

A TRIBUTE TO THE PASADENA-FOOTHILLS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors, (PFAR), which will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. For the past century, the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors has remained committed to its members and to its community.

Founded in 1907 as the Pasadena Realty Board dedicated to "promoting good fellowship and fair dealing within the industry," the association has grown in size from 26 members in 1908 to approximately 2400 members in 2007. In recent years, the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors has not only met their original objectives but has surpassed them, taking on projects both inside and outside the world of real estate and demonstrating through generosity and service what a tremendous asset it is to the community.

The Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors is comprised of many remarkable individuals who have served admirably in their communities including Warren Dorn and Jo Heckman. In 1955, at age 36, Mr. Dorn became the youngest mayor in Pasadena history and in 1956 was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The first female President of the Association in 1960 and the first woman elected to the Board of Directors in 1975, Ms. Heckman moved seamlessly to the realm of public service by becoming Pasadena's first female Mayor in 1980.

In keeping with their public minded traditions, PFAR made a large charitable contribution of \$2,100 to the Pasadena-Altadena Community Chest in 1957. Since then, the association and its members have been active participants in many organizations throughout the greater Pasadena area. In the 1980s, programs such as "Thanksgiving Food to Needy Families," "Christmas Tournament of Toys," and "Adopt-A-School" were implemented. In 1999, in response to requests made by local teachers, PFAR founded the program "REALTORS for Music," donating boxes of sheet music and numerous instruments to public schools in the area. In 2002, the association sponsored a blood drive and also started the "REALTORS for Reading" program, which collected 2,000 books for area school libraries in its first year alone. In addition, PFAR raised \$86,000 in 2004, over \$100,000 in 2005 and \$116,000 in 2006 for local charities from popular events such as the Taste of Pasadena Festival and the Wreath Auction.

It is my pleasure to honor the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors on its 100th anniversary of dedicated service to the community. I ask all members to join me in commending their efforts.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT HULAN D. GREAVES

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to MSgt Hulan D. Greaves as he retires from the Air Force. He has been assigned to Detachment 1, 345 Training Squadron at Port Hueneme since 2003 and currently serves as Alfa Company Gas Phase Head.

Master Sergeant Greaves was raised in Barbados and attended the Seventh Day Adventist School. In 1977, he came to the United States with his parents and resided in Brooklyn, NY, before joining the Air Force in 1986. Following his graduation from basic training, Greaves attended Technical Training School at Chaunte AFB, IL, and graduated as a General Purpose Vehicle Mechanic. After graduation, Sergeant Greaves was assigned to 27 Transportation Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM. After 2 years in New Mexico, he departed for Germany and was assigned to the 4th Air Support Operations Center, where he spent 4 years before relocating to Andersen AFB, Guam. Greaves then returned to Germany before he was assigned, in 1998, to Eglin AFB, FL to 16 Electronic Warfare Squadron as Vehicle Manager.

In April 2003, Master Sergeant Greaves was selected for instructor duty and reported to Port Hueneme, CA. Master Sergeant Greaves currently holds an Associate's Degree in Vehicle Maintenance from the Community College of the Air Force and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science from Troy State University in Troy, AL. He has completed course 12, NCO Academy and Airmen Leadership School. Master Sergeant Greaves' decorations include Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 oak clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 oak cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award with 4 oak clusters, AF Good Conduct Medal with 1 silver oak leaf, National Defense Service Medal with 1 bronze star, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 bronze star, Humanitarian Service Medal, AF Overseas Ribbon Short, AF Overseas Ribbon Long with 3 oak leaf clusters, AF Longevity Service with 3 oak leaf clusters, USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon with 2 oak leaf clusters and the AF Training Ribbon.

Madam Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to MSgt Hulan D. Greaves and thank him for his tireless dedication to our country and wish him the best in retirement.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ANOINTED VOICES' CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEW YORK CITY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand today to recognize the inspirational and commendable work of Anointed Voices as part of the therapeutic ministries of the Bowery Mission in New York City and to enter into the record an article from the New York Times entitled "Recovering Addicts Sing of Faith and Hope."

Anointed Voices is an a cappella group, started in 2006, housed in the Bowery Mission: a faith based organization that serves the homeless, helps people fight their addictions to alcohol or drugs, and assists individuals with leading lives independent of substance abuse. It is considered one of New York City's most successful homeless shelters, providing compassionate and life-changing care to the city's most vulnerable populations.

The men who sing in the a cappella group were once homeless and struggling with addiction yet somehow found their way to the Mission. Their life stories reveal the power of faith and the power of individual will to overcome life's most challenging obstacles. They went from losing everything to becoming a voice of inspiration and encouragement to others. Anointed Voices sings in prisons and hospitals to the incarcerated, the youth, and the sick. Everyone who has had the pleasure and experience to hear their message has been both moved and impressed.

I am truly pleased to know that not only have these men turned their lives around, they are also empowering others to do the same.

AT THE BOWERY MISSION, SONGS OF FAITH AND REDEMPTION

(By Dalton Walker)

Inside an empty chapel in Lower Manhattan, Dwight Walker stood with his back facing the empty rows of pews. His voice began to rise with songs that included words like faith, found and lost. Five other men joined him.

"The storm is passing over—have faith in the Lord," Mr. Walker sang in the sanctuary at the Bowery Mission.

The six men are known as Anointed Voices, an a cappella group that sings and preaches in churches, in hospitals, before youth groups and in prisons.

Theirs is a small tale of redemption—of how hard work, willpower and faith can sometimes lead people away from lives of desolation. All were homeless at some point, struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. All forged a new path at the Bowery Mission, a faith-based organization that serves the homeless.

"The message is, no matter where you come from, there is a place God has given you," said James Macklin, 67, a member of Anointed Voices and director of outreach for the mission. "The only thing one has to do is mine for this goal and make a human being all he can be."

In 2004, Ien Williams, 46, lost everything to his cocaine addiction: his marriage, his truckdriving business and his home in Queens. He carried his possessions in two suitcases through the streets of Manhattan.

Someone told him about the Bowery Mission, and though he was wary of its emphasis on Christianity, he decided he had nothing to lose by going there. Spending time there helped him beat his addiction, he said, and now Mr. Williams lives at the mission, on the Bowery near Rivington Street, where he is in charge of housekeeping duties. The other singers call him "the minister" because of his preaching.

"For me, it's a total worship experience," Mr. Williams said. "I sense the presence of God. This is where I'm safe."

The life stories of the other singers—Eugene Chisholm, Dennis Ogarrá and Carroll Baylor—are strikingly similar to Mr. Williams's. Three of the six live at the mission, while the others have found their own places.

Mr. Ogarrá helped found Anointed Voices in 2006 and recruited Mr. Walker and Mr. Williams. The others joined soon after.

Elvon R. Borst, manager of alumni programs at the mission, was impressed when she heard the group perform recently at a church in the Bronx.

"It seems to me that the men really try to deliver a message of encouragement and hope," she said.

Mr. Macklin serves as the group's coordinator, arranging four or five performances a month. Some churches have been particularly welcoming, impressed with their music and their message.

"Everyone," Mr. Macklin said, "deserves a second chance."

Two years ago, Mr. Walker, at 39 the youngest of the six members, was using large amounts of crack cocaine. His awakening came, he said, when he was shoved into a van in Manhattan with a bag over his head. The details, he said, are vague because he was high on crack. The next thing he remembers was a bright light shining through the bag into his eyes, he said. It was the police.

Mr. Walker eventually found his way to the Bowery Mission. "This has helped me stay clean, helped me develop a relationship with God," he said.

Mr. Ogarra, 49, who was born and raised in Brooklyn, joined the Army to escape living on the streets. He was stationed in Kansas at Fort Riley, but before long he was back to his old ways—using crack and cocaine and abusing alcohol.

After he was discharged from the Army he moved back to Brooklyn. "I took the habit with me," Mr. Ogarra said.

His addictions kept his life in chaos, preventing him from holding a steady job, and leading to the breakup of his marriage. In 2005, he said, he stood on a Long Island Rail Road platform on Atlantic Avenue and thought about killing himself. But something stopped him, he said, and someone who spotted him called the police. An officer suggested he seek help at the Bowery Mission.

"I was just mixed up," Mr. Ogarra said. "I drank many years away. I did many things. I had no direction, no drive and no hope."

The mission has kept him free of drugs, and the musical group has given him a more hopeful view of life. He now lives in Washington Heights and has a job with U.S. Security Associates, a nationwide security firm.

"It's a godsend I got here," Mr. Ogarra said. "I've learned to trust in my faith. It's to give up I would be lost."

A tear rolled down Mr. Ogarra's right cheek as he spoke. But as the six men talked about their lives and prepared for another singing performance, there were plenty of jokes and laughter, too. "We're kind of like a family," Mr. Macklin said.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN R. HOGNESS

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, the City of Seattle and our Nation recently lost one of the great leaders in the field of medicine, Dr. John R. Hogness, a friend, colleague, and constituent. Dr. Hogness contributed to the common good throughout his 85 years of life.

John wasn't merely a community asset, although he was that; John was a national treasure and we shall miss him.

Dr. Hogness served with distinction as the first president of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Under John's leadership, the Institute grew to become a trusted, independent voice, at

times courageous, at times bold, but always fair and forward thinking. The high standards Dr. Hogness applied to himself always became trademarks of the organizations he led. And he led some of America's best institutions, including the University of Washington.

Dr. John Hogness served as a president of the University of Washington, dean of the medical school, and vice president for medical affairs. The UW is an internationally acclaimed institution today, in part, because of the significant contributions made by Dr. John Hogness.

He never forgot his roots as a medical doctor and never forgot that medicine is about healing the pain and suffering of people.

Throughout his distinguished career, John believed that academia had a role and responsibility to champion the common good, and so Dr. Hogness long advocated for a national health plan because he believed that everyone had a right to receive medical treatment.

John was just as comfortable filling in for a rural medical doctor in Omak who wanted to take a vacation as he was creating a new department of bioengineering at the University of Washington. Of course, he excelled at both, drawing on his intellect, sense of humor, modesty and commitment to public service.

While this may not be your stereotypical academic, it defines Dr. John Hogness. From time to time, John might have been out of step with the status quo, but he was never out of touch with the people medicine was intended to help, or the medical advances that could save more lives and ease more suffering.

John once remarked that he was most proud of his role in creating an innovative regional medical education program serving Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Medical students attend the University of Washington's School of Medicine, the only medical school in the five states, but the young doctors intern in all five states.

It makes the rural practice of medicine real to young doctors and reality to rural communities throughout the region.

The long list of achievements can be summed up simply by knowing that Dr. John Hogness did so much for so many.

Rather than mourn his passing, I hope that we celebrate the life of Dr. John Hogness by remembering he was an intellectual giant who never forgot how to make house calls.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAMMIE OLKINETZKY

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor one of Oklahoma's genuine treasures, Ms. Sammie Olkinetzky, who recently observed her 50th anniversary as a church choir director.

Through her service as a choir director, hundreds of Oklahomans were encouraged to develop their singing abilities, utilize their gifts to entertain others, and most importantly, express praise to God through their talents.

Ms. Olkinetzky was born and raised in Ada, Oklahoma. She attended the University of Oklahoma and received a master's degree in music education.

Her first appointment as a choir director came in 1957 to Trinity Lutheran Church in

Norman. While at Trinity, Ms. Olkinetzky had the opportunity to lead two children's choirs, the St. Timothy Choir and the Bach Choir, as well as a choir for adult church members. In 1963, Ms. Olkinetzky served as a dual choir director to both Trinity Lutheran Church and University Lutheran Church, which had recently partnered their choir with the Trinity congregation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sammie Olkinetzky for her fifty years of service. She has spent decades enriching the cultural and spiritual life of residents in the fourth district. I want to thank Ms. Olkinetzky for all of her contributions to the state of Oklahoma.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID F. DUNHAM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of David F. Dunham who has retired after 35 years of public service with the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Dunham began working with the United States Postal Service in 1971 while attending the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. In 1972 he began work with the Social Security Administration at the Western Program Service Center. Later that year he transferred to Worcester, Massachusetts as a Claims Representative. He continued working in the Worcester area until his retirement. He was promoted to Operations Supervisor in 1984.

In addition to his work as Operations Supervisor, Mr. Dunham is recognized as one of the most gifted and talented instructors in the Boston Region. He taught numerous Service Representative and Claims Representative classes and many of his students are now successful Social Security Administration employees and supervisors assigned throughout New England.

During his years of hard work, Mr. Dunham has come to exemplify public service. This spirit can be seen outside of his professional life as well. Mr. Dunham has participated in several local motorcycle rides for charity and is involved with activities and outreach programs with his church. It is a great pleasure to offer him my sincere congratulations for his accomplishments and retirement.

Madam Speaker, I am certain that the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating David Dunham for his outstanding service with the Social Security Administration and in wishing him a happy and healthy retirement with his partner Rick, his daughter Jerusha, and son-in-law Sean.

RECOGNIZING THE RECREATIONAL BOATING COMMUNITY AND THE BOATING INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Ms. SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 505, recognizing the