

of Mr. Rowland's efforts, Fresno County Probation Department became the first probation department to open a unit specifically designed to provide services to crime victims; including victims of homicide, domestic violence, and crimes against children. Mr. Rowland developed the first victim impact statement, to provide the judiciary with an objective currently part of the law.

After his time with the Fresno County Probation Office, Mr. Rowland served as the director of the California Youth Authority and the director of the California Department of Corrections. He established the Office of Victims of Crimes in both agencies. While working with the state, he instituted classes within the prisons for inmates to attend. In these classes they learned about the impact of their crime on their victim. Mr. Rowland has also taken the initiative to change the justice system within California by developing a system that is more accommodating, appreciative, and responsive to the suffering of those that are victims of a crime.

Mr. Rowland's work within California has extended nationwide and even worldwide. He has been the recipient of many prestigious awards from Pepperdine University and Harvard University, as well as various criminal justice and private agencies, for his contributions to the field of corrections. Mr. Rowland has become internationally known as a crime victims advocate, and he has changed the way people perceive the victim. In his retirement Mr. Rowland continues to provide direction and assistance to persons and agencies that work within the justice system.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. James Rowland for his work toward crime victims assistance and the dedication of the James Rowland Crime Victims Assistance Center. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Rowland many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on October 22, 2007 I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes 983, 984 and 985. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall vote 983, "no", rollcall vote 984, "aye", rollcall vote 985, "aye".

IN MEMORY OF DR. PARMER RICHARDSON, UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dr. Parmer Richardson, a World War II veteran, and in honor of his patriotism and a life dedicated to service. He joined the United States Navy in the summer of 1941.

Though he spent most of his service as a radioman specializing in communications technology, he originally joined with the intent to

become a pilot and was persuaded by a Navy recruiter who promised him flight training. He was sent to various areas in the United States as well as Canada and Mendora in the Philippines. After being discharged, Parmer began his 55-year dental practice.

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 service men and women who so willingly took to the battlefields to defend freedom and democracy. It is veterans like Parmer 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.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Richardson, of Duncanville, TX. He will be remembered as a devoted family man, a lover of flying, and a proud veteran and American. His patriotism, courage, and selflessness are example of what make America great. Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for his service to this great Nation. May God bless all those he loved, and may I convey to them my sincerest condolences and the gratitude of the American people.

SPEAK ENGLISH

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, walk into any public school, police station, or hospital and you will surely hear public officials speaking in another language than English. We are using taxes from hardworking Americans to hire employees for the sole purpose of being able to communicate with people who refuse to learn English. These people are making the choice not to assimilate as Americans and learn English, but keeping their allegiance to Mexico or whichever country they immigrated from. The United States has had a long history of immigrants, but all of the different cultures desired to become one unified America. The English language was the common bridge to which these cultures could relate, and the same can still hold true today. That is why I passionately encourage the passing of H.R. 997, the English Language Unity Act of 2007.

This bill will require official functions of the United States to be conducted in English only. In addition, it declares that the English language requirements and workplace policies, whether in the public or private sector, shall be presumptively consistent with the laws of the United States.

I believe Teddy Roosevelt had it right when he said: "There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but is something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language . . . and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO MOBILEMED OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation and gratitude to Mobile Medical Care, Inc. for its 40 years of service to the medically disadvantaged of Montgomery County, Maryland.

MobileMed was founded in 1967 by the late Dr. Herman Meyersburg and Dr. George Cohen. While serving as a volunteer tutor in a home-study program in the Kensington community, Dr. Meyersburg noticed that many program participants were without health insurance or access to medical care. In its early years, MobileMed was funded largely through the contributions of its own volunteer physicians. Its first clinic was located in the basement of a Kensington church.

Today, 27 staff members and over 200 volunteer medical professionals provide health care services to approximately 5,000 Montgomery County residents each year, including 1,500 Head Start children. Through increased funding and volunteer participation, MobileMed seeks to expand its ability to serve more of the estimated 100,000 Montgomery County residents who cannot afford health care.

Throughout the last 40 years, MobileMed has fulfilled its mission of providing low-cost medical care to our community's homeless, low income, uninsured, and working poor in a respectful, competent, and compassionate manner. We in Montgomery County, Maryland are grateful for the dedication and efforts of MobileMed and its volunteers.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and honoring forty years of dedicated and outstanding service by MobileMed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, due to the recent passing of my mother, I did not return to Washington until yesterday afternoon. However, if I had been present yesterday morning, this is how I would have voted on the rollcall vote I missed: rollcall No. 986—on motion to table the resolution, "no."

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL HEIERMANN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the patriotism of Michael Heiermann.

Michael is a High School Junior from Mt. Vernon, Illinois. For several years now, he has put out small American flags throughout his neighborhood to mark special national holidays.

President Kennedy said, "A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also

by the men it honors.” Today, America is a better place because of young men and women like Michael. And America is a better place because of good parents like Edward and Dorothy Heiermann.

Small acts of great love are the unremitting actions that make America great. It is my honor today to recognize the service of this young man as an example of a true patriot—a testament to which we should all aspire.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on October 23, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall No. 993 and No. 994.

Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 993—“yea”, rollcall No. 994—“no.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed on October 22nd and 23rd.

On Monday, October 22, and Tuesday, October 23, 2007, I was unable to be present in the Capitol due to prior commitments and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 983, 984, 985, 986, and 987. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on all votes.

In particular, I want to note my strong support for H.R. 189, the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Act of 2007, which was introduced by my colleague from New Jersey, Congressman BILL PASCRELL, JR., and which was considered as rollcall No. 983. This legislation establishes the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System, thereby enshrining a truly unique national historic district in New Jersey. Had I been present during the consideration of this bill, I would have voted “aye” with great pleasure and pride.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF CONRAD AND FRANCES C. GAS-
KIN, PHD

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce you and my colleagues to a very special couple who happen to be my cousins.

Conrad and Frances are first generation African Caribbean Americans who were born in New York State. The parents and grandparents of Conrad hail from Guyana, South America, continental United States and Ja-

maica, West Indies. Frances is rooted in five generations of the Christian and Farrelly clans on St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands and Guyana and Nigeria, by enslavement, and also West Meath, Ireland, respectively. The two met while attending St. Augustine’s Elementary School in the Bronx, New York.

After elementary school Conrad and Frances went on to Bishop Dubois High School for Boys and Blessed Sacrament High School for Girls. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged four years later. He followed in his parent’s footsteps. His father, Lionel Gaskin was a Merchant Seaman and prolific mathematician and Lillian his mother, a health care companion and a storytelling humorist.

Frances went on to City College of the City University of New York (CUNY), where her father, Clement Christian had graduated several years before, and Fordham Hospital for Registered Professional Nursing, initiated by her mother, Therese, who was a Licensed Practical Nurse and an omniscient resource person.

Frances is a second generation graduate from the CUNY system. They were married by Monsignor Cornelius Drew on September 14, 1957 at St. Augustine Roman Catholic Church in the Bronx, New York. Three children were born from this union: Conrad II (1995), Trace and Troy.

Being Catholics, the children received the sacraments at St. Augustine and Most Holy Trinity in Brooklyn, New York. The family continued its affiliation with St. Augustine until immigrating to Brooklyn, New York where Our Lady of Charity became their new Church home under the pastorship of Reverend Doctor James E. Goode, OFM. During the marriage Conrad and Frances reared their children, along with the “village”; for it takes a Village to raise even one child. Their children learned the Montessori Method of Education at the United Nations Church Center, New York and continued their basic education at Most Holy Trinity Elementary School.

During the marriage, Conrad and Frances attained undergraduate and graduate degrees. He is an alumnus of Brooklyn College (CUNY) and Antioch University and she earned degrees from Hunter College (CUNY), Adelphi University and Fordham University. Their children were educated at Fordham Prep, New York Brooklyn Technical High School and Cascadilla Prep School in Ithaca, New York and Stuyvesant High School, New York. Conrad II, Trace and Troy went on to graduate from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine; Fordham University and Long Island University, New York, and Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana, respectively. A Fordham family tradition was upheld: Trace completed her undergraduate degree, Conrad graduated from Fordham Prep and Troy completed coursework at the University. Trace is a second generation graduate of Fordham. Some overlapping occurred in the family’s quest for education: Four family members were in college at one time. The children went on to become responsible citizens in banking, education and brokering real estate.

Of the marriages, Conrad II; Trace and Troy united in matrimony with Adrienne; Mario, and Angela who brought forth five grandchildren: Conrad III and Kayla; Soleil Mustafa, and Briana and Troy Ashly II. Briana attends Hunter College High School and is the third generation in the CUNY system.

For a career change, Conrad and Frances emigrated from Brooklyn to Albany, New York and helped found an additional Church home in the Faith Community of the Black Apostolate, which later expanded to include St. Joan of Arc and Sacred Heart Churches of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, New York. Father Kofi Ntsiful-Amissah serves as Pastor.

The family demonstrated entrepreneurial strengths by starting a skin and hair care business called Frances Christian Gaskin, Inc. Four patents were awarded in the United States for dissolving melanin and placing it into the MELANIN PLUS products.

The family enjoys interstate and international travel, exposing their children and grandchildren to strong family values, and other places and cultures in the United States, the Caribbean, and their own children, to Europe.

Conrad is retired from The New York State Teachers’ Retirement System; Frances is a former College Professor in Nursing and is pursuing her studies in Medicine.

Conrad and Frances, recognizing that “giving back” is the highest form of service, continue to advise the youth in academics and sports. Conrad coached basketball and swimming. Frances has also worked with the American Red Cross and is a Staff Officer with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Both are Ministers of the Eucharist.

They love participating in Church activities and sports, particularly swimming and SCUBA diving. They are also communicants and members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and the Polar Bears on Martha’s Vineyard, and also members of the Holy Cross Church and the Lil’ Bay Posse morning swim on St. Croix.

The theme song on their 50th Wedding Anniversary was “I Believe.” They are indeed people of faith!

We thank God for this special couple and their family and we thank Him for the 50 wonderful years He has given them.

I ask the entire Congress of the United States to join me in wishing them many more loving years together and His continued blessings.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT M. ALLEN,
UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert M. Allen, a World War II veteran. He joined the United States Navy on December 7, 1940 and was assigned to a small seaplane protector, the U.S.S. Avocet (AVP-4).

Upon completion of signalman school, he returned to the Avocet in February 1942 and received orders to transfer to the Convoy Control Center in Algiers, Louisiana. For the next two years, Robert plied the Gulf, Caribbean, and the Atlantic, which were teeming with German U-boats. Fortunately, none of his ships or convoys were attacked. After devoting five years of dedicated service to the Navy, Robert was discharged on January 14, 1946.

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