's mission.

Mr. Speaker, Don DeHart left this earthly life on April 15 after a long battle against cancer, a disease he had beaten several decades ago. Don lived a life of service and compassion, leaving no doubt that the world is a much better place for having had him in it. I hope his friends and family can take comfort knowing that his legacy will live on long after our warm words of remembrance are forgotten. May he rest in peace and may God watch over his family and those he dedicated his life to helping.

TRIBUTE TO EDNA EDWARDS PRITCHETT

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Edna Edwards Pritchett on the

occasion of her 90th birthday which will be celebrated on April 28, 2006.

Edna Pritchett has been a pillar in our community. She has lived her entire life in the First Congressional District of the Great State of Missouri. She is a 1934 graduate of the historic Sumner High School and was the second of three generations of her family to attend that landmark institution. During her outstanding career spanning 42 years, Mrs. Pritchett has served with distinction with the American Cancer Society and the Homer G. Phillips Hospital—another landmark institution in my congressional district. She also worked in several capacities with the St. Louis Board of Education.

In 1969, Mrs. Pritchett joined the Monsanto Company and retired from its International Division in 1979. But, her service to our community did not end at that point. She continued to be a conscientious citizen and a neighborhood beacon—serving in a number of capacities including Neighborhood Watch and First Night Programs which she continues to this very day.

Through the years, Mrs. Pritchett has given the full measure of her abilities, dedicated services and wise counsel to the St. Louis community. She gave tirelessly of her time as a Girl Scout Troup Leader at the All Saints Episcopal Church and later as a poll worker with the St. Louis County Board of Elections. She also volunteered with the University City Public Schools as a reading advocate for children and with other educational programs throughout the school district.

Edna Pritchett was the devoted wife for 43 years to Raymond W. Pritchett until his passing in 1985. She has been a dedicated homemaker, a loving, nurturing and caring mother to her four children, Mattelyn, Edna Jean, Harriet and Raymond, as well as a trusted confidant and friend to her late sister, Regina Edwards. Her shining personality and indomitable spirit has brought warmth and cheer to her family and into the lives of all who have had the opportunity to know her.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent such a respected and beloved constituent. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great humanity and lifetime achievements of Mrs. Edna Edwards Pritchett and extend my very best wishes to her as she celebrates this great milestone with her family and friends.

A TRIBUTE TO VINCENT HO SANG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vincent HoSang, a distinguished member of the business community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, Vincent HoSang was born in Springfield St. James, Jamaica WI to Mr. and Mrs. Henry HoSang who migrated from China in the early 1900s. He is the eighth child of ten, six boys and four girls. Mr. HoSang's parents operated a store, similar to a department store today, selling everything from groceries, hardware, and raw materials for making

clothes, to liquor. They also operated a bakery, which consisted of a brick-oven and a machine called a "doughbreak", everything else was done by hand; bear in mind that there was no electricity and no running water.

At the age of about 12 years, Mr. HoSang's parents sold the business and moved to Montego Bay where he went to live with an uncle. Mr. HoSang attended Cornwall College High School for three years and had the ambition of studying medicine; however, he had to leave school in fourth form to help his uncle in his grocery store. At age 19, Mr. HoSang rejoined his parents who had just started a grocery store in Kingston, at the same time; he also helped his cousin who operated a bakery nearby.

In February of 1968, Mr. HoSang migrated to the Bronx, New York. He got a job in a briefcase factory assembling attaché cases, where he received the minimum wage of \$1.60 an hour, taking home \$49 per week after taxes. Mr. HoSang stayed at that job for only a short time until he got a better job with Imperial Dairies on East 233rd Street in the Bronx, delivering milk to homes at night. In 1974, Mr. HoSang met his wife, Jeanette, who is from Spanish Town, Jamaica, and got married in August 1976 and started a family in April of 1977.

Mr. HoSang always wanted to have his own business ever since he came to the United States, but lack of capital, inexperience, and he admits, a bit of cowardice held him back just a bit. However, with the burning desire ever-present, Mr. HoSang waited until he saved some money and built up his courage to jump right in. In February 1978, Mr. HoSang and his wife bought a fast food store known as "Kingsbridge Delight" in the West Bronx, selling fried chicken, shrimp, ribs, and French fries. He knew the business was not making a profit but their goal was to introduce the Jamaican cuisine and patties. Jeanette was very instrumental in the development of the Jamaican dishes and after about six months, some long hours per day for seven days a week, and a lot of sacrifices, the business started to show a small profit. In 1980, Sunrise Bakery on Dyre Avenue, which was owned by another West Indian, became available. Mr. and Mrs. HoSang bought it in December 1980 with the intention of making it a full-fledged Jamaican bakery and changed its name to Royal Caribbean Bakery and operated as a retail bakery. In 1984, they expanded into a 15,000 sq. ft. facility on East 233rd street in the Bronx where Caribbean Food Delights was incorporated and became the frozen food division of Royal Caribbean Bakery. The company at this stage expanded into the wholesale trade. Three years later in 1987, both companies expanded into a 20,000 sq. ft. facility in Mount Vernon, New York.

The HoSangs took a big risk when they bought a 73,000 sq. ft. building on 10 acres of property in Tappan, New York in 1993 and named it Caribbean Food Delights. It produces a variety of Jamaican cuisine, including Jamaican style patties: beef, chicken, vegetable, soy and shrimp, which are oven-baked, unbaked, and microwaveable. New to their product line are jerk chicken and jerk fish patties. Today, the HoSangs own the largest Jamaican frozen food plant in the U.S. and the Mount Vernon plant continues to manufacture the bread, buns, cakes, and pastries.

The patties, which are in great demand, are available nationwide through retailers such as

Costco Wholesale, BJ's Wholesale Club, Sam's Wholesale Club, Wal-Mart, PathMark, Key Food, Stop & Shop, Met Food, and many other neighborhood supermarkets. The patties are also available through Caribbean Food Delights by contacting them directly at 845-398-3000. The company can also be found on the worldwide web at www.caribbeanfooddelights.com where one can learn more about product information and their upcoming JerkQ'zine Caribbean Grille Franchise Opportunities.

The kindness shown by Mr. HoSang and his wife in giving back to communities, organizations, churches, fundraisers and scholastic events such as the Penn Relays keeps multiplying their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Vincent HoSang, CEO, Royal Caribbean Bakery and Caribbean Food Delights, Inc., as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local and national communities.

Mr. Speaker, Vincent HoSang's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

RECOGNIZING THE 84TH BIRTHDAY OF COACH GUY EDWARD PHIPPS

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a man whom I consider to be one of the greatest influences of my early years—a man whose guidance helped change the lives of several generations of young people. I rise today to honor my high school basketball coach, a talented, caring educator and my dear friend, Coach Guy Edward Phipps, who earlier this month celebrated his 84th birthday.

Coach Phipps was born in Hickman, Kentucky, and, after graduating from Hickman High School, served 3 years in the United States Army. Following his honorable discharge, he attended nearby Murray State University while also raising a family; his daughter, now Janice Phipps Jones, was only three years old when Coach Phipps began his college education.

After earning both a Bachelors Degree and a Masters Degree at Murray State University, he began his career as a teacher and basketball coach in Fulton, Kentucky. Four years later, he moved just across the state line to South Fulton, Tennessee, for a new coaching job. Three seasons later, Coach Phipps and his team set school history with an unprecedented 28-0 record in the regular season.

That same year, however, Coach Phipps and the Red Devils were beat in the district tournament by Union City High School in my hometown of Union City, Tennessee. Shortly thereafter, in 1956, Coach Phipps made the professional move 14 miles away to Union City High School to take over the coaching duties with the Union City Golden Tornadoes. Coach Phipps helped lead the team to five consecutive district and regional tournament wins and brought the school to its first-ever state tournament appearance.

In 1959, I joined the Union City High School basketball team as a sophomore and was

honored to train under Coach Phipps for three years. His leadership helped teach my teammates and me sportsmanship, teamwork and maturity that have been important to me throughout my life, and I feel confident that my former teammates are as grateful as I am to have had the opportunity in our formative years to work with such an exceptionally talented leader.

Coach Phipps also taught courses in industrial arts and engineering drawing while at Union City High School. He was known in our school district for a special goal he set—to choose a different student every day or every week whom he felt needed a friend and someone to believe in him or her. This approach touched the lives of many students over Coach Phipps' career and is still a tradition among many of the educators in northwest Tennessee.

After a brief time working at a local doctor's clinic, Coach Phipps chose to return to Union City High School, but this time as principal, where he continued to serve for 4 years. Later he served as head basketball coach at David Lipscomb College in Nashville and as dean of students at Nashville Tech.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in honoring the 84th birthday of a man who has been a hero in Tennessee and Kentucky for generations. The true measure of a successful educator is how many young people's lives he has touched. As one of Coach Phipps' former players and a good friend of his today, I know he meets that test of being a truly successful teacher and coach.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH NAGLER

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most extraordinary women in the Bay Area, Ruth Nagler. Mrs. Nagler has lived in the 12th District of California for the past 50 plus years and her contributions to the community deserve recognition.

Ruth Nagler was born and raised in New York. Nagler received an undergraduate degree from College of the City of New York in 1943, and subsequently received a Master of Arts in education from New York University in 1945. She and her husband, Edmund, are parents to three children.

Mr. Speaker, after moving to San Mateo Ruth Nagler immediately immersed herself in our community, joining the League of Women Voters of the Mid-Peninsula in 1951, eventually serving as the president of this valuable organization for three years. In addition, Ruth Nagler served for 10 years as a trustee of the San Mateo City Elementary School District Board, where she was a leader and integral component of one of the earliest state school desegregation programs in California, and in our nation. With this background, Ruth Nagler was the perfect choice to become Director of Community Education for Canada College, one of the three colleges of the San Mateo County Community College District. Ruth Nagler left her mark both at Canada College and at the San Mateo County Community College District during the 20 years she worked

for the institution. During that time, she initiated, designed, developed and administered non-credit short courses, workshops, conferences and special events for more than 48,000 people.

Mr. Speaker, since retirement Ruth Nagler has remained active in community activities, and in fact her involvement in the community is too long to list here but allow me to highlight a few of the things she has done. She was coordinator of the "San Mateo County 2000" drive for the public school system, she was chair of the Friends of the Advisory Council on Women, a member of the Mills-Peninsula Hospital Board of Trustees, chair of the San Mateo Performing Arts Center Board of Directors, and directed a successful effort to refurbish the High School District's theater.

In addition to these organizations and her continued work with San Mateo League of Women Voters, Ruth Nagler has also selflessly devoted herself to a myriad of community service organizations including; Planned Parenthood, American Association of University Women, United Nations Association, San Mateo County American Cancer Society, San Mateo Parents Cooperative Nursery School, and the San Mateo City Citizens Task Force to Study Needs of Seniors. Mr. Speaker, the wide range of associations with which Ruth Nagler has been involved clearly highlight her commitment to our community.

For her diligent work, she has been duly recognized over the years. Notably, in 2003, she was named "Woman of the Year" by California Assemblyman Gene Mullin. In 1990, Ruth Nagler was the recipient of the Beyond War Foundation award for "helping to build a global community and thereby create a secure and sustainable future for all."

Mr. Speaker, Ruth Nagler is an inspirational leader and we can learn much from her actions, her leadership and her ability to create change. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in tribute to Ruth Nagler for her tireless efforts to better the San Mateo County community and our nation.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE ROBERT C. BROOMFIELD FOR RECEIVING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA'S DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Robert C. Broomfield, Senior United States District Judge and a 1961 graduate of the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. It was my pleasure to work with Judge Broomfield when I was a County Supervisor, and I always found him to be reasonable, understanding, and well respected by all, whether they be private citizens, elected officials, or his judicial peers. Therefore I was pleased to learn that he was being honored by his alma mater on April 22nd with its Distinguished Citizen Award, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank him for many years of service to the nation and the State of Arizona.

Judge Broomfield has served with distinction in the courts for more than 34 years, first as a judge and presiding judge on the Maricopa