

Floyd Bennett Field proudly served as New York City's first municipal airport, opening on May 23, 1931 with modern facilities and strong concrete runways. During the "Golden Age" of aviation, this airfield captured the imagination of the public and was the site of many legendary flights with spectators cheering on the accomplishments of aviators named Wiley Post, Howard Hughes, and Amelia Earhart.

In 1942 our country was at war, and Floyd Bennett Field was called into duty. Under the U.S. Navy, this airstrip served our country as a Naval Air Station which provided vital support to our troops as it recruited and trained pilots, tested planes, provided cargo transport, and performed sea rescues. Floyd Bennett Field became the first helicopter training facility in the world and is the longest continuously used law enforcement aviation unit in the world, currently housing the New York City Police Department Aviation Unit.

In 1972, after years of neglect and in the midst of municipal financial woes, Floyd Bennett Field was turned over to the National Park Service and again set records by becoming the first of the urban national parks. Since then, we have seen a resurgence in activity as the National Park Service finds new ways to invite in the public while preserving the history of the sites and tales of the past. Floyd Bennett Field now hosts an array of activities including hiking, cross-country skiing, camping, field sports, bird-watching, canoeing, and archery.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I recognize this anniversary milestone and challenge the National Park Service to maintain this field in a way that continues to benefit my constituents and the city of New York.

BURMESE MILITARY ATROCITIES

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise the awareness of this Congress of the ongoing atrocities being committed by the Burmese military junta. I am deeply disturbed by what appears to be the largest attacks in 10 years on ethnic minorities in eastern Burma. Eastern Burma is a humanitarian nightmare. According to the Thailand-Burma Border Consortium, over the past 10 years, the military junta has destroyed or forcibly relocated over 2,700 villages. Not a single humanitarian relief agency is allowed into the area, not a single journalist is permitted to record the facts, and not a single U.N. official is permitted to meet, let alone protect, those on the run in Burma's eastern jungles. Even in Sudan aid agencies, journalists, and representatives of the United Nations and African Union are allowed—not so in eastern Burma.

It is time for the United States to press the U.N. Security Council to pass a binding resolution requiring change in Burma.

It is true that not all members of the Council will initially agree on the language and substance of such a proposal, and it is no secret that Russia and China have opposed the use of sanctions or military intervention in Burma.

We have listened to their points, and that is not what we are asking for.

Surely all Council members must agree that it is our collective responsibility to stop these attacks on innocent civilians and to facilitate true national reconciliation in Burma. The U.N. Security Council said so itself on April 28th when it stated in its new resolution that "the Council reaffirmed its strongest condemnation of all acts of violence or abuses committed against civilians in situations of armed conflict." By not addressing the situations in Burma, the United Nations Security Council is failing its own mandate and undermining the U.N. Charter.

We cannot remain silent. We cannot stand by and wait for someone else to provide leadership, if none is being provided. Leaders of the United States, United Nations and elsewhere should state publicly that it is time for a U.N. Security Council resolution on Burma. As the rainy season approaches in eastern Burma, many lives are at risk. We must act now.

TRIBUTE TO DARYL C. BROWN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an individual who serves as a great illustration of all the good that is being done in our public school systems. Daryl C. Brown is the principal of Carvers Bay High School located in Hemingway, South Carolina, one of the schools I proudly represent in this body.

Renowned educator and native South Carolinian Mary McLeod Bethune once said, "Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough." The continued success of our public schools requires not just a financial investment, but also an investment in the lives of our young people. Mr. Brown's work exemplifies Dr. Bethune's mandate. Charged with the challenging task of combining two rival high schools, he so successfully managed the consolidation that the biggest obstacle was selecting the school colors. On the first day of school, he held an assembly where he showed students a newspaper article predicting that the school would not be a success. He forcefully disputed that assertion, saying that Carvers Bay would become a blue ribbon school, a prediction that was met with a rousing ovation from students and staff. Well on its way to that distinction, the school has made impressive gains on test scores, added AP classes, and started an ROTC program considered one of the best in the area.

An innovative leader who is often the first in the district to experiment with new strategies, Mr. Brown created a Freshman Academy to ease the transition from middle school, even designating a separate wing for the program. He also began an initiative to provide breakfast for all of his students, making Carvers Bay one of the few high schools with such a program. Though his students have dubbed him "Papa Bear" after the school mascot, the profound transformation he has led at Carvers Bay is no fairy tale.

Mr. Brown's dedication and commitment have not gone unnoticed. The Milken Family Foundation awarded him this year with one of the most prestigious awards in teaching—the

Milken Educator Award. Referred to as the "Oscars of Teaching," by Teacher Magazine the Milken Family Foundation's National Educator Award is given each year to approximately 100 of the most outstanding teachers and principals in states across the country. This prestigious recognition, which began in 1987, comes with a cash award of \$25,000 for each recipient. These awards pay homage to the importance of quality teachers and to the significance of the teaching profession.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring the enormous public service of Mr. Daryl C. Brown. We also congratulate him on his recognition as a Milken Family Foundation National Educator. Our Nation prospers because of individuals like him.

HONORING NATE GOODEN'S UNITED AUTO WORKER RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nate Gooden's outstanding service at the UAW. Nate Gooden and I go back to the beginning of his career and our involvement in the coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

Since he first became a UAW member in 1964, Nate has remained a loyal activist. Like a true warrior, Nate has confronted those who frustrate the goal of creating a full employment society. He has consistently stood with me in my efforts to create and sustain a full employment system. He has also provided unwavering support for H.R. 676, a bill I introduced calling for a national universal health care system. As we currently seek to extend the Voting Rights Act, Nate has once again provided his strong voice of endorsement.

Nate's effective approach has always been the same. He has distinguished himself as being friendly but firm in negotiations, and this made him the "go to guy" at the UAW. In the best tradition of the labor movement, Nate's advocacy on behalf of auto workers has given an economic lift to so many. His good-natured personality and tremendous leadership will be sorely missed.

The Nate Gooden resolution follows:

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION HONORING NATE GOODEN

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden, was born in Detroit on April 14, 1938, has been a United Auto Worker ("UAW") member since 1964, was appointed as an international representative on the Region 1 staff in 1977, was, first elected the UAW International Executive Board Vice President in 1999, and was re-elected in 2006; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden, was nominated as UAW's representative to the Supervisory Board of DaimlerChrysler AG in 2002, is the Director of the UAW's DaimlerChrysler Department, and is co-chair of the Joint Activities Board that operates the UAW-DaimlerChrysler National Training Center; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden, directs the UAW Heavy Trucks Department and the UAW Transplants, Transnationals, and Joint Ventures Department; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden, directed successful negotiations with Freightliner in 2000, directed the UAW's national contract

negotiations with the Chrysler Groups in 2004, helped win a first contract for workers at Thomas Built Bus in 2005, helped win a first contract for workers at the Michigan Global Engine Manufacturing Alliance facility in 2005, and helped secure options for Mack workers affected by the closing of the Winnsboro plant; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden has attended Wayne State University's Labor Studies program and serves as an advisor to the Ken Morris Center for the Study of Labor and work at Oakland University; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden is a U.S. army veteran, the executive secretary of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Deputy Chair of the World Employee Committee at DaimlerChrysler, a national board member and life member of the NAACP, and an active member of the Michigan Democratic Party; and be it therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Nate Gooden be commended and honored on the 17th Day of May 2006 on the occasion of his retirement as Vice President and Director of the UAW DaimlerChrysler Department—for his unwavering commitment to the highest standards of integrity and professionalism as a dedicated and renowned leader and activist.

Congratulations, Brother Gooden. I must say that knowing Nate, I take any discussions of his immediate retirement with a grain of salt.

Congratulations, Nate Gooden, on a job well done.

HONORING COLONEL HUGH L.
DUKES, JR.

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Chaplain (Colonel) Hugh Dukes, an exemplary minister, soldier, and citizen from my congressional district. Colonel Dukes and his wife Linda were honored earlier this month at a Court of Honor ceremony held at the United States Army Armor Center at Fort Knox, attended by the Commanding General and numerous other distinguished guests who gathered to celebrate Dukes' approaching retirement.

A native of Carrollton, Georgia, Colonel Dukes is an ordained minister of the American Baptist Churches, USA. He received direct commission into the United States Army Chaplain Corps on July 4, 1976 following his completion of theological studies at Duke University School of Divinity. After completing his 3-year obligation, Dukes joined the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell and went on to fulfill a wide variety of assignments at home and abroad throughout his 30 years of pastoral service to the U.S. Army.

Prior to his assignment as Fort Knox Staff Chaplain, Colonel Dukes directed education and promotions for the Army's Chaplain Corps at the Pentagon. He was on hand as Acting Executive Officer for the Chief of Chaplains on September 11, 2001 when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the building. He served earlier pastoral missions at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, and numerous other assignments with soldier divisions and brigades in Kentucky, Virginia, Hawaii, and South Korea.

At Fort Knox, Colonel Dukes' supervises 23 unit chaplains with direct oversight of 17 dif-

ferent congregations. His leadership and spiritual guidance play an important role in the lives of thousands of soldiers, civilians, and their families, a fellowship that makes Fort Knox and its surrounding communities a great place to live and work. His spiritual advice has been especially important during a time of war as he's often called on by soldiers preparing for deployment or returning from combat contemplating serious questions about life and concern for loved ones.

Chaplain Dukes' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

It is my great privilege to recognize Chaplain (Colonel) Hugh Dukes today, before the U.S. House of Representatives, for his lifelong example of leadership and service. His achievements and dedication to the men and women of the U.S. Army make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and respect.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT
DALE JAMES KELLY, JR.

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that I rise to recognize the loss of a brave soldier in Iraq, Staff Sergeant Dale James Kelly, Jr., a member of the Maine Army National Guard and former Rhode Island resident who served his country with dignity and honor. I join his family and the people of Rhode Island and Maine in mourning this great loss.

Staff Sergeant Kelly grew up in Cranston, Rhode Island, and graduated from Cranston East High School in 1976. After school, he signed up with the Rhode Island Air National Guard, where he met his future wife, Nancy Cabral. He later sought work at Bath Iron Works in Maine, where he and Nancy raised their three children, Jennifer, Julie, and Christopher. In addition to being deeply committed to his family, he was remembered as an avid outdoorsman and a model of selflessness, always ready to assist those in need.

Staff Sergeant Kelly was serving in Iraq with B Company, 3rd Battalion of the 172nd Infantry Regiment, based in Brewer, Maine. A trained medic, he was in the lead vehicle of a convoy when a bomb detonated in Ad Diwaniyah, killing him and another soldier. However, prior to the incident, Staff Sergeant Kelly had taught his fellow soldiers how to administer their own intravenous medication in the event that he were harmed or unavailable. That instruction may have saved the life of Private Chris Fraser, who was seriously injured in the blast and administered his own IV. As was the case so many times in his life, Staff Sergeant Kelly's actions helped others in harm's way.

This loss causes us to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When Staff Sergeant Kelly's nation called him to duty to preserve freedom, liberty, and security, he answered without hesitation. We will remember him as a patriot who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Staff Sergeant Kelly is survived by his wife, three children, and three grandchildren; his mother, Barbara Kelly of Cranston; three sisters, Kathleen Kelly Sullivan, of Narragansett, Rhode Island, Barbara Wheaton of Yarmouth, Maine, and Kristin Kelly Ciamborne of Ashland, Massachusetts; two brothers, David Kelly of Warwick, Rhode Island, and Joseph Kelly of St. Petersburg, Florida; and many beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives.

May we keep his loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they endure this difficult period. We will also continue to hope for the safe and speedy return of all of our troops serving throughout the world.

RECOGNIZING CAREER OF CAROL
KIENTZ

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Carol Kientz for over 40 years of dedicated service to the field of nursing.

Since receiving her B.S. in nursing from Cornell University in 1965 and her M.S. in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco in 1968, Ms. Kientz has been an active member of the healthcare community; serving in a variety of professional and community volunteer positions. She has served as a community health nurse for the New York City Health Department, a nurse educator in New York and New Jersey, supervisor for the Visiting Nurse Association, director of health services at Christ Home Hospital in Jersey City and for the past 16 years, as the Executive Director of the Home Care Association of New Jersey.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, Ms. Kientz has also participated in many healthcare organizations and activities including serving as a founding board member of the New Jersey Commission on Accreditation for Home Care, participating on numerous committees within the National Association for Home Care, and serving on the editorial review board for New Jersey Medicine and the Home Health Care Management and Practice.

Throughout her professional career in nursing, Ms. Kientz has received numerous recognitions and has had the distinct honor of receiving a number of public appointments. Most notably, she was named Home Health Assembly Member of the Year in 1989 and received the Home Health Assembly Martha Esposito Award in 1997. For her commitment to improving public health, Ms. Kientz was appointed and has served on the New Jersey Governor's AIDS Council from 1994 to 2002 and presently, serves on the Medical Assistance Advisory Council for the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services since 1995, Governor Corzine's New Jersey Healthcare Advisory Committee since 2002, and the Bioterrorism Advisory Committee for the Department of Health and Human Services since 2002.

In her most recent position, as executive director of the Home Care Association of New Jersey, Ms. Kientz has displayed great character and commitment towards achieving her