

IN HONOR OF THE TREMENDOUS  
PUBLIC SERVICE OF FRED  
WINKLER

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2007*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the tremendous public service of Fred Winkler of Hillsdale, New Jersey. At 80 years old, he is the longest-serving volunteer in the Hillsdale Fire Department and he shows no signs of slowing down.

Fred Winkler joined the fire department about 60 years ago when he returned from his service in the Navy Air Corps during World War II. He helped to start their ambulance corps and served as the fire department's chief in 1956 and president in 1958. His extraordinary dedication to the Hillsdale Fire Department earned him the Firefighter of the Year award in 1982.

In addition to the time he devotes to the fire department, Fred Winkler is also committed to his role in other parts of his community. He helped to start a fishing program for young people through his involvement with Friends of the Pascack Brook. He is active with the veterans' community through his local American Legion. And, Fred Winkler spent 10 years helping to renovate the landmark Hillsdale Railroad Station.

About 10 years ago, the borough of Hillsdale honored Fred Winkler for his true sense of service to his community by naming a street after him. This coming Sunday, the Hillsdale Fire Department will honor him with a firehouse open house. It is a great privilege to join his proud neighbors in honoring the shining example of public service that is the life of Fred Winkler and I commend him for his dedication to his community.

RECOGNITION OF PATHWAYS TO  
POSITIVE AGING

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2007*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pathways to Positive Aging, a collaborative project between the city of Fremont California's Human Services Department and the Tri-City Elder Coalition. This exciting Robert Wood Johnson funded project is helping seniors and communities to make choices for a healthier future. This community plan enables all older adults living in the Tri-City area of Fremont, Newark and Union City, California to understand, choose and access culturally enriched affordable services and opportunities that enhance their quality of life.

The Tri-City Elder Coalition is comprised of over 60 organizations and individuals including health care and long-term care providers, community and government agencies, faith-based/cultural organizations, senior service organizations, universities, elected officials and older adults.

The city of Fremont and the Tri-City Elder Coalition have identified five initiatives that support the health, well-being and independ-

ence of older adults. These include increased access to older adult services, increasing and sustaining older adult mobility, increasing the capacity of community groups to serve all older adults, and fostering cross cultural and intergenerational exchange that create meaningful opportunities for older adults.

Pathways to Positive Aging will focus on older adults who are at increased risk of disability due to poverty, race, ethnicity, chronic illness or advanced age as well as older adults with physical or cognitive impairments who require long-term care and supportive services.

It takes a community to support successful aging. Pathways to Positive Aging is a community partnership focused on improving long-term care and supportive service systems to meet the current and future needs of older adults.

I applaud the city of Fremont Human Services Department and the Tri-City Elder Coalition for meeting the challenge to build a community that is safe and welcoming; one that respects diversity and values senior participation; a place where information is easily available for all seniors; where seniors can be actively involved and where cultures and generations come together to support one another.

Pathways to Positive Aging will bring awareness, acceptance and a call to action that will embrace the aging process for all Tri-City residents. I join the community in thanking the city of Fremont Human Services Department and the Tri-City Elder Coalition for their commitment and dedication to make a positive difference toward successful aging.

HONORING THE 17TH ANNUAL DC  
BLACK PRIDE CELEBRATION

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2007*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, Memorial Day Weekend, May 23–27, is the 17th Annual Black Pride celebration in Washington, DC.

DC Black Pride is an exciting 5-day event complete with dynamic workshops, receptions, cultural arts activities, small and large nightclub events that culminates in the world's oldest, most inclusive Black Pride Festival in the Washington Convention Center. Many consider DC's festival one of the world's pre-eminent Black Pride celebrations. The festival consistently draws more than 30,000 people to the Nation's Capital. Attendees come from every major urban area in the United States as well as Canada, the Caribbean, South Africa, Great Britain, France, Germany, and the Netherlands. The Black Pride Festival features activities for the entire family, including performances by national recording artists, 200 exhibition booths, book signings from noted writers, participation from national and local health organizations, and arts and crafts.

Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc. (BLGPD), the celebration's organizing body, chose the theme "Black All Over: Liberty-Unity-Strength" to encourage the Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans gender (LGBT) community to work together towards combating homophobia, promoting health and wellness, strengthening their community, and encouraging Black LGBT people everywhere to live their lives with pride.

Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc., a non-profit organization with a volunteer Board of Directors, coordinates this annual event. BLGPD's 2007 Board consists of James W. Hawkins, President; Ray Daniels, Vice President; Janisha Gabriel, Secretary; Lisa Washington, Treasurer; and the following Members at Large: Donovan Anderson, Khalid Parker, Courtney Snowden, Sterling A. Washington, Shanika Whitehurst, DaJuan Xavier; and these Members Emeritus: Earl Fowlkes, Eric E. Richardson, Clarence J. Fluker, and Cheryl Dunn, who lead BLGPD in its mission to build knowledge of and to create greater pride in the Black LGBT community's diversity, while raising funds to ameliorate and prevent health problems in this community, especially HIV/AIDS.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all attending the 17th annual DC Black Pride celebration in Washington, DC, and I take this opportunity to remind the celebrants that United States citizens who reside in Washington, DC, are taxed without full voting representation in Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF PAUL JOSEPH BORDALLO

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2007*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Paul Joseph Bordallo, a leader whose service to Guam as a senator, a businessman, and as a community activist, leaves an indelible mark in the history of our island and will be remembered for many years to come. Paul passed away on May 12, 2007, leaving his wife, the former Arlene Perez Bias; his children, Penelope, Oliver, Renata, Jonathan, Paul, Alethea, and Rosalia; his grandchildren, and a large extended family, which includes myself. Paul was my brother-in-law, the younger brother of my late husband, Ricardo J. Bordallo, the sons of Balthazar J. Bordallo.

But Paul did not stand in the shadow of his father or brother. He cast a very long shadow of his own, in both the business and political arenas on Guam. Paul Bordallo was a statesman and a visionary in his own right and our island has lost a truly great man.

The impact of his ideals and accomplishments has been profound and lasting. Paul was proud of his Chamorro heritage and was a staunch proponent of indigenous civil, political, cultural, and land rights, but he did not clamor for attention to these issues. Where other activists sought action through protests and demonstrations, Paul instead worked diligently to address and secure these rights through the political process. He was a soft-spoken intellectual who relied on reason and logic to make his point.

As a member of the 11th and 12th Guam Legislatures, Paul authored the Chamorro Land Trust Act, which reserves public land for the use and benefit of Guam's indigenous people; the Guam Historic Preservation Act and the law making English and Chamorro the official languages of Guam. He co-authored the Guam Territorial Seashore Protection Act and the Ocean Shore and Territory Beach Access Act, mandating public access to all

beaches and shorelines. He co-authored legislation to establish the first Political Status Commission, which sought to address the still-unresolved issue of political self-determination for the people of Guam. Paul was a member of the Commission on Self-Determination, which crafted Guam's Draft Commonwealth Act, a proposed transition which was to culminate in a final political status for Guam. Paul was the author and major proponent of the provisions for the Chamorro only vote and a political relationship with the United States based on mutual consent. These issues remain highly controversial, even to this day, and although Paul played a pivotal role in advancing them, his insight and his wisdom won him the admiration and respect of many in our community.

As evidenced by his legislative agenda, Paul Bordallo's love for Guam's natural environment was visionary and uncompromising. In the 1970s, he was instrumental in the efforts which thwarted the Navy's plans to condemn land surrounding Sella and Cetti Bays, two of Guam's most scenic vistas and visitor attractions, for a new ammunition wharf. This ultimately resulted in the construction of the new ammunition wharf on Orote Peninsula, land already controlled by the Navy, and the release of the old ammunition wharf, on Cabras Island, to the civilian government for development of its ocean freight capacity. Although ahead of his time, Paul's opposition to the condemnation of additional land for military purposes paved the way for cooperative efforts between the federal government and the people of Guam to resolve land issues.

Paul served on the board of the Guam Memorial Hospital for 9 years, from 1961 to 1970, including three terms as board chairman. In the wake of Supertyphoon Karen, Paul served on the Small Business Administration's Disaster Loan Board from 1963 to 1966. Paul also served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Guam Economic Development Authority from 1996 to 1998. He was an advisor to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, DC, and a long-time member of the Democratic Party of Guam, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, and the Guam Visitors Bureau.

As class president, Paul graduated from Guam's George Washington High School in 1948. He attended St. Mary's College in Moraga, California, with a 4.0 grade average. He then transferred to Stanford University and, as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, graduated cum laude with degrees in economics and anthropology in 1952. He earned a master's in business administration and finance from Harvard University's School of Business in 1954. Upon returning to Guam, Paul went to work for Guam Savings and Loan Association, headed by Joseph Flores. He was drafted into the army in 1956 and served for 2 years. In 1959, he started his own business, Family Finance Company, Incorporated. An avid boater and fisherman, he also established Marianas Boats and Motors, Inc., to serve Guam's boating and fishing community. Both firms are still in business today.

Despite his failing health in recent years, Paul remained a pillar of strength and courage for the entire Bordallo family. I often turned to him for his wisdom and good judgment. We all will miss him dearly and we find solace in knowing that the people of Guam join us in mourning his passing and honoring his memory.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2007*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 328 regarding "Holding a Secret Session." Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

## IN RECOGNITION OF GLYNNA COLE

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2007*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Glynn Cole on the occasion of her reelection as American Legion Post Commander at Post 5 in Colorado Springs. The first woman ever to hold this office at Post 5, since it was founded in 1919, Mrs. Cole joined the Women's Army Corps in 1964.

Mrs. Cole has contributed a lifetime of honorable service to the Armed Forces. Assigned to the Pentagon at the start of her career, Mrs. Cole went on to work at the Draft Board in Stanton, Texas, the Army Reserves, and the Air Force Academy in Civilian Personnel until her retirement in 1995.

Like so many great Americans, Mrs. Cole has continued, in retirement, to make a positive contribution to society. She is an active member in several groups and organizations including the Worthy Matron Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile, and was President of both the Auxiliary Aerie 3260 and Women's Army Corps Veterans Chapter. In 2004, she became Adjutant at the American Legion Post 5 and was first elected Post Commander in 2006. Mrs. Cole is both an asset to our Colorado Springs community and to our Nation, and I am honored to recognize her today.

## REQUESTING A NAVAL ROTC PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 17, 2007*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my strong support for a Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Miami. The students at this prestigious university deserve the opportunity to engage in this tremendous program. Located in South Florida the university provides an ideal location to offer a quality program that can utilize many of the resources that are within close proximity. The success of Army and Air Force ROTC programs at the university are clear indicators of the interest and dedication the students have to serving our country in the Armed Services. A program at the University of Miami would be an incredible addition to the proud tradition of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Program, and so I request that my colleagues support this amendment.

## COPS IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 15, 2007*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the bi-partisan passage of H.R. 1700, the COPS Improvement Act of 2007.

The COPS program has been one of the most successful law enforcement programs in our Nation's history. Created in 1994 as part of the "Clinton Crime Bill," it is often referred to as the 100,000 cops program. In fact, COPS has put almost 120,000 more officers on the street nationwide, 1,400 new officers in Minnesota, and 354 additional police officers and/or sheriff deputies in the 5th Congressional District which I serve.

With the passage of the COPS Improvement Act, an additional 151 officers will likely be hired in the 5th Congressional District over the next 6 years.

The COPS program was created as an incentive to law enforcement agencies to hire more officers. COPS provides that incentive by assuming 75 percent of an officer's salary for 3 years. Funded at over \$1 billion a year near the end of the Clinton Administration, the hiring portion of COPS has been zeroed out under President Bush.

According to a study by the non-partisan General Accounting Office (GAO), between 1998 and 2000, COPS grants were responsible for reducing crimes by about 200,000 to 225,000 crimes—one third of which were violent. In 1998, COPS grants were responsible for an 8 percent decrease in crimes—and a 13 percent drop in violent crimes.

Yet, President Bush and Republicans in Congress eliminated the hiring program last year, at the same time, violent crime spiked across the Nation.

Earlier this year, the Police Executive Research Forum, a prominent law enforcement association, released a report which found that violent crime rose by double digit percentages over the last two years. Among the cities surveyed, since 2005, 71 percent had an increase in homicides, 80 percent saw robberies rise and 67 percent reported an increase in aggravated assaults with guns.

Thankfully, under the leadership of Mayor R.T. Rybak, Minneapolis was not among those cities. In fact, Minneapolis has seen an 11 percent decline in violent crimes since the beginning of the year.

We want to keep those statistics headed downward and the way to do that is through the funding of successful hiring programs like COPS.

If the COPS Improvement Act of 2007 passes into law, an additional \$11,159,925 will likely flow into law enforcement agencies for hiring additional officers in the 5th Congressional District of Minnesota in the next 6 years. Furthermore, an additional \$4,110,303 in technology grants will likely flow to the 5th District and 3 more school resource officers will likely be put on the beat.

Little wonder this legislation has been endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Organizations, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National League of Cities.