

A World War II Marine Corps veteran, reporter for the Montgomery Advertiser, writer of a statewide political column for nearly 50 years, State Finance Director for Governor Albert Brewer, and respected television political commentator in central and southeast Alabama—Bob Ingram was a man of many talents, unified by his love of politics.

There were no sacred cows with Bob's political commentary. That's why we trusted him. You knew his opinions were well-researched and from the heart.

From Big Jim Folsom to Gordon Persons, Patterson, Wallace, Brewer, James, Hunt, Baxley, Siegelman, Riley—he knew them all. Whatever occurred in Alabama politics, you wanted to get Bob's thoughts. He also brought touches of grace, humor, and humility to his commentary—always realizing the pressures and vicissitudes of human nature in the political arena.

Thank you, Bob, for your love of Alabama and her political institutions. Your indelible mark will be felt as strongly as any public servant. And that's the way we see it.

RECOGNIZING NANCY BERRY FOR
BEING NAMED TO USA TODAY'S
2007 ALL-USA TEACHER TEAM

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Nancy Berry for being named to the USA Today's 2007 All-USA Teacher Team.

Nancy Berry is a first grade teacher at Liza Jackson Preparatory School, a charter school in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. She has been an educator for 34 years, which includes five years as a principal.

As the USA Today panel sifted through hundreds of nominations, they judged the teachers on how well they identify and address their students' needs and the impact they have on students and learning. A parent of a former student, Dawn Fisher, was so impressed with Mrs. Berry that she nominated her for this prestigious distinction. Only 20 teachers nationwide were chosen.

Each year Mrs. Berry welcomes her students to "Berryland USA: A Place Where Children Love to Learn." She is known for her gentle encouragement, individualized attention and a plastic, heat-reactive fish to make learning a "self-fulfilling prophecy" for her first-graders. On the first day of class she brings out the fish and tells the children that if the fish curls up in their hand then they are smart, worthy and good. "Children have to have concrete ways of seeing that they are smart or are able to be successful," she says.

Through her hard work and dedication in the field of education, the impact she has had on her students and the difference she has made in their lives has proven her to be among the great teachers of the nation. We are honored and proud to have her as one of our own.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Nancy Berry on this outstanding achievement for her exemplary contribution to the education of our children.

EXPLANATION OF MISSED ROLL
CALL VOTE NO. 995

HON. TIMOTHY WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in order to offer an explanation of having missed rollcall vote number 995 earlier today. I missed this vote because I was visiting wounded warriors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I enjoy the opportunity to visit with soldiers from my district, today visiting soldiers from Adrian and Jackson. I believe it is our duty as elected representatives to see to it our soldiers are receiving the proper care and resources needed for their recovery.

Madam Speaker, whereas I missed this vote today, I wish for my constituents to know I did not miss this vote in haste. Rather, I was seeing to the needs of these brave soldiers who represent the best America has to offer. As an avid outdoorsman and conservation I supported the Motion to Recommit H.R. 1483 and, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

ON THE AUDUBON OHIO URBAN
CONSERVATION CREW SUMMER
CAP AT THE ROCKEFELLER
PARK GREENHOUSE IN CLEVELAND

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Audubon Ohio Urban Conservation Crew Summer Cap at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse in Cleveland. The Ohio program of the National Audubon Society is working hard to ensure that children in the central city have the opportunity to connect with nature and, in doing so, improve both their educational achievement and their sense of community and self-esteem.

During the recent August recess I had the good fortune to visit the Ohio program of the National Audubon society which is also a program in my own district. The program, a free summer camp for neighborhood children ages 8 to 11, is known as the Urban Conservation Crew. Through this program, Audubon Ohio, in less than five weeks, has succeeded in developing a group of budding scientists who have mastered the fine points of bird identification and behavior, focusing on the birds and plants of their own neighborhood.

Audubon Ohio chose as its location for the camp the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse. The Greenhouse is located in the heart of Cleveland's historic Glenville neighborhood. Owned and operated by the City of Cleveland, the Greenhouse's official function is to develop plants for indoor and outdoor use at other city properties. But the facility includes classroom space, extensive gardens (including a community garden), and a large meadow ringed with mature trees that makes an excellent habitat for birds.

I grew up near the Greenhouse, yet during my visit I learned a lot of new things about it. Chief among these was the fact that the

Greenhouse property immediately adjoins an "Important Bird Area," or "IBA." IBAs are part of an international network of areas that are important to the survival of migratory birds. This network was created by a European-based organization, Birdlife International. Audubon is the Birdlife partner responsible for designating and protecting IBAs in the United States.

The Greenhouse sits next to one of 63 IBAs that Audubon has designated in Ohio. Specifically, it is next to the "Doan Brook/Dike 14 IBA," a key migratory corridor that connects the coast of Lake Erie with the upland Shaker Lakes on the western edge of the Appalachian Plateau. In practical terms this means that a lot of interesting birds pass through the area, with many species nesting in it. This in turn creates an opportunity for children in Glenville to explore an important natural area right near where they live.

From what I saw of the camp, Audubon Ohio is taking full advantage of the location of the Greenhouse and the convergence of a central city neighborhood with an interesting natural area. During the first four weeks of the camp, children walked the Greenhouse grounds and the surrounding neighborhood with Audubon instructors who taught them how to identify birds both by sight and by sound. Audubon also took advantage of the plant life inside and outside of the Greenhouse to teach the children about what plants they could grow in their neighborhood and how the birds of the neighborhood would both help the plants survive by eating pests and, in turn, benefit themselves from the seeds and berries produced by the plants.

During my visit the children showed off the knowledge that they had picked up in only a few weeks. They explained to me the concept of "field marks" of birds and how I could use field marks to distinguish different species. They identified the various body parts of birds and explained how I could distinguish the sexes of different species, such as the Northern Cardinal. They told me what kind of food birds could find around the neighborhood and how people could help birds by supplying this food. And they explained how to protect birds from man-made threats, such as plastic "six pack" holders that, they said, I needed to cut up so that birds would not get their necks stuck in them and choke.

Beyond the knowledge and conservation values that the children were displaying, I was impressed by the passion with which the children were discussing the birds and plants of their neighborhood. I kept having to remind myself that these children were all less than 12 years old, some as young as eight had no previous interest in birds, let alone experience in identifying them. These children were learning complex fundamental scientific techniques, including observation, distinction, grouping by similarities, understanding food chains and identifying threats and barriers. Introducing children to birds and plants was a great way of teaching them science by drawing on children's inherent desire to explore and understand the natural world around them.

Cleveland is blessed with a number of outstanding institutions that have offered nature-based education to children over the years. These include our fabulous Metro Parks network as well as stand-alone institutions such as The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center and the

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Education Center. These institutions have gone to great lengths to reach out to the central city by bringing children out to their suburban and exurban facilities. I appreciate all of the efforts they have made over the years, and I hope they continue.

What distinguishes Audubon Ohio's Urban Conservation Crew is that it is being conducted right in the neighborhood where the children live. Given the enthusiasm I saw in the children during their visit, I am confident that they will continue to explore Rockefeller Park, looking for birds, plants and other animals, long after the camp is over.

After my visit I learned that Cleveland is not the only location where Audubon has been offering programs like the Urban Conservation Crew to central city children. In Columbus, Audubon is developing the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, a nature-based education center slated to open in 2009 in a central city neighborhood just a mile south of downtown. Audubon already has similar facilities at Prospect Park in Brooklyn and in Debs Park in East Los Angeles. Another urban center, known as "the Rio Salado Center," is under development in the heart of Phoenix.

It is notable that Audubon Ohio produced the Urban Conservation Crew program almost entirely with private funds. Support came from the Cleveland Foundation, the Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust, and the Shaker Lakes Garden Club. Audubon Ohio did, however, receive a small amount of federal money, specifically a \$5,000 grant from the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service. It goes to show how a relatively small amount of federal dollars can be leveraged to produce great results.

I commend Audubon, Ohio for helping to reconnect children with nature, particularly in the central city. Audubon and its Ohio program deserve high marks for their creativity and skill in doing so at the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse in Cleveland and elsewhere. They provide great hope for the future.

WELCOMING HIS HOLINESS
KAREKIN II, SUPREME PATRIARCH
AND CATHOLICOS OF ALL
ARMENIANS TO THE 10TH CON-
GRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ILLI-
NOIS

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I am honored to welcome His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, to the 10th Congressional District of Illinois. His Holiness Karekin II was a pivotal figure in rebuilding the Armenian Church in the aftermath of the Soviet period and providing spiritual leadership for 7 million Armenian Apostolic Christians around the world. He has undertaken extensive philanthropic and humanitarian work, including opening orphanages, hospitals, soup kitchens for the elderly and cultural centers for the youth of Armenia. We would like to honor His Holiness Karekin II for his dedication to the people of Armenia and thank him for visiting the 10th District of Illinois.

I hope this trip to the United States compels my colleagues to bring the Armenian Genocide

resolution, H. Res. 106, to a vote before the full House of Representatives. For more than 90 years, Armenians were denied recognition for the Genocide of 1915.

We promised in 1945 to never forget the Holocaust, to never again let such atrocities be committed. But the world could forget the first genocide of the 20th Century. In fact Hitler used the world's denial of the Armenian Genocide as justification for his invasion into Poland and the ensuing ethnic cleansing of Europe's Jewry. In a speech he gave in late August of 1939, Hitler stated, "I have placed my death-head formation in readiness . . . with orders to send to death mercilessly and without compassion, men, women, and children of Polish derivation and language . . . Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?"

As a defender of human rights, America must formally recognize the genocide Hitler once dismissed so easily. From 1915 to 1923, the Ottoman Turks systematically annihilated more than 1.5 million ethnic Armenians. There is no other way to describe this organized campaign of murder than as genocide.

I encourage my fellow Congressmen to support the Armenian Genocide resolution so that we may finally provide the Armenian community with the recognition and justice they deserve.

IN HONOR OF JAMES R. CLARK,
UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor James R. Clark, a World War II veteran. World War II was in progress when James decided to leave his position as the high school principal of Star City ISD in Arkansas. He realized his country needed him and enlisted with the Army Air Corps on November 3, 1942.

During his tenure at Aloe Army Base in Victoria, Texas, he taught cadets how to disassemble and reassemble machineguns while blindfolded and navigation before being relocated to headquarters. At headquarters, James was the only public relations writer and news photographer on base. After spending over 2 years at Aloe, he was relocated to California and was at Fort Ord when he was notified that would be going to Japan. Fortunately, the war ended before he was deployed for Japan and James was discharged on November 22, 1945.

World War II is known as the deadliest conflict in human history, taking the lives of over 70 million people. During this difficult time, our country stood united behind our brave servicemen and women who so willingly took to the battlefields to defend freedom and democracy. It is veterans like James that helped us emerge victorious from World War II and restore hope and humanity in a world that was shattered by the darkness of hatred and violence.

His patriotism, courage, and selflessness should be commended and his dedication to public service deserves our highest regard. Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for his service to this great Nation.

IN MEMORIAM OF ROGER LEE
GORE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of a dear friend's life, that of Roger Lee Gore—a man of limitless smiles, generous laughter, and amiable spirit. He toiled in the New York hospitality business for years, serving a 30-year stint as waiter, maitre d', and banquet captain for Hilton Hotel. An ardent voice in his community, he remained a lifelong member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and contributed his time and talents to the Civil Rights Movement. A lover of people with an effortless sunny disposition, he asked that no tears be shed over his blessed life.

Roger was born on August 30, 1944 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to the late Harold Gore and Sadie Gore Graham. Nicknamed "Ducky," he was an early-age churchgoer and hard worker, moonlighting as a caddy and waiter to financially help out the family. In high school, he participated in team football, basketball, and glee club, earning his diploma in 1963.

He travelled the country after school, but settled in New York by the late 1960s as a waiter and bartender at Henry Stamper's Steakhouse. He was a union man, a member of Local Six, Unite, and HERE Hotel unions and chairman of the Elections and Objection Committee. In 1993, he married Lena McPhatter, who later passed in 1998. He then married Noveria Epps in March of 2007. Roger passed away September 30, 2007 and was memorialized in his funeral held October 19, 2007.

Today, we are moved, stirred, sobered by this loss, but we are more so grateful and joyful by the legacy he's left behind.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1680, SECURE
HANDLING OF AMMONIUM NI-
TRATE ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1680, legislation critical to securing our Nation against further acts of terrorism. I am proud to cosponsor this legislation, which I believe effectively balances necessary measures to provide additional security with the need to protect our agricultural industry.

On September 11, 2001, our enemies demonstrated their ability to use everyday objects as deadly weapons. Ammonium nitrate is a product of great use to our Nation's agricultural sectors, but, in the hands of terrorists, could cause America great harm. Like the airplanes flown into buildings, fertilizer bombs