

In 2000, C.T. was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees of Carson Newman College, one of the nation's premiere Baptist colleges, located in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Upon becoming chairman in 2006, he led the board with integrity and dignity through some of the most challenging times in the school's history. Throughout his tenure, his leadership has united Carson Newman and provided a clear and distinct path for the future of this Christian institution. Without exception, his tenure demonstrates the Christ-like manner in which C.T. Cozart has led his life.

C.T. is a charter member of the SimCenter; National Center for Computational Engineering at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. As one of only two members of this board with a non-engineering background, he brings a unique business prospective to the education community.

C.T. has been married to his wife Molly, for 46 years and is the proud father of two married adult children, Kathy and Scott Cushing, and Scott and Elaine Cozart. He is blessed with two grandchildren Camden and Mackenzie. C.T. is a wonderful example of integrity and leadership, and I am proud to recognize him today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to record my vote on rollcall No. 1141. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate those honored by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation for their outstanding contributions to the provision of legal services and access to justice to the poor.

While every American has a constitutional right to counsel when facing criminal prosecution, when faced with a civil action—including eviction, debt collection and bankruptcy—financial means too often determine access to our courts. The Maryland Legal Services Corporation has fought against this barrier to equal justice, raising funds and distributing grants to nonprofit organizations that provide civil legal assistance to low-income Marylanders.

Established by the Maryland General Assembly in 1982, MLSC has been at the forefront of the civil legal services movement for 25 years, awarding grants totaling over \$81 million to help provide services in more than 1.2 million legal matters for Maryland's families.

In 2007, MLSC honored the following five individuals and one organization for their extraordinary efforts to expand access to justice for the poor—

The Robert M. Bell Medal for Access to Justice was presented to Hon. J. Joseph Curran, Jr., former Attorney General for Maryland and now counsel to the Maryland Injured Workers Fund, for his extraordinary commitment to furthering access to justice for the poor throughout his distinguished career. MLSC created this award in 2004 and presented it to Chief Judge Bell, after which the award was named in his honor to be given only when warranted.

The Arthur W. Machen, Jr., Award was presented to Connie Kratovil Lavelle, who has been a legal services attorney, private practitioner and now deputy director of the Department of Family Administration of the Administrative Office of the Courts, for her extraordinary public service by providing legal representation to the poor and improving the delivery of legal services in Maryland.

The Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award was presented to Lauren Young, director of litigation of the Maryland Disability Law Center, for her outstanding work as a public interest lawyer providing civil legal services to the poor and the developmentally disabled.

The William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate Award was presented to Maureen Larenas, manager of the Tacoma Park Silver Spring, TESS, Community Service Center, for her outstanding advocacy in Maryland on behalf of low-income persons.

The Herbert S. Garten Public Citizen Award was given to The Daily Record, which has provided Maryland's business and legal news since 1888, for demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to increase access to justice for the poor in Maryland.

MLSC also presented an Award of Special Recognition to John H. Michener, former director of Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service and director of the Department of Human Resources Legal Services and Judicare Programs.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me today in honoring the recipients of the 2007 Maryland Legal Services Corporation Awards for their exceptional dedication and exemplary commitment to public service, equal justice and the welfare of the most vulnerable Marylanders.

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. SALOMÓN HERNÁNDEZ FLORES

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a compassionate educator, a civil rights activist, an ordained Baptist minister and veteran from the Fourth Congressional District, Dr. Salomón Hernández Flores. Dr. Flores passed away on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, in Milwaukee at age 79.

Dr. Flores was dedicated to his students, and his illustrious career as an educator began over 50 years ago, as a high school teacher of English and Spanish in Kansas and Missouri. Dr. Flores retired at age 72 as Professor Emeritus from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee after 24 years of service in the School of Education. He had also taught and trained teachers at universities including

Avila College, Northeastern State University, Ohio State University, University of Maryland and Chicago State University. At the national level, he was an early practitioner, advocate and scholar on bilingual education and served over the years as a consultant on bilingual education and multi-cultural education to numerous agencies and educational institutions.

During the 60s and 70s, Dr. Flores was active in the civil rights and Chicano rights movements as an educational activist and proposal writer. He worked directly with the Teacher Training Corp. of Texas, and the Midwest Desegregation Center. In recognition for his contributions as a Chicano activist, he was granted an audience with President Echeverria of Mexico. As an ordained American Baptist minister, he served as pastor at two churches, one each in Kansas and Missouri, with bilingual ministries. He participated in two missionary tours, one to Cuba and the other to Mexico, while attending Ottawa University.

Dr. Flores was born on October 14, 1928, in Kansas City, Kansas to immigrant Mexican parents. He attended Rosedale High School in Kansas City, where he held championship titles in the mile run. He continued his track career in college. Dr. Flores received his B.A. in English at Ottawa University in 1953, his M.A. in Spanish at the University of Kansas in 1963, and his Ph.D. in foreign language instruction at the Ohio State University in 1969. He honorably served his country during the Korean conflict.

Dr. Flores leaves behind a wonderful legacy of not only three children, Maria, David and José and beloved sister and brother, Damaris F. Mendez (nee Flores) and Faron; but also, the many colleagues, students and friends with whom he shared his knowledge, kindness and generosity over the years. The "Salomón Flores Scholarship Fund" has been established in his name to assist students in the completion of their educations.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. Salomón Hernández Flores and his many positive contributions to the Fourth Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO DR. CAMERON MARTINDALE

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. EVERETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the contributions of Dr. Cameron Martindale who is retiring from Troy University on December 13. Her record of accomplishments for the university, the students and our community at large is impressive.

On April 13, 2000, Dr. Martindale was named third president of Troy University Montgomery and in May 2001, she was also named vice chancellor for advancement for the Troy University System. Prior to these appointments, she served the university for more than 14 years in a number of positions including interim president, vice president for institutional advancement, and project officer for Troy's Rosa Parks Museum. In August 2003, Dr. Martindale was appointed senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations for Troy University.

At Troy, Dr. Martindale stabilized the institution's finances and, during a period of proration of State funds, was able to carry over a

balance of \$2 million. She totally renovated classrooms to include state-of-the-art equipment and built a new bilevel parking deck for university students and visitors.

Her contributions extended, however, to more than balancing budgets and improving campus facilities. She authored the case statement for Alabama higher education for the 2000 legislative session, she led Troy's development of a new institutional strategic plan, and activated two compressed master's programs—master of science in management and master of science in public administration, and began a civil rights concentration and technical writing program.

Dr. Martindale also oversaw completion and dedication of the landmark Rosa Parks Library and Museum in downtown Montgomery, which has hosted more than 70,000 visitors since December 1, 2000, and was named Alabama Event of the Year in 2001 by the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel.

An extremely active member of the Montgomery and Alabama educational, business and civic communities. Dr. Martindale has been a tremendous asset to the advancement of Troy University. I join her colleagues and many friends in wishing Dr. Martindale and her family all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ASHLEY A. FOARD

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ashley A. Foard, a dedicated and faithful public servant who devoted his life to Idaho and his country. Mr. Foard passed away last week at the age of 97.

Ashley A. Foard was committed to serving the people of the United States. After earning his law degree from the University of Chicago, Mr. Foard began his 37-year-long career with the Federal Government. During his years of exemplary civil service, he served as a law clerk for the Public Works Administration, the National Housing Agency, and the Housing and Home Finance Agency. Mr. Foard later served as Acting General Counsel for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where his efforts helped shape the country's housing and urban development policies.

The extraordinary service that Mr. Foard showed was very apparent to his superiors and peers alike, earning him many awards, such as the Superior Accomplishment Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the Housing and Home Finance Agency. Included in his long list of accomplishments is the role he played in the planning and drafting of President Kennedy's Executive Order 11063, which ended racial discrimination in Federal housing programs and led directly to the elimination of legal segregation in housing throughout the United States. Mr. Foard also assisted the Agency for International Development in the planning and development of national housing programs for numerous foreign countries.

In 1969, Mr. Foard was once again recognized for his service with the Rockefeller Public Service Award from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and Inter-

national Affairs. At his retirement, Mr. Foard was honored by Members of Congress and members of the President's cabinet. Mr. Foard's service did not end after retirement—he was an active member in the Kiwanis Club and the National Active and Retired Federal Employees, and he produced two books and a number of shorter pieces about his life.

Mr. Foard was described by those around him as "unassuming and modest to a fault" and "quietly devoting himself to the common good." He lived a life that mattered to his family, his community, and his country, and I am gratified to honor him today.

"yea"; rollcall vote 1136—H. Res. 846 (On Agreeing to the Previous Question): "yea"; rollcall vote 1137—H. Res. 846 (On Agreeing to the Resolution): "yea"; rollcall vote 1138—H.R. 4253 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass): "yea"; rollcall vote 1139—Quorum (Call of the House): "present"; rollcall vote 140—H.R. 6 (On Agreeing to the Senate Amendments with Amendments): "yea"; and rollcall vote 1141—H.R. 2085 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass): "yea."

TRIBUTE TO KEITH COLLINS, CHIEF ECONOMIST, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated service of Dr. Keith Collins who has served with distinction as the Chief Economist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for almost 14 years. At the end of this year Keith will retire, and he will be missed, not only by his colleagues at USDA, but by all of us who came to respect and rely on his non-partisan, thoughtful and detailed analysis of economic issues in agriculture.

Keith began his career as an economist with USDA in 1977, and his tenure there has spanned four presidencies of both political parties. He has served under nine Secretaries of Agriculture.

In 1994, Keith was named Chief Economist at USDA, and in that capacity he has been responsible for economic forecasts and projections and has advised the Secretary of Agriculture on the economic implications of alternative programs, regulations and legislative proposals. His advice has not been limited to the Secretary either—he has become a valued advisor to Members of Congress and others involved in agriculture policy.

On highly charged political issues, Keith is known for his honesty, competency, and influence. Even when facing tough questions from Members of Congress, nothing seems to rattle Keith's calm, rational demeanor.

Keith has also earned the respect of his peers in the field of agricultural economics. Keith is a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association, which is the highest honor the agricultural economics profession can bestow.

One economist who worked with Keith over the years measured the potential success for newly appointed Secretaries of Agriculture using what he called the "Keith Collins intelligence test." If the new Secretaries re-appointed Keith as Chief Economist, they passed.

Keith's colleagues at USDA have also recognized his outstanding contributions. He received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive in 1990 and 1996 and the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executive in 1992, the highest award a Federal executive can receive.

Madam Speaker, Keith's retirement is a real loss for American agriculture. Through his service at USDA, he has influenced agriculture policy in many positive and lasting ways. His work truly has touched the lives of many Americans, especially our Nation's farmers and ranchers.

TRIBUTE TO MS. C. PAMELA HOLLIDAY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fellow native Washingtonian with whom, my staff and I have had the distinct pleasure of working since 1992: Ms. C. Pamela Holliday, Regional Director of the Washington Passport Agency.

Ms. Holliday, "Pam," began her career with the State Department on February 1, 1971 as a GS-3 Passport Processing Clerk. From 1971 until her selection as Regional Director of the Washington Passport Agency in 1992, Pam served as a passport examiner, automated records manager, Consular Officer in Overseas Citizens Services, Fraud Prevention Programs, and at the US Embassy in Belize. The State Department sent her in many different official capacities to Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, France, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland.

However, Pam's hallmarks are not the titles and positions she has held, but the efficiency, collegiality, and dedication she brought to her work. As the delegations from Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia know, our constituents expect us to sort out the thorniest of passport problems before their flights leave the next morning. When the going gets especially tough, the tough call Pam.

Madam Speaker, I ask this house to join with me and Pam's friends, associates, and co-workers, who on December 13th will recognize her thirty-five years of extraordinary service to the travelling public as she prepares to retire in January.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, on December 11, 2007, I was visiting with displaced residents and touring flood damaged areas in my district. As a result, I was unable to be present for votes. I take my voting responsibility very seriously. Had I been present, I would have voted the following: rollcall vote 1134—H. Res. 846 (Will the House Now Consider the Resolution): "yea"; rollcall vote 1135—H.R. 3505 (On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass):