

was segregated at the time. However, it was this personal experience that led him to become an attorney to ensure equal treatment for all under the law of the land.

When he returned from the war, Judge Howard completed his high school education in Pine Bluff and went on to graduate with honors from the pre-law program at Lincoln University in Missouri. Howard then became the first African American student to live on campus at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, where he earned his doctor of jurisprudence degree.

Throughout his life and career, Judge George Howard believed deeply in the fundamental idea of justice for all. Judge Howard's distinguished service on the Arkansas State Claims Commission, the Arkansas Supreme Court, the Arkansas Court of Appeals and as a U.S. Federal Judge paved the way for African Americans in Arkansas to pursue careers in public service and the judiciary. He was admired for his fairness and will be forever remembered as a dedicated public servant who cared deeply about his family, his work, his state and his country.

Judge Howard will be missed by his family, his community and all those who knew him and called him a friend. I will continue to keep his family in my thoughts and prayers.

HONORING REV. BILL MILLER OF HAYS, KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to express my respect and admiration for a man who has devoted his life to serving God and the lives of others—Reverend Bill Miller of Hays, Kansas. The time has come to recognize this man who has touched the lives of countless Kansans and only recently retired from his post as Hospital Chaplain at Hays Medical Center.

Reverend Miller began his position at Hays Medical Center at the age of 73. With his wife Carolyn so often at his side, he remained there for 11 years. It was only this past December that he decided to retire due to health concerns.

During his tenure at Hays Medical Center, Rev. Miller delivered daily devotionals entitled "A Moment with God" to patients and associates both personally and through a telephone prayer line. In order to share these with others, the publication rights for these messages were given to the Hays Medical Center Foundation. They were then compiled into the book, "The World My Father Made."

It came as a surprise to no one when Rev. Miller's book sold out within a few months. According to the Hays Medical Center Foundation, this prompted a reprint to meet the "overwhelming call for his book." One can only imagine how many lives he has touched through print.

According to Hays Medical Center Foundation Executive Director Bob Lowen, Rev. Miller "is the Rock of Gibraltar." "He's known now to second and third generations of families. He baptized kids and did whatever. Now many of those kids are parents and grandparents."

While Rev. Miller has truly been "The Rock" for so many folks, it is his wife and Carolyn

who has provided solidity and inspiration in his own life. Not only has Carolyn been his soul mate, but she has given of her own time as a Hays Medical Center volunteer.

Rev. Miller's history of service to others extends back several decades. He attended both Garrett Theological Seminar and Asbury Theological Seminar and was ordained in 1950. He truly made a difference in several Kansas communities as he served churches in Wichita, Hays, and Hutchinson.

Although I can express how special Rev. Miller is, no one does a better job of doing so as close friend and aforementioned Bob Lowen. As Bob said, "Rev. Miller is a tall, lean, kind and gentle man much like Abraham Lincoln. I have no doubt but that God gave Rev. Miller to us to truly be "Our Shepherd."

I cannot think of better words to describe this man. Madam Speaker, our community owes a debt of gratitude to someone who has quite simply been a "Shepherd" to individuals in their time of need. Rev. Bill Miller has provided comfort to so many patients and families that I can only say "thank you." Thank you Rev. Miller for answering the call to make a difference.

INTRODUCTION OF PLAY EVERY DAY ACT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to help address the critical issue of childhood obesity which is caused by physical inactivity and sedentary lifestyles.

Nearly 15 percent of American children and teenagers are obese. One quarter of the children between the ages of 5 and 10 already show the early warning signs of heart disease. Cases of adult-onset diabetes in children—which used to be almost unheard of—have exploded tenfold in the last two decades.

This is occurring as recess and physical education classes are being phased out of too many schools across the country. And too many communities lack adequate access to safe places and facilities for kids to play so the United States is being forced to confront an epidemic of childhood obesity.

This is unacceptable and action needs to be taken. Congress, the Bush administration, and private enterprise along with the philanthropic groups and health organizations need to reinvest to ensure that our children are living healthy lives.

Last Congress I wrote to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to request a study about the relationship between areas such as public lands and public health. GAO was unable to provide such a study in part because there were no consistent or adequate data from which to draw a conclusion.

To help better identify this relationship I am introducing companion legislation to S. 651 authored by Senator HARKIN. I am pleased to be introducing this legislation with the support of Congresswoman GRANGER, Congressman BOSWELL, Congressman MCINTYRE and Congressman CUMMINGS. The bill "The PLAY Every Day Act," will help to advance national physical-activity benchmarks for children and

adults alike. The legislation will specifically do two things.

First, it will mandate the creation of a well-validated evaluation tool called the "community play index." This index would be used to identify barriers which prevent people from being physically active in particular communities.

Second, it will assist local coalitions to use this index as they craft plans to promote physical activity and wellness in their communities.

While this bill is far from a comprehensive solution to the rise in childhood obesity it is an important step in the process. I urge the swift consideration of this legislation.

CONGRATULATING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AT ITS WEST CAMPUS IN POTTS-TOWN

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Montgomery County Community College on its 10th anniversary of providing higher education opportunities at its West Campus in Pottstown.

Since opening its doors, the West Campus has become the hub of higher education in the greater Pottstown area. It has brought new and innovative programs and learning opportunities to the community, including degrees in chef apprenticeship, fine arts radiography and surgical technology; an art gallery to showcase local and regional works of art; and the University Center, which expands access to bachelor's and master's degree programs in Pottstown by working in partnership with area universities and colleges.

In the 10 years it has called Pottstown, PA home, the West Campus has undergone a significant transformation. Last January, the college opened a new addition that enabled it to expand its service to students, businesses and the community. During the 10th anniversary ceremony, the college will finally open the pedestrian bridge connecting the two facilities to form one, unified campus.

So I ask, Madam Speaker, that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Montgomery County College for 10 successful years of providing quality higher education options at its West Campus in Pottstown, PA.

RECOGNIZING WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Ms. HOOLEY. Madam Speaker, rise today to honor and recognize the 70 Oregonian workers who died on the job in 2006. In addition, I would also like to pay tribute to the 19 brave Oregonians who died last year while wearing the uniform and defending our freedoms.

On this 19th anniversary of Workers Memorial Day, let us acknowledge the steps that have been taken to address workplace safety but let us never overlook the obstacles and challenges that remain.

We have an obligation in this Chamber to do everything in our power to ensure that hardworking Americans are protected from unsafe workplaces. These men and women have worked to make our Nation great and now we must recommit ourselves to ensuring their safety.

Andrew Acevedo, Kenneth Babcock, Leslie Bealer, Terry Berkey, PVI Joseph R. Blake, Dwight Boris, Carlos Bravo, PFC Dean R. Bright, Donald Brown, Debra Chapman, Abel Cinto, James Clark, Roland Couch, Iven Cox, Scott Cox, SPC Douglas C. Desjardins, Randall Dillon, Burl Eastman, James Edson, Ronald Engelman, SSG Jason M. Evey, CPL Billy B. Farris, Kevin Fink, Carol Forest, Sgt. Brennan C. Gibson, Kenneth Graves, Trona Griffin, Floyd Grisham, CPL Chase A. Haag, Kenneth Harper, Lori Hayes-Kotter, SFC Richard J. Henkes II, Terry Hughes, Daryl Jepson, LCpl Derek W. Jones, SPC Robert L. Jones, Pedro Juarez de la Cruz, Michael Kallis, Jeffrey King, Aaron Lambert, Craig Larsen, PO2 Marc A. Lee, James Lester, Kenneth Lewis, Howard Lichtig, SSG Nathaniel B. (Brad) Lindsey, Michael Lilburn, Louis Lobo, SPC Jeremy M. Loveless, Kyle Lowe, David Mac Donald, Devin Malmore, P03 Marques J. Nettles, LCpl Randy L. Newman, Sean McQuillan, Eric Metzler, Pablo Montecinos, Douglas Mullen, Donald Mustoe, James Naillon, Brad Niemeyer, Ezequiel Osoria-Oliver, Captain Christopher T. Pate, SSG Robert J. Paul, Gary Percell, Henry Ploeg, Franklin, Pugh, Lewis Purcell, Leta Ramerman, Jose Ramirez, Anthony Rizzo, Douglas Sauter, Dale Seiders, Peter Simpson, Leland Smith, Quin Stone, Robert Thomas, Eddie Tol, PFC Thomas L. Tucker, Mark Wagner, SPC Ryan Doran Walker, Shane Watson, Lynn Webb, Jeffery Wilson, Louis Wofford, Robert Wolfe, Richard Woodworth, Howard Workman, and Ston Yackamouth.

COMMENDING BRENDAN A. JONES

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Brendan A. Jones for being selected as a 2007 National Merit Scholarship Awards winner. Brendan is a student at the Texas Academy of Math and Science in Denton, TX.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition held annually. Students are initially evaluated by their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Of the approximately 1.4 million entrants, only about 8,200 students are selected as finalists.

In this first announcement of 2007 winners, about 1,000 high school seniors are awarded scholarships from various companies, foundations, and businesses. These organizations fund the scholarships to help some of our Nation's most capable students reach their potential.

I wish to offer my congratulations to Brendan. I would also like to recognize his

parents and the faculty of TAMS for their outstanding commitment to Brendan's education. I wish him even greater success as he continues his education, and I am proud to represent him in the 26th District of Texas.

INTERNET RADIO EQUITY ACT

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, on March 2, 2007, the Copyright Royalty Board (CRB), a three member panel affiliated with the Library of Congress, issued a decision that changed royalty expenses for commercial and non-commercial webcasters and will likely end Internet radio as we know it today. According to the decision, which is retroactive beginning January 1, 2006 and commences through December 31, 2010, commercial and non-commercial webcasters would be subject to an increase in royalty rates from \$.08 in 2006 per performance to \$.19 per performance in 2010. The new royalty rates amount to a 300 percent increase for the biggest webcasters and up to 1200 percent for small webcasters. For most web casters the royalties will exceed their gross revenues and bankrupt them. The CRB has refused to reconsider its decision so the higher royalties—including retroactive royalties back to January 2006—are due May 15, 2007. My fear is that these new rates will decimate Internet radio and 70 million Americans that listen to Internet radio every month will no longer have access to this music service.

For these reasons, I have introduced the Internet Radio Equality Act which provides royalty parity for Internet radio providers. The bill vacates the CRB's March 2nd decision and changes the royalty rate-setting standard that applies to commercial Internet radio royalty arbitrations so that it is the same standard that applies to satellite radio, cable radio, jukeboxes, and record companies (when they are licensees of songwriters). The bill also sets a transition rate through 2010 that is the same royalty rate that satellite radio services pay (7.5 percent of revenue). Finally, the bill expands the Copyright Act's Section 118 musical work license for noncommercial broadcasters like National Public Radio to enable those broadcasters to also perform sound recordings over Internet radio at royalty rates designed for noncommercial entities.

I believe strongly that it is the responsibility of Congress to promote media diversity in all areas including web-based broadcasting and to ensure affordable consumer access to Internet media.

CONGRATULATING THE GOODWILL FIRE CO. NO. 1 HYDE PARK IN MUHLENBERG TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA, ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Goodwill Fire Co.

No. 1 Hyde Park in Muhlenberg Township, Pennsylvania on its 100th anniversary.

From 1907 to today, the Fire Company has devoted itself to keeping the community safe. The Company's volunteers have been familiar faces in the Muhlenberg area, participating in every holiday parade, working with schools on fire prevention education and seeking to make Berks County a great place to live.

Without the dedication of its members, the Fire Company would never have been this successful. For 100 years, the Goodwill Fire Co. No. 1 Hyde Park has had tremendous volunteers. These brave men and women have been providing a service to the community every hour of the day for the last century. This service is provided regardless of the weather, the time of day, and many times their own family commitments.

So I ask, Madam Speaker, that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Goodwill Fire Co. No. 1 Hyde Park, its current crew and the many men and women who have worn the uniform over the years for serving the community and helping to keep Berks County safe for the last 100 years.

HONORING TOLEDO MAYOR SHARON BRANSTITER

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Ms. HOOLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mayor Sharon Branstiter of Toledo, Oregon. A dedicated public servant and one who committed her entire life to enriching the Toledo community, Mayor Branstiter lost her life this past Sunday at her home due to complications associated with a double bypass surgery.

Sharon moved to Toledo from Nebraska when she was 7 years old. She attended Toledo High School and earned a degree in education from Oregon State University. Before serving as Mayor, she earned her master's degree and worked as a guidance counselor.

What is most remarkable is the passion Sharon had for serving her community. From a young age, she was active in city government and served on a multitude of committees and clubs. Her friends and family will attest that she never forwent an opportunity to voice her concerns or stand up for what she saw as just.

Sharon worked hard to increase the aesthetic landscape of Toledo. As her colleagues recall, Sharon always included flowers and trees in city projects and spent countless hours gardening and weeding public places. The streets of Toledo are lined with beautiful hanging flower baskets that Sharon secured with donations from the community. As a memory to Sharon, let us always think of her contributions to Toledo when we see and enjoy the flower baskets.

I was reminded of the closeness of communities like Toledo when I recently attended the funeral for one of our young men who lost his life in Iraq. The young Marine grew up in Toledo. At the service, Sharon shared her heartfelt memories of this young man and emotionally explained that the entire community of Toledo was losing a son. I have no doubt that the community is now grieving the loss of a