

Indianola, MS, in 1891, by President Benjamin Harrison, and was reappointed by President William McKinley; thereby, becoming the first Black postmistress of the United States.

On January 25, 1900, President McKinley raised the rank of the Indianola Post Office from fourth class to third class and appointed Mrs. Cox for a full 4-year term. However, in the fall of 1902, under the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, a controversy brought national attention to Mrs. Cox. Jim Crow laws overran Reconstruction in America and whites wanted blacks eliminated from leadership positions. Some of the local whites in Indianola met and drew up a petition requesting Cox's resignation. Increased tension and threats of physical harm caused Cox to submit her resignation to take effect January 1, 1903, and leave Indianola.

President Roosevelt believed Mrs. Cox had been wronged, and that the authority of the Federal Government was being compromised and refused to accept her resignation. Instead, he closed Indianola's post office on January 2, 1903, rerouted the mail to Greenville, MS, 30 miles away and Cox continued to receive her salary. For 4 hours in January 1903, the Indianola postal event was debated on the floor of the United States Senate, and appeared on the front pages of newspapers across the country. One year later, at the expiration of Mrs. Cox's term, in February 1904, the post office was reopened, but demoted in rank from third class to fourth class.

Minnie Cox and her husband Wayne W. Cox, who had been an employee in the railway mail service, returned to Indianola and organized the "Delta Penny Savings Bank." They had been substantial property owners before 1903, and they bought more land and became successful bankers as well. Minnie Cox died in 1933.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 25, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, today, I voted for H.R. 3963, which authorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program, SCHIP. The provisions in the bill would make substantial progress in providing health care for children. It would provide coverage for 3.8 million more children than are covered now and preserve coverage for 6.6 million more. It would help ensure Ohio can expand its program to include an additional 20,000 children. It targets the lowest-income uninsured children for outreach and enrollment, ensures dental coverage and mental health parity.

I voted against a previous version of this bill because it excluded about 600,000 legal immigrants. I voted to raise the issue and show Congress they were wrong to do so. I voted for the veto override to show the President that his objections to government health insurance for low income children were outrageous. Today I voted to make the same statement. I urge him to do the right thing and sign this bill.

I believe all children deserve health care. Unfortunately, today's bill does not do that. It

does not even come close. It continues to shun immigrant children in the U.S. who are in full compliance with the law by denying States the option to cover them. It also drastically reduces support for coverage of parents, even though decades of evidence have shown that kids are far more likely to get the care they need if their parents are covered. It bars coverage of illegal immigrants, even if a State determines that it is cheaper and more humane for them to provide routine care than emergency care, which is frequently the case. In short, it sacrifices each of these groups of people as a bargaining chip.

This Congress is spending time and energy arguing over narrowly defined bills that treat a few of the symptoms but fail to address the problems that plague our health care system. Instead, this Congress should deliver the reform America is calling for. We should be moving ahead with H.R. 676, the Expanded and Improved Medicare for All Act, which would lower health care costs, provide coverage for everyone for all medically necessary services, and create a single best standard quality of care. America deserves—and wants—nothing less.

HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

As citizens across America celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I wish to recognize the hours of hard work event organizers have contributed in order to provide greater understanding as they share their proud culture.

Especially I am reminded of the sacrifices many have made over the years to community and country.

Today, our armed services continue to rely on the dedication of men and women from Hispanic communities throughout the Midwest and Missouri.

While defending this Nation, and protecting a way of life that offers opportunity to Americans of varying race, they proudly serve.

For all who remain in harm's way today, in order to secure peace at home, we wish them the best, and look forward to their safe return.

CONGRATULATING SCRANTON TOMORROW AND ITS PAST PRESIDENTS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Scranton Tomorrow, an organization celebrating its 15th anniversary and whose mission it is to establish the city of Scranton as the premier urban center in northeastern Pennsylvania.

As part of Scranton Tomorrow's celebration, they are honoring their past presidents, who

include Monsignor Joseph Quinn, Judge Terrence Nealon, Attorney Barbara Sardella, William Bender, Phil Condron, Glenn Pellino and Carlon Preate.

Scranton Tomorrow has launched several initiatives designed to fulfill its mission including Artspace, City Pride, the Lackawanna Riverfront Revitalization, First Night and support for the Scranton Business Alliance.

Artspace is a project designed to produce affordable space for artists to live, work, perform and conduct business while creating a sustained economic impact for the city of Scranton.

City Pride is an annual cleanup and beautification effort that showcases the extraordinary community pride underlying the effort to make Scranton a visually attractive city.

The Lackawanna Riverfront Revitalization project and the Downtown Heritage Greenway project involve a coalition of major stakeholders, including the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, the Scranton Area Foundation, the Lackawanna River Corridor Association, the Scranton Office of Community and Economic Development, Lackawanna County government, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, as well as riverfront property owners. The stakeholders are committed to creating a master plan for the revitalization of the river corridor.

First Night is an initiative aimed at celebrating the arrival of the New Year in a safe and family friendly environment that features food, fun and entertainment and brings together the business and residential communities in a festive atmosphere.

The Scranton Business Alliance is a collective of more than 200 city businesses dedicated to improving all aspects of the central business district through solid economic management, strengthening public participation, and making downtown a fun place to visit. By building on the central city business district's inherent assets, rich architecture, a solid infrastructure, a core of financial, government, and human/social service outlets, and a firm sense of place, the Scranton Business Alliance aims to rekindle entrepreneurship, cooperation, and civic concern.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Scranton Tomorrow and those who have inspired it. Their zeal to return the city of Scranton to a prominent place in the region has captivated the imaginations of Scranton's citizens and has been an important catalyst for the renaissance Scranton is currently enjoying.

ON SCHNEIDER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CEO RODNEY E. MILLER, SR.

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, 5 years ago, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and in particular, the island of St. Thomas and the Schneider Regional Medical Center, welcomed a young, passionate, health care administrator to be its president and chief executive officer. Rodney E. Miller took on the job of ensuring that comprehensive, quality health care was available not just for the residents of the U.S.

Virgin Islands, but for the Caribbean region as well.

By all accounts, Rodney Miller did an excellent job, administering the 250-bed acute care Schneider Hospital, as well as the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute and the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John in a manner that has advanced health care in the territory.

Most noteworthy among his accomplishments was the emphasis on improved patient care and the opening of the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute. With an announced emphasis on quality patient care, enhanced customer service and improved cleanliness of the health facilities, Miller embarked upon a course for change that was driven by the expressed needs of patients. He emphasized that being the only choice for health care for most of the residents of the island meant that quality care was a must. He equally emphasized that Schneider Regional should be a good place for employees as well.

With the opening of the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute in 2006, Rodney Miller and his administrative and medical team worked to realize the dream of many in the territory for a "world class cancer care facility with an array of support services and resources" that would allow patients to seek treatment at home, closer to the comfort of family and friends. Rodney Miller's leadership in health care has been marked by this and other noteworthy accomplishments in the territory.

In addition to his duties as head of Schneider Regional, Rodney Miller immersed himself in the civic activities of the community, and in 2004 was named Person of the Year by Rotary II Club of St. Thomas. Just last year, he received the 2006 Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award from the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce.

His peers in the health care profession have long acknowledged his extraordinary talent. In 2002, he received the Young Healthcare Executive of the Year Award from the National Association of Health Services Executives. In 2003, he received the American College of Healthcare Executives' Regents Award and in 2005, he was elected to serve as president of the National Association of Health Services Executives. In 2006, he was named one of the Top 25 Minority Healthcare Executives by Modern Healthcare Magazine.

Recently, Rodney Miller announced that he has accepted a new position in the Florida health care system. I know that he will distinguish himself there as well, but we in the Virgin Islands wanted to express our thanks to him for the good work that he did in the territory for the past 5 years. On behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, particularly those on the island of St. Thomas, I wish Rodney Miller bon voyage and great success in his new endeavor. He has definitely left health care in the territory in better shape than when he got there, and for that we are all grateful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. FEENEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to express my regret for missing votes on the

House floor on Monday, October 22, 2007 and Tuesday, October 23, 2007. I was in my district for the launch of Shuttle STS-120: Discovery.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in returning to Washington, DC, on Monday, October 29th and so was not present for 3 votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

(1) H.R. 3224—Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007—I would have voted "yea" on this excellent bill by our Colorado colleague, Representative JOHN SALAZAR;

(2) H. Res. 573—Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes—I would have voted "yea"; and

(3) H. Res. 747—Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali—I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1010, 1011, and 1012 on 10/29/07, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to explain my absence from votes cast on October 29, 2007. I was in Houston yesterday, tending to a family health care issue, and was unavoidably detained.

On rollcall vote No. 1010, to approve H.R. 3224, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall vote No. 1011, to approve H. Res. 537, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall vote No. 1012, to approve H. Res. 747, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN CELEBRATION OF THE BOSTON RED SOX'S 2007 WORLD SERIES VICTORY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker:

The Red Sox we proudly honor today
For another championship and remarkable play

That's two in four years, all of Beantown
"hurrahs!"

It's not the curse, but clutch play, for these
kings of Fenway

We hail the team's defense, top-notch in the
field

And a mighty potent offense that refuses to
yield

From top to bottom, the Sox have shown
Why in baseball's history books they will
forever be known

The club led by Henry, Werner, and Lucchino
And don't forget the dream team—Epstein
and Tito!

But it's the players who win each big game
And they all belong in baseball's Hall of
Fame

Josh Beckett, a baseball legend-in-the-mak-
ing

He won 4 playoff games, leaving foes with
heads shaking

And then there was Schilling, Dice-K, and
Lester

With unhittable splitters, the batters they
pestered.

Papelbon is the closer night after night
4 saves in the playoffs—to "the Nation's" de-
light

Youkilis at 1st, Mike Lowell the series
MVP,

Rookies Pedroia, Okajima and Ellsbury

With Manny & Ortiz, everyone agrees
the Sox are the best, from sea to shining sea

And Jason Varitek we cannot forget
From all in the clubhouse, he commands re-
spect

After 96 wins, the playoffs in full swing
The Angels came calling, but the Sox clipped
their wings

Down 3-1 to the Tribe, the Sox won it in
seven

Two pennants in 4 years, we were in baseball
heaven!

Then the Sox faced the tough Colorado team
Sweeping in just 4, completing the "possible
dream"!

Now the games are all played, the cham-
pagne popped and poured

Fire up those duck boats—let's all climb
aboard!

Another great season, fans and experts agree
The Sox are the newest baseball dynasty.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND
MONSIGNOR MICHAEL J. CO-
RONA, PHILLIPSBURG AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OUT-
STANDING CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR 2007

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the extraordinary public service of the Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Corona of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Today, the Phillipsburg Area Chamber of Commerce will recognize his commitment to his community, naming him Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2007.

Monsignor Corona completed his theological studies at St. Mary's Seminary and University