

In the end, I will always admire Henry for his basic belief that the law exists to protect the weak from the strong, and his willingness to fight for this principle.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only to honor Henry Hyde, a great man, but to recognize the impact he has made on our country. America no doubt will feel the loss of this man who so deeply committed himself to his country. I count myself lucky that I had the opportunity to serve with him. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER SPRINGFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1957, the chamber has continued to play a key role in promoting economic prosperity in the greater Springfield region. Currently, the organization is composed of 280 businesses that are involved in a variety of local ventures, ranging from restaurants to government contracting. Drawing from a wealth of business knowledge and experience, member companies work in concert with local government officials and residents on behalf of the Springfield community.

The greater Springfield region is home to a vibrant economy where small and large businesses are forced to contend with a number of challenging economic issues. Recognizing these challenges, the chamber remains committed to aiding business as they navigate this dynamic economic landscape. President Stubbs has led a recent initiative to analyze the Base Realignment and Closure, BRAC, program and to assess its potential impact on local businesses. Another recent chamber study has focused on helping small businesses cope with the threat of pandemic flu.

Strong leadership and solid organization have contributed to the chamber's record of success. Under the guidance of current chamber president Vincent Stubbs and executive director Nancy-jo Manney, chamber membership and activities have continued to expand. Chamber executives and officers work alongside the organization's executive advisory council and the chamber board to identify areas of interest and chart the course of economic progress.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce on 50 years of success. They have become a strong organization committed to serving the interests of their members and their community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the chamber members' past accomplishments and in wishing them the best of luck in the many years to come.

CONGRATULATING MR. RICE M. TILLEY, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Rice M. Tilley, Jr., practicing attorney with Haynes and Boone, LLP, as the recipient of the 2007 "Distinguished Citizens Award" from the Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Tilley practices law in the Northern District Court of Texas, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit. He has over 40 years of experience in the fields of taxation, estate planning, and business formation, among others.

Mr. Tilley is very active in his community and holds positions on the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Fort Worth, and The University of North Texas' Board of Regents, as well as other organizations.

The leadership skills Mr. Tilley possesses are evident through not only his profession, but his charitable and community work as well.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Rice M. Tilley, Jr., on receiving this award, and I praise his dedication, commitment, and desire to help his community and country. I am honored to represent him in the 26th District of Texas.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING KARISSA HASTILOW FOR PLACING SECOND IN THE MANCHESTER UMBRO INTERNATIONAL CUP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

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Resolved, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Karissa Hastilow on placing second in the Manchester Umbr International Cup. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship she has demonstrated.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND RUSH GENEVA RICHBURG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brooklyn resident, Rev. Rush

Geneva Richburg. Reverend Richburg was born and raised in Summerton, SC, and is the 15th of 21 children. Her parents are the late Reverend Gussie Pearson and Mrs. Geneva Pearson.

Reverend Richburg, a member of the New Canaan Baptist for 18 years, was called to be an evangelist in 1990 and ordained as a reverend in 2004. She has served as president of the New Canaan's Christian Women's Fellowship; vice president of the Pastor's Aide Club Ministry; chaplain of the Sunday school department; and as a member of the block association.

Reverend Richburg was married to Frank Richburg, Sr., for 32 years prior to his death. Of that union, four children were born: Frank, Jr., Jeremiah, Theresa, and Harry. She also has 14 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I commend Rev. Rush Geneva Richburg for her contributions to her church and her community.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this wonderful woman.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF LATE CONGRESSMAN AUGUSTUS FREEMAN "GUS" HAWKINS

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to recognize the passing of our former colleague and my fellow Angeleno, Augustus Freeman Hawkins.

I had the privilege of meeting Congressman Hawkins on several occasions during the years he served with my father, Congressman Edward R. Roybal, and I was struck by his warmth, intelligence, courage, and his dedication to serving the people of his Los Angeles congressional district.

Known affectionately as "Gus" to his colleagues and friends, Congressman Hawkins served his Los Angeles-area community, the State of California and the Nation with distinction. Dedicating his life to public service, Congressman Hawkins served for 27 years in the California Assembly and 28 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

His entry into Congress in 1962 could not have come at a more auspicious time. With the Civil Rights Movement already coming to the forefront of our Nation's consciousness, Congressman Hawkins became a powerful advocate for civil rights for all Americans. As the first African-American from the western United States to serve in the House of Representatives, he keenly understood the importance of the minority voice in American politics, and he worked to magnify this voice by becoming a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus. The CBC's current success can be traced back to Congressman Hawkins' vision and commitment to the organization in its formative years.

His achievements during his nearly three-decade tenure as a legislator are too numerous to recount. He was chairman of the powerful House Education and Labor Committee and the House Administration Committee, and he used his role as chairman to champion critical civil rights measures that expanded opportunities for millions of Americans.

Most notably, he sponsored a section of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 that established the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The EEOC has been a critical tool in efforts to enforce laws that prohibit discrimination based on race, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability.

Reacting to rising inflation and unemployment in the 1970s, Congressman Hawkins introduced, along with Senator Hubert Humphrey, the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act, better known as the Humphrey-Hawkins Act of 1978. This measure was signed into law by President Carter and proved to be a blueprint for debates on how Government should interact with private enterprise to bring about national growth and fiscal responsibility. And, true to his nature as a defender of civil rights, the Humphrey-Hawkins Act specifically prohibited discrimination based on race, religion, age, gender, or national origin.

On the home front, Congressman Hawkins served his district during a tumultuous time in Los Angeles' history. Gus had been in Congress only 3 years when the 1965 Watts riots occurred, ultimately claiming the lives of dozens of his constituents. He decried the abusive actions of the police, and he redoubled his efforts to secure funds to fight poverty in his district and underserved minority communities across the Nation.

Congressman Hawkins' forceful defense of Americans held back by discrimination and poverty made him both an effective advocate and a devoted mentor to young minority lawmakers. Indeed, many of my colleagues in the House have been touched and inspired by Gus Hawkins' advice and mentorship. I know that my father, who was his counterpart in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, valued him as an ally and deeply respected and admired his leadership role as a civil rights advocate and promoter of equal opportunity for all.

Congressman Gus Hawkins will be remembered as an outstanding legislator, a trailblazer, as a trusted mentor, and as a friend. As a colleague, he will be remembered for the hard work, dedication, and dignity he always brought to his life, his work in public service, and to this people's House of Representatives.

I extend my condolences to his family and to the many people whose lives he touched.

CELEBRATING JAMAICA THROUGH THE LIFE AND TIMES OF NATIVE SON HERB MCKENLEY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute one of Jamaica's favorite sons, Herb McKenley—a world-class track star whose awe-inspiring athletic feats filled the streets of Jamaica with pride. Noted as one of the island's greatest athletes ever, McKenley brought home an Olympic gold medal in 1952 as part of the country's relay team. A man of limitless determination and impressive humility—once claiming that his running philosophy was to simply “run as fast as I can, as long as I can”—McKenley set a slew of world records and earned myriad accolades to his name. His recent passing marks the culmination

of a life spent sprinting towards goal after goal, and reaching every one of them.

New York fans were treated to the sight of the 6-foot-1 dynamo whizzing down the indoor tracks at the old Madison Square Garden for the Millrose Games. He set the then-world record for a 440-yard sprint in 1947, finishing it in 46.3 seconds at a time when tracks were clay or dirt—not the artificial surfaces of today. His second world record was set a year later, when he ran 440 yards in 45.9 seconds. He nabbed a Silver Medal in the 1948 London Olympics and two more in the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, missing the gold in all three to heartbreaking, photo finishes. The powerfully built man with an 8-foot stride is forever memorialized in Jamaica by the Herb McKenley Crescent, and not long before his passing, he was awarded its third highest honor, the Order of Merit.

His life's achievements read as one amorous letter to his native Jamaica. Born in the city of Clarendon on July 10, 1922, he sometimes skipped the bus after discovering that running got him places faster. One of those places was to college, when he became the first Jamaican sprinter to receive a college scholarship in the United States for the University of Illinois. After racking up his world-renowned honors, he coached Jamaica's national team for 20 years, between 1954 and 1973, and served as president of Jamaica's Amateur Athletic Association for 12. A celebration of his life is, ultimately, a celebration of Jamaica, and the permanent stamp it has left on the cultural, athletic, and historic narrative of the world.

It is in the spirit of great mourning but also of great pride that we commemorate his legacy. He has forever etched his story into the Jamaican consciousness, impressing upon us New York track fans the strength in being unapologetically persistent and passionate.

HONORING TIM MADDEN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the achievements of Tim Madden and to commend him for his service to the Eastern Madera community. On Friday, November 30, 2007 the Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Mr. Madden for his continued dedication to not only its chamber, but to the North Fork Chamber of Commerce and Eastern Madera County.

Tim Madden is a 17-year resident of Eastern Madera County, his continued commitment to his community is evident by his service in a multitude of leadership positions throughout the area. Within the Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Madden's positions include past president, 2007; president 2006; president elect 2005; and member of the board of directors 2004. During his service with the chamber, the efforts of Mr. Madden enabled the chamber to authorize the inaugural trade mission to China, regain fiscal solvency, create a county-wide promotion system, promote local commerce and further downtown development and maintenance of the Oakhurst Business District.

Tim Madden also served as president of the North Fork Chamber of Commerce from 1998

to 2000, and as a member of the board of directors for 6 years. The list of community positions and appointments held by Mr. Madden continues, as does the esteem and gratitude of Eastern Madera County. Concerning the relationship Mr. Madden shares with his community, he remarked, “Our connection to each other extends far beyond our business relationships. We are much more like a very large extended family.”

Madam Speaker, I stand today to honor Tim Madden and the respect his community has shown for his dedicated service. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Madden many years of continued success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MICHELLE BROWN FOR PLACING SECOND IN THE MANCHESTER UMBRO INTERNATIONAL CUP

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A TRIBUTE TO PERRY PETTUS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madame Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Perry Pettus. He was elected in March of 2002 to the Village of Hempstead Board of Trustees. Mr. Pettus represents residents of the incorporated village.

Mr. Pettus immediately began exercising his leadership as he took on Hempstead landlords over poor conditions in apartment buildings. He utilized his negotiating skills to bring the two sides together to help resolve tenant issues. He has effectively used the media to bring issues to light, not only for exposure but also for problem solving.

As a successful local businessman, Mr. Pettus has brought effective business skills to his position. He has already built business/government partnerships which have benefited the community.

Mr. Pettus resurrected legislation requiring the village to contract a portion of its business with minority contractors and continues to fight for its passage. He has gotten legislation