

socio-economic backgrounds, is mirrored in her teaching style, ethics, and community involvement.

Tamra listens to each student individually and addresses behavioral issues in an attempt to get to the root of each student's problem. She believes her greatest accomplishments have been small. An excellent example was helping an insecure kindergarten student adapt to the school environment by eating lunch with her every day for an entire year, until she was comfortable enough to enter the cafeteria alone. She also recalls turning a child with a significant aggression problem on to reading so that he is now rarely seen without a book in his hand.

Tamra was previously exposed to the difficulties of attending school as a minority child, similar to the special-education students she teaches. Her prior experiences taught her to adapt to each situation separately, and upon arriving on the Jicarilla reservation, she adapted to the community by becoming a part of it. She lives on the reservation, rides her bike to school and through town, walks and runs in the neighborhood, and grows a vegetable garden in her front yard in order to share the produce with members of the community. Tamra's passion for her teaching and love of her community are demonstrated every day of her life.

Madam Speaker, Tamra Tiong is an exceptional teacher and a deeply caring member of her community. I am honored to stand here today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her for receiving the 2007 New Mexico Teacher of the Year award and for being one of four finalists nationwide. I am proud to say that Tamra is a teacher in my Congressional district and that our children will be able to benefit from her passion and devotion to her students.

IN SUPPORT OF NEGOTIATING PEACE IN NORTHERN UGANDA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand today to express my support for House Concurrent Resolution 80, introduced by Congressman HANK JOHNSON. This is the first action to be taken by the House concerning the continuing conflict in northern Uganda which has claimed so many lives. I am a proud cosponsor of a resolution calling for an unprecedented and historical effort to peacefully resolve the Ugandan conflict and garner international support for an ongoing peace process.

Jan Egeland, former United Nations Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, has described the crisis in Uganda as "the biggest forgotten, neglected humanitarian emergency in the world today." Twenty years of conflict has afflicted Uganda's innocent civilians, including women and children, with experiences of torture, displacement, rape, murder and enslavement. The ensuing violence impedes trade, development and democracy, and prevents humanitarian workers from providing much needed assistance to the region. Peace talks last year appeared promising; however, the

ceasefire has expired and there is concern about the possibility of a return to armed conflict between the government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA).

We live in a global society. This conflict and its aftermath are an international responsibility. Immediate action must be taken to ensure that the peace talks continue in northern Uganda. House Concurrent Resolution 80 calls on the Ugandan government and LRA to recommence peace talks and urges the U.S. and international community to support the peace process. I commend these efforts, endorse this bill, and look forward to a day when armed conflict and human rights violations no longer afflict our world.

CONGRATULATING THE 2007 GRADUATING CLASS OF SENN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the 2007 graduating class of Senn High School. At a time when immigration reform is at the forefront of America's conscience it is important that we take a moment to recognize the important role immigrants have played in the growth of this country and the vital part they will continue to have in our development as a society.

The graduates of Senn High School represent this bright future. Demonstrating that the American dream is alive and well, the graduating class is made up of students from 60 different countries and speaks 46 different languages. The diversity and richness that these students bring from their families' culture adds so much to our community.

Like so many Americans, I am a first-generation American and I believe that we need to continue our tradition of welcoming immigrant groups from all over the world into our communities. I am so very proud of each and every one of these exemplary graduates, many of whom, in addition to be the first in the family to graduate from high school, plan to attend college as well.

Madam Speaker, as we continue to debate the merits of immigration reform, I hope that we will not lose sight of what is truly important, and that is the profound impact that immigrants have on all of us, making this country a richer and better place to live.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF AMERICA'S LIBRARIES

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the work of America's librarians and the service of America's libraries.

Over the course of American history, libraries have established themselves as national treasures; and not just in the ways that may first come to mind. While it is true that every public library, whether small or large, is a valuable repository of books, periodicals, and elec-

tronic media, the greatest asset of all libraries is the people who work there. From local public libraries to the Library of Congress, America's libraries provide vast resources to people of all walks of life. Any individual can go into a public library and know that he or she will be treated with respect and care. Whether library patrons need help with sorting through an avalanche of information resulting from an Internet search, or ideas for a good book to read their child, or encouraging words as they struggle to write their résumé or maybe even the next great American novel, librarians are there to provide quality, individualized service. With this in mind, we know that any public institution is only as good as its people. Thus, we are fortunate in the U.S. to have more than 100,000 public libraries serving our residents with experienced, highly skilled librarians.

In the 21st century, librarians have established themselves as critical interlocutors between the knowledge we seek and the plethora of locations in which that information resides. It is important to recognize the American Library Association (ALA), which has preserved the functions of our libraries since 1876. The ALA's mission has been "to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all." Importantly, the ALA has provided professionals with Master's degree programs at nearly 60 universities all over the country.

It is imperative that we recognize the service of our American libraries and their workforce. These institutions have made great contributions to the education and progression of our society. With our continued support, libraries will continue to serve as an important resource for centuries to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATION OF MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE WALTER TITUS

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a life of service and achievements. Major General George Walter Titus passed away this month at the age of 81.

Major General Titus started his military career as a private in the 354th Infantry, 89th Division. He saw action in the European Theatre during World War II where he crossed the Rhine River at Remagen. Later, as a Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. Titus held command of 2 Battalions in succession: the 2/143rd Field Artillery and the 1/143rd Field Artillery. As a Colonel, Mr. Titus went on to serve as Commandant of the California Military Academy, from which he retired in 1981.

Upon retirement, the Governor of the State of California promoted Colonel Titus to Brigadier General and assigned him as Commander of the Second Infantry Brigade, California State Military Reserve. Thereafter, the Governor promoted Brigadier General Titus to Major General and bestowed the command of the entire California State Military Reserve.

Among MG Titus' major awards are the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal

(third award), and the Order of California. Major General Titus was an honor graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

General Titus was a life member of the Association of the United States Army. Walt, and his beloved Lucie Marx Titus, through their leadership in the William F. Dean Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, demonstrated a true devotion to the men and women of our armed services, both in our community, and throughout the country.

Today, I am humbled to recognize General Titus' numerous achievements, and I share my deepest sympathies with his wife Lucie and children Matthew and Chris.

TRIBUTE TO THE CARIBBEAN
AMERICAN MEDICAL AND SCI-
ENTIFIC ASSOCIATION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand today to pay tribute to and show appreciation for the Caribbean American Medical and Scientific Association, CAMSA, and to enter into the RECORD an article from CaribNews entitled "Saying Thanks and Recognizing the Contribution."

Health care is an integral component of our Nation's well-being, yet many communities are left without the resources to access that care or receive health services that are not compatible with their cultural needs. CAMSA is on the cutting edge of health care delivery, providing culturally competent research and solutions concerning Caribbeans who have emigrated to the United States. CAMSA is creating significant professional alliances with non-Caribbean American health professionals, developing skills and strategies to better provide resources to their communities in both the United States and Caribbean nations.

I value CAMSA's contribution at a time when policy makers and health professionals are seeking ways to deliver health care and culturally relevant social services to communities that disproportionately bear the burden of disease yet lack the health care they need. CAMSA is improving the delivery of health care, making it more accessible to our Nation's Caribbean population; and I applaud their contribution to the health field.

HONORING THE JASPER HIGH
SCHOOL BULLDOGS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Jasper High School Bulldogs on their 3A Texas State Baseball Championship. Jasper, TX, is an enchanting town in southeast Texas and a proud part of the Eighth Congressional District.

The Bulldogs stormed through the State Tournament outscoring their opponents 25-7, including a 14-4 victory in the final game to set a record for most runs in the 3A State

Championship game. This was their first trip to the finals, after semi-final runs five previous times.

Every member of the team contributed over their championship run and Ryan Ellis was named the most valuable player of the state tournament after he drove in four runs with three hits and pitched the final 2½ innings in relief of starter Aaron Stephenson. The Bulldogs played with a team mentality the entire season, and they should all be proud to call themselves champions.

Members and staff of the Championship winning team include: Head Coach: Shawn Mixon; Assistant Coaches: Steve Smith, David Ford, Joey Brown; and Players: Malcolm Bronson, Ryan Ellis, Taylor Hart, Justin Parsons, Chantz Pryor, Blake Weller-Alexander, Jaylon Clotiaux, Robert Shellhammer, Aaron Stephenson, Cord Yates, Travis Reagan, John Bradley, Garrett Harrell, Fermin Gonzalez, Parker Phillips, Tyler Ernest, Ty Parker, Matthew Daniel, and Marx Marcantel.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Jasper Bulldogs as they continue to be champions both on and off the field.

HONORING DR. DAVID L. EUBANKS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a Tennessean who truly embodies the Volunteer spirit of my home State of Tennessee.

On June 30, 2007, Dr. David L. Eubanks of Knoxville, TN, ends a remarkable run as president of Johnson Bible College in Knox County, TN.

David's journey began 54 years ago as a student at the school. His is a story of a man who was called to a higher service, not one of a man who was seeking it.

Following his own graduation from Johnson Bible College in 1953, David decided his work there was far from over. He signed on to teach at the school, and it was his work as an educator that showcased his character, purpose, and devotion.

When the trustees of the school offered him the job of president in November of 1968, it was out of the blue. But David said yes, and went on to serve as the school's leader for 39 years.

Under his leadership, Johnson Bible College has undergone a multimillion-dollar expansion and grown to over 850 students. It's a legacy that will be hard to match.

Today I honor the career Dr. David L. Eubanks, who held the title not only of president, but also of teacher, pastor, and friend to so many in the Johnson Bible College community.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to join me as I salute Dr. Eubanks and wish him the best as he enters a well-deserved retirement. I know he will continue to lead many toward higher education, and a closer relationship with God.

EMMETT TILL UNSOLVED CIVIL
RIGHTS CRIME ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank my dear friend and colleague, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia for leading this effort.

The murder and subsequent miscarriage of justice in the unresolved civil rights cases still remains this country's biggest transgression. The first step towards erasing the injustices that has haunted the families of the victims is to, as a nation, acknowledge and give due diligence to these unsolved murders.

According to the FBI, there are roughly 100 unsolved homicide cases from that time period. Among those is the murder of Emmett Till—for whom the bill is named—an African-American teenager who was brutally beaten and shot in 1955. His killers tied a cotton gin to his neck and threw his body into a Mississippi river. That became a major event in the civil rights movement. Two men were prosecuted for the crime but were acquitted.

H.R. 923 authorizes \$10 million annually for fiscal years 2008-2017 for the Justice Department to hire special investigators to work on solving civil rights crimes dating back to before 1969.

Justice being served in these cases is a reality. To name a few examples in Mississippi: The 1994 conviction of Byron De La Beckwith for his role in the assassination of Medgar Evers. The 2005 conviction of Edgar Ray Killen for his role in the deaths of Schwerner, Chaney and Goodman, the three civil rights workers in Mississippi in 1964. The conviction was based, in part, on new evidence that he had boasted of the killing at a Ku Klux Klan rally and to others over the three decades after the crime; and most recently, James Ford Seale, convicted last Thursday, June 14, 2007, for his role in the abduction of two Charles Eddie Moore and Henry Hezekiah Dee, the African-American teenagers in Meadville, Mississippi, in 1964.

This bill provides an honest effort to bring closure to the more than 40 families of unresolved civil rights cases in Mississippi.

Such as the Family of Charles Brown of Yazoo City, Miss., 1957—A white man shot Brown, who was visiting the white man's sister. The Justice Department handed the case over to the state.

The Family of Jessie Brown of Winona, Miss., 1965—The 1965 NAACP annual report claimed white farmer R.M. Gibson killed Brown.

The Family of Eli Brumfield of McComb, Miss., 1961—Police officer B. F. Elmore alleged self-defense after shooting Brumfield. Police claimed Brumfield jumped from his car with a pocket knife after police pulled him over for speeding.

The Family of Silas (Ernest) Caston of Jackson, Miss., 1964—Caston was shot by a local police officer. CORE and NAACP filed a civil suit against Deputy Sheriff Herbert Sullivan. The result of that suit is unknown.

The Family of Vincent Dahmon of Natchez, Miss., 1966—Dahmon, 65, was shot in the head around the time of a march in support of James Meredith.