

figure in the creation of the Obesity Task Force, a collaboration of medical personnel, hospitals and business affiliates, to help identify the cause of obesity and help promote healthy living and eating habits, for adults as well as for children. Dr. Starz stands firm with his view of diversity in the medical profession and disparity of treatment in minority patients.

On Saturday, January 28, 2006, Dr. Terence W. Starz will officially take the stand as the 141st president of the Allegheny County Medical Society.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Dr. Terence W. Starz, M.D. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a distinguished person like Dr. Starz.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GEORGE
C. SMITH, SR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. George C. Smith, Sr., of Lineville, Alabama. Dr. Smith is a highly accomplished medical doctor and public servant, and will soon be retiring from Clay County Medical Clinics.

In 1965, Dr. Smith began his career as a medical doctor. Dr. Smith was actively involved in the Medical Association of Alabama, the American and Alabama Academies of Family Physicians, as well as other state medical committees. Dr. Smith also served on the city of Lineville City Council from 1973 to 1984, as well as president of both the Alabama Cattlemen's Association from 1985 to 1986 and the Southeastern Livestock Exposition from 1994 to 1996.

Dr. Smith has spent his career helping others, both in the field of medicine and as a public servant in Clay County. His hard work and dedication in public healthcare will certainly be missed. I congratulate Dr. Smith for his many accomplishments over the years, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
DANIEL D. DRAKE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of Daniel D. Drake, beloved husband, father, grandfather, outstanding educator and administrator, and friend and mentor to countless individuals, in and out of the classroom.

Equipped with a sharp mind, integrity, a kind heart and a strong work ethic, Mr. Drake forged a personal journey lined with educational and professional accomplishments that sprung from humble beginnings. His devotion to public education and community service is framed by his legacy of unwavering commitment and outreach to African-American youth of our community, a commitment that continues to guide our young women and men

toward the light of academic and professional achievement. The accomplishments of Daniel D. Drake are numerous and significant. He was a football and track star at East High School in Cleveland, where he graduated in 1951. He was awarded college scholarships in football and track and excelled in both sports at Miami University, where he graduated with a degree in education in 1955. He taught at Thomas Edison School in Cleveland and then became an administrator at Collinwood High School.

Mr. Drake continued his education, earning a master's degree and a doctorate degree in educational administration from the University of Akron. He served as principal of East High School, the Cleveland School of Science and also at John F. Kennedy High School. He also served as a community superintendent with the Milwaukee Public Schools before returning to Cleveland and accepting a faculty position at Cleveland State University. Mr. Drake also founded and served as the first president of the Metropolitan Cleveland Alliance of Black School Educators, whose mission of addressing the needs of African-American students remains unwavering.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Daniel D. Drake, whose devotion to his family and to the youth of Cleveland remains a beacon of hope and possibility throughout our community. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his wife of 44 years, Adrienne; to his daughter, Adriana; to his sons, Darian and Daniel; to his three grandchildren, and to his extended family and many friends. Mr. Drake's inspiring vision and steadfast service continues to pave the way for educational and professional opportunities for the people of our community, young and old, and he will be remembered always.

CONGRATULATING THE COOKE
COUNTY 4-H AT THE SOUTHWESTERN
EXHIBITION AND LIVESTOCK
SHOW IN FORT WORTH

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate members of the Cooke County 4-H for their opportunity to exhibit livestock and compete at The Southwestern Exhibition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. Around 30 members of the Cooke County 4-H participated in events in late January.

Special congratulations are in order for additional team and individual winners at the show. Abe Fuhrmann, Garin Taylor, Crystal Fuhrmann and Erin Wyrick won first place for a senior team in the dairy cattle judging contest. Crystal Fuhrmann was also distinguished as the "high point" for an individual senior. Alyssa Smithson, Katherine Parkhill, Justin Smithson and Chris Aitchison comprised the first place team at the junior goat judging contest. Garin Taylor exhibited the "Best of Breed" and "Best Opposite of Breed Palomino" in the Youth Rabbit Show. Taylor's rabbit was also the "Best of Show" second runner-up. Cooper Alexander exhibited the "Best Opposite of Breed Holland Lop," also in the rabbit show.

There were an estimated 10,000 entries by Texas 4-H and Future Farmers of America,

FFA, youth at the Fort Worth Stock Show. It is a prestige to have such success for our local youth.

This is the 110th year for the show, and is billed as "the nation's oldest livestock show." Participating in the show teaches students agricultural principles along with animal husbandry and livestock judging skills.

I extend my sincere congratulations to these the youth of the Cooke County 4-H for their success and participation. I wish them the best of luck in their dedicated pursuit in future opportunities.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
MARVIN SCOTT AT WPIX—CHANNEL
11

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a passionate newsman, Marvin Scott of WPIX—Channel 11, who has dedicated more than 35 years to bringing accurate and unbiased news to all New Yorkers and to enter into the RECORD a Daily News article commemorating Scott's career. Last year marked a great milestone—Scott's 25-year anniversary at WPIX.

For the last quarter century, New Yorkers have welcomed Scott into their homes each evening because the Bronx-born reporter has had his finger on the pulse of the community. From a very young age, Scott wanted to be a reporter. His dream actually started when he sold a photo of a Bronx fire to the Daily News and upon return from the fire, held his first "news broadcast" to his Bronx neighbors, Scott jokingly recounts. Throughout his career, which first began in radio but then WNYW—Channel 5 before his arrival to WPIX—Channel 11, Scott has covered space shuttle launches, interviewed world and local leaders, and most recently traveled to Iraq and spent Christmas with U.S. troops. It is this type of sacrifice and sensitivity that has made Scott an informative and integral part of the New York City media.

One such story that is a testament to Scott's remarkable ability to connect with his viewers is the story of Stephanie Collado, a young girl from Brooklyn who years ago needed a heart transplant. Scott reported on her family's plight and remains in touch with Collado even today, years after the operation. As Scott says, he continues to live his dream. Hopefully, he will do so for many more years to come.

[From the New York Daily News, Nov. 28, 2005]

GREAT SCOTT! 25 YRS. AT 'PIX
(By Richard Huff)

Marvin Scott and a few close friends will gather today to mark a rare milestone in television—a quarter of a century at one station.

The Bronx-born reporter has been with WPIX/Ch. 11 for 25 years, and spent 10 years before that with WNYW/Ch. 5. He was in radio even before that.

"I had a dream of someday being able to be a reporter in New York," said Scott. "A role model of mine as a kid was Gabe Pressman [now at WNBC/Ch. 4] and now Gabe is a contemporary and a friend."

Scott's dream to be a reporter actually started when he sold a photo of a Bronx fire to the Daily News. He made \$27 for the sale.

His first news broadcast, he joked, was when he returned from the fire and delivered the details to his neighbors at Mount Eden and Townsend Aves., in the Bronx.

Decades later, his audience is bigger, of course.

"I do it for the adrenaline and a love for what I do," he said. "I could not think about doing anything else. No two days are alike."

Scott's a stickler for details. Indeed, he's been keeping track of every story he's done for years. He figures he's told more than 4,600 stories in 25 years. "Sure, some are clunkers," he said. "I'll never turn down an assignment."

Scott says he's been on the front line of history. He's covered Space Shuttle launches, interviewed world leaders and spent Christmas last year with soldiers in Iraq. "I'm a story teller," he said. "Every day I tell a story that runs from a minute-and-a-half to three minutes."

One story that has stuck with him for years concerns Stephanie Collado, a young girl from Brooklyn who needed a heart transplant. He followed her story from her mother's pleas for help, to the operation and the years after. He still talks to Collado from time to time.

"It was human," he said. "It was a human story about a little girl in need. Adults would not have handled it as courageously as she did."

The key to survival is being a good writer, and being sensitive, Scott said. That's advice he gives all young journalists, including his daughter Jill Scott, a reporter for New York 1 News.

"I'm most proud of the fact that she did it on her own," Scott said. "She made her own opportunities and she got noticed. It makes me so proud."

And no, even though many of those who started out in the business when Scott did have thrown in the towel, he has no intention of stepping aside anytime soon.

"I just feel blessed," he said. "I am a kid from the Bronx and I'm continuing to fulfill my dream."

TRIBUTE TO JEFFREY SEBASTIAN

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the recipient of the 2005 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, Jeffrey Sebastian.

The Milken National Educator Award is the largest teacher recognition program in the U.S., and honors K-12 teachers, principals, and specialists across America with \$25,000 individual awards. Milken Educators are recommended by a blue ribbon committee of education and policy leaders appointed by each state's department of education. The final selections are made in the fall by the Milken Family Foundation.

Jeffrey Sebastian, a teacher at Quaker Valley High School in Leetsdale, Pennsylvania, was one of the recipients. Having received this award, Jeffrey will participate in the annual Milken National Education Conference this spring in Washington, DC.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Jeffrey Sebastian for all of his hard work in education. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania

and a pleasure to salute such a dedicated individual like Jeffrey.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF GEMMA SZABO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of my dear friend, Gemma Szabo of North Olmsted, Ohio—loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, dedicated community volunteer and activist, and dear friend and mentor to many.

Family, faith and community were central to her life. A united team, Mrs. Szabo and her beloved late husband, Charles J. Sr., raised their five children: Charles Jr., Gary, Johanna, Tim and Peter, and were a consistent source of strength for them, for their grandchildren and for their great-grandchildren. For many years, Mrs. Szabo worked as a school crossing guard. Aside from her family and work, Mrs. Szabo's energy, generous heart and willingness to make a difference led her to volunteer her time and talents throughout her community. Spiritual and devout, Mrs. Szabo was a long-time member and leader within her parish, St. Richard Catholic Church, where she was an active member of the Ladies Guild.

Mrs. Szabo's endless energy, sharp mind and quick wit easily drew others to her. A staunch Democrat, Mrs. Szabo was a life-long member of the North Olmsted Democratic Club and was a Ward Leader for several years. She had the unique ability to inspire and motivate others, recruiting numerous friends and neighbors to become involved in the election process. Mrs. Szabo forged indelible bonds with civic and political leaders that extended from North Olmsted City Hall to Cleveland City Hall.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Gemma Szabo. Her unwavering commitment to her family, friends and to her community framed her life and served to make a difference within the lives of countless individuals, including my own life, and Gemma Szabo will be remembered always.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN J. WHITE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Sergeant First Class Stephen J. White, 39, of Talladega, Alabama, died on January 5, 2006, in Iraq. Sergeant First Class White was assigned to the Third Battalion, 16th Field Artillery, Second Brigade Combat Team of the Fourth Infantry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas. According to initial reports, Sergeant White died when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy. His survivors include his wife and seven children.

White was a devoted husband, father, and member of the community, Mr. Speaker. Honorable service to our nation characterized his

long career in the Army, which spanned 20 years and four previous tours of duty.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. This Nation will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY OF DENTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department on their receipt of National Recreation and Park Association's 2006 "Excellence in Aquatics" award in the Class IV population category.

To receive this honor, agencies must prove a commitment to excellence in aquatics facilities and programming for the community. The programming must be comprehensive with an emphasis on aquatic recreation as a lifelong choice for personal and family recreation. The agency must also have a professional training program that assures the highest quality staffing, plus outreach programs outside its own facilities. Professional staff is also required to show involvement in aquatics activities at the local, State, regional, or national levels over the last 5 years. Facilities and programs must also be fully accessible for people with disabilities.

The award will be presented during the National Aquatic Conference at the Association's annual conference held at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas on March 3, 2006.

I am honored to represent a city that truly cares for providing for its citizens the best in quality recreational activities. It is a mark of a caring community. I extend my sincere congratulations to Mayor Euline Brock and the City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department for their service to the community by maintaining a level of excellence worthy of such an award.

THE NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleagues to an article entitled, "Luring Business Developers Into Low-Income Areas" that appeared in the New York Times on Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

The article details how the New Markets Tax Credit is transforming low-income urban and rural communities across the United States. The New Markets Tax Credit works by providing investors with a tax credit worth thirty-nine cents over seven years for every dollar in private capital they invest in economically distressed communities.