

been honored with the Nevada Educator of the Year Award, the Excellence in Education Award and a National Gallery of Art State Scholarship. Candy is also a member of the Arts Council of Henderson and an honorary member of the Henderson Art Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Candy Schneider for her years of dedicated service to the students in the Clark County School District. Her passion is truly arts education and she has surely enriched countless lives with her tutelage. I wish her the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING BRANDON CRAIN
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brandon Crain, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brandon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brandon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brandon Crain for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HORSERACING AND THE BLACK
JOCKEY—THE RETURN
TO CHURCHILL DOWNS AND KEN-
TUCKY DERBY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation of an article printed in New York's *CaribNews* entitled, "Horseracing and the Black jockey, the return to Churchill Downs and Kentucky Derby". Little is known about the history of Blacks in horseracing and how they dominated the sport, but it spans back from the 19th and early 20th centuries in the United States and Europe.

With such an illustrious and long history, why is it that such few Blacks are seen engaging in the sport? What we come to learn from the article is that because of racism and greed, Blacks were eliminated from the sport in North America. They were simply denied the chance to engage in horseracing, an activity loved by so many. Late tennis great Arthur Ashe made the case in his book, "A Hard Road to Glory", a history of the African American Athlete between 1619–1918, that "Black jockeys enjoyed an unprecedented streak of good fortune until racism forced them off the tracks. No civil rights groups came to their aid and then most had unfortunate endings."

In the article we learn about a man, Patrick Husband who grew up in a poor Barbadian neighborhood who with strong-will and determination was able to ride in the Kentucky Derby. He was not the first to do so, but his mere presence at the Derby that day brought admiration to all that watched. Truly this has become an inspiration for people up in those same neighborhoods as Husband. Witnessing these historic moments encourage Black youths to seek experience and careers as jockeys and trainers, a career once dominated by Blacks.

There is so much history to be studied and very few people know about it, nor do they have access to the information. Few people know that 14 of the 15 jockeys who participated in the inaugural year of the Kentucky Derby in 1875 were Black and that the first winner, Oliver Lewis atop Aristedes was Black. Another interesting fact was between 1875 and 1902, Black jockeys won 15 of the 27 Kentucky Derby races. This type of information should not be hidden from people. There was a time in racing history known as the "golden days" in which the greatest contributions were made by Black jockeys and trainers.

The youth of today should know the names of Isaac Murphy, Willie Simms, Jimmy Winkfield, Billy Walker, Alonzo Clayton, Isaac Lewis, Erskine Henderson and James Perkins who have made history for their achievements in racing in the United States from 1875 to 1911. These are names forever to be cherished and embraced by people everywhere. When L.P. Tralton, a famous trainer, died in 1896 he wrote in the *Thoroughbred Record*, "I have seen all of the great jockeys of England and this country for years back, but, all in all Isaac Murphy is the greatest of them all."

I enter into the RECORD with pleasure the article by Tony Best published in New York's *CaribNews* for its careful historical analysis of some of America's most talented yet sadly forgotten athletes. We must never forget the sacrifice Black jockeys have made for the sport of horseracing. The article helps in increasing the awareness about those who have made the sport what it is today and who rightfully deserve their place in the history books.

HORSERACING AND THE BLACK JOCKEY—THE
RETURN TO CHURCHILL DOWNS AND KEN-
TUCKY DERBY

When Patrick Husbands climbs aboard *Sea-side Retreat* in Saturday's Run for the Roses, as the world famous Kentucky Derby is often called, his presence astride the horse will write another interesting chapter in the history of horse racing in the U.S.

It's a chapter that brings to mind the glory days of Blacks in the saddle in the 19th and early 20th centuries in the United States and their elimination from a sport in North America that attracts and holds people's attention around the world, the pernicious effects of racism and greed and now the return of Blacks to the pinnacle of a sport from which they should never have been driven out in the first place.

That Husbands, who grew up poor in a Barbadian neighborhood that's within walking distance of one of the Caribbean's leading race tracks, the Garrison Savannah, can make it all the way to Louisville, Kentucky, tells a story about sheer grit, determination and talent and recalls the era of the golden days of Black jockeys and trainers.

Granted, he is not the first Black to ride in the Derby since the turn of the 21st century. That honor belongs to an African American

from Louisiana who rode in the race in 2000. But his presence brings pleasure to tens of millions, not only racing fans in North America and the Caribbean but elsewhere. It can also inspire Black youth to seek careers as jockeys and trainers once again in a sport, a multi-billion dollar business that they once dominated.

Unfortunately, too few television viewers and horse racing fans who will watch the 2006 Kentucky Derby from the comfort of their living rooms, sports bars and other places and who will follow the course of the race in their car radios know that Husbands is simply adding his name to a long list of outstanding Blacks who have ridden in the Derby and various major races.

Indeed 14 of the 15 jockeys who rode in the inaugural year of the Kentucky Derby in 1875 were Black and the first winner, Oliver Lewis atop Aristedes was Black. Between 1875 and 1902, Black jockeys won 15 of the 27 Kentucky Derby races.

Names like Isaac Murphy, Willie Simms, Jimmy Winkfield, Billy Walker, Alonzo Clayton, Isaac Lewis, Erskine Henderson and James Perkins dot the pages of racing's history books for their accomplishments in the saddle between 1875 and 1911 in the U.S.

For example, Murphy, a native of Fayette County in Kentucky, became the toast of the horse racing fraternity in the 19th century, so much so that historians insist he was to the sport of kings what Michael Jordan became for basketball, Jessie Owens to track and field, Hank Aaron to baseball, O.J. Simpson, Jim Brown and Jerry Rice to American football, Sir Garfield Sobers to cricket and Tiger Woods to golf. That is the greatest performer in their sport.

Murphy rode winners three times in the Kentucky Derby, including back-to-back victories in 1890–1891; captured the Travers in 1879; the Saratoga Cup in 1881 and 1886; the Kentucky Oaks in 1884. At the height of his career in the late 19th century, he was making more than \$20,000 a year back then, in today's money, we are talking about millions of dollars.

When he died of pneumonia in 1896 at the age of 35 years, L.P. Tarlton, a famous trainer, wrote in the *Thoroughbred Record*, "I have seen all of the great jockeys of England and this country for years back, but, all in all Isaac Murphy is the greatest of them all."

In his book, *A Hard Road to Glory*, a History of the African-American Athlete between 1619–1918, Arthur Ashe, the late tennis great explained that "from roughly 1800 until the eve of World War I, Black jockeys had few peers in their profession."

He went on: "Black jockeys enjoyed an unprecedented streak of good fortune until racism forced them off the tracks. No Civil rights groups came to their aid and then most had unfortunate endings."

What a pity.

Most observers and historians blame the Jockey Club which was formed in 1894 to license riders for the disappearance of Black jockeys. Greed and racism were the major engines that systematically drove them out. The ebony-skinned riders were just too good and made too much money to suit the whites in charge, complained Ashe.

But Blacks weren't restricted to the saddle or to being grooms. Dating back to the colonial days and continuing long after the Revolutionary War and the Reconstruction period in America's history many of the trainers were Black.

Blacks in horse racing were the first to make a name for themselves in the business of sport.

Now that they are returning astride horses in growing numbers, jockeys from the English-speaking Caribbean, principally Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago are

leading the way in North America, especially in Canada where they are consistent winners.

Competitive sport, often called the product of western civilization, a people's desire for conquest, empires and exploration have spawned the Olympics and other major competitions, giving Blacks the chance to show that they can thrive in any area, where ability rather than skin color or place of birth is the means to success.

HONORING THE PALESTINE WILDCATS GOLF TEAM

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the Palestine Wildcats golf team who recently won the Texas University Interscholastic League 3A State Championship.

On Friday, May 12, 2006, the Wildcats golf team competed at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin, Texas, for the High School Boys State Championship. The Wildcats shot a 2-day total of 594 to claim the University Interscholastic League Class 3-A Title. The Wildcats, who represented four out of the top five players in the tournament, were the only team not to have a single round in the 80's.

Today I would like to congratulate Head Coach Tommy Allison, and players Jacob Taylor, Nicholas Verela, Joseph Totah, Jeremy Lambright, and Steve Harrington.

As the Congressional representative of the players, families, coaches, and supporters of the Palestine Wildcats, it is my pleasure to recognize their tremendous victory and outstanding season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN CLAYTON L. ADAMKAVICIUS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain Clayton L. Adamkavicius, who died on April 21, 2006 in Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Captain Adamkavicius, who was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 149th Armored Brigade, 35th Infantry Division of the Army National Guard was killed by small arms fire in the Uruzghan Province in the central part of Afghanistan. He was in the process of investigating a weapons cache when he fell.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Captain Clayton L. Adamkavicius. Captain Adamkavicius made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while fighting the War on Terror and defending democracy and freedom.

RECOGNIZING KYLE MURRAY FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Murray, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 98, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Murray for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PANAMANIAN HONOR DR. MARCO A. MASON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Marco A. Mason for all that he has done for the Panamanian community here and abroad. A distinguished academic, Dr. Mason has been directly involved in the community through various educational services and youth development for many years. He is very deserving of the honor being given to him.

Due to the fact that Dr. Mason has remained committed to the community for so long, The Panama Canal International Alumni Association Inc. (PCIAA) and The Panamanian American Community Center honored him for Distinguished Community Service at their fourth annual Spring Dinner Dance and Distinguished Awards Presentation, held at Crystal Manor in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Mason is also a medical sociologist and serves as an assistant professor of social and behavioral sciences at Medgar Evers College in New York City. He is also a member of an array of associations and councils including being a charter member of the Caribbean Women's Health Association (CWAHA), the Caribbean American Medical and the Scientific Association, the Caribbean American Social Workers Association as well as various other community action groups.

An academic at heart, Dr. Mason's primary field of study includes very pertinent topics such as the impact of United States immigration policy on ethnic communities, and the delivery of culturally competent health services to ethnic groups. He is well versed in his field and has written extensively on the subject.

He has contributed so much to not only the Panamanian people in the United States, but to those at home, too. Former New York State Senator Dr. Waldaba Stewart, who currently heads the Diaspora Research and Develop-

ment Center presented the award to Dr. Mason and he noted that, "under Dr. Mason's leadership for the past two decades, facilitate the growth of CWAHA to become a noted urban problem solver that creates innovative solutions to community issues with a focus on breaking the cycle of poverty".

Dr. Stewart makes it clear that Dr. Mason knows what it takes to keep one's community strong for future generations, and it starts with as Dr. Stewart points out, "grassroots initiatives".

I enter into the RECORD with great admiration the article published in New York's CaribNews for its recognition of such a true humanitarian. Dr. Mason without a doubt is deserving of the acknowledgment for all that he has done over the years. He should be recognized for his commitment to the fundamental belief that changes start at home in the community and he did his best to make others see just how much power they really had.

PANAMANIAN HONOR DR. MARCO A. MASON

The Panama Canal International Alumni Association Inc. (PCIAA) and The Panamanian American Community Center Inc., recently honored Dr. Marco A. Mason, for Distinguished Community Service. At their Fourth Annual Spring Dinner Dance and Distinguished Awards Presentation, held at Crystal Manor in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Mason is a Medical Sociologist. He serves as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, at Medgar Evers College. He is the President of the Panamanian Council of New York Inc. He is also a charter member of the Caribbean Women's Health Association (CWAHA) the Caribbean American Medical and the Scientific Association, the Caribbean American Social Workers Association, among other community and professional organizations.

Dr. Mason also serves as a consultant to a number of private, community, public and international sector organizations. He is accredited to practice Immigration Law.

His principal scholarly interests include: U.S. Immigration Policy Impact on Ethnic Communities, and the Delivery of Culturally Competent Health Services to Ethnic Groups. He has written extensively on these topics.

He has a Doctorate in Social Welfare (Immigration and Health Policy) from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Former New York State Senator Dr. Waldaba Stewart, head of the Diaspora Research and Development Center, presented the award to Dr. Mason and lauded Dr. Mason's solid track record in the Panamanian community at home and abroad.

He also stated that, under Dr. Mason's leadership for the past two decades, facilitate the growth of CWAHA to become a noted urban problem that creates innovative solutions to community issues with a focus on breaking the cycle of poverty through building diverse partnership and grassroots leadership initiatives.

CWAHA has concentrated its efforts on a variety of issues: Immigration, Youth Development, Public Health, Welfare Reform, Economic Revitalization and Community Empowerment.

Ms. Laura Thomas James, PCIAA's President stated that, PCIAA's objective is to keep the Panamanian Antillean culture and heritage alive and pass it on to future generation through cultural, educational, and social programs. She also stated that Panamanian American Community Center is a non-profit information and referral service that provides services to approximately 500