

1987, after secretary Malcolm Baldrige was killed in a rodeo accident. He served until the end of Reagan's term in January 1989.

As U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Verity established the Malcolm Baldrige Award, which "in the 1990s helped businesses improve the quality of their work," John Verity said.

He then retired and moved to Beaufort's Spanish Point neighborhood in the early '90s with his wife, Peggy, who died in 1999.

"He was a giant of a man," Verity's next door neighbor and friend of 21 years, Guy McSweeney, said Thursday. "He was one of the most remarkable men I have ever known; everyone that knew him loved him."

Between 1970 and the 1980s, Verity served as chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and as chairman of the U.S.-Soviet Trade and Economic Council.

Reagan also appointed him as the chairman of the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives.

Verity worked for Armco Steel from 1946 until he retired in 1982 as chairman of the board of the company now known as AK Steel Corp. He is the grandson of George M. Verity, who founded the firm.

Verity was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946.

McSweeney said Verity maintained a lifelong interest in the Navy.

About 10 years ago, McSweeney said he and Verity rode aboard what was originally a Soviet training ship, the Druzhba, from the Bahamas to Maryland alongside 200 U.S. Navy and Russian cadets.

"He was always coming up with something fun to do," McSweeney said. "From duck hunting or riding on a jet to California, he was always into something."

Neighbor Polly Swenson recalled a time when former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor visited Verity at his Spanish Point home and caught a speckled bass from his dock.

Swenson said even in his later years, when Verity used a motorized scooter, he would sit on a bluff behind his home nearly every day and look out to the water.

"He would always say, 'Isn't this the most beautiful place on Earth?' Swenson said. "Beaufort was very much a part of him."

Verity and his wife played active roles in Beaufort's community and were responsible for raising money for several organizations, including a Verity scholarship fund through the Technical College of the Lowcountry and an education fund for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry.

"He just loved people," longtime friend Helen Harvey said. "He loved to help people; he did so much for so many people through his connections."

St. Helena Island resident and freelance editor Cheryl Lopanik helped Verity organize information for his biography, "59 Years with the Right Woman," a recollection of Verity's life with a focus on his wife, self-published in 2003.

"He was devastated in losing her, but he wanted to put this book together because he knew it would have made her happy," Lopanik said. "He had wonderful stories and memories that were very exact . . . He had a very good perspective on his life."

Verity was born Jan. 26, 1917, in Middletown, Ohio, a son of Elizabeth O'Brien and Calvin William Verity Sr.

He was a graduate of the Phillips Exeter Academy and Yale University.

Verity was a member of the boards of directors of Mead Corp., Chase Manhattan Bank, Eli Lilly, Taft Broadcasting, the First National Bank in Middletown and The Chairman of the Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy "Happy" Verity Power of Edwards, Colo.;

two sons, Jonathan George Verity and William Wymond Verity of Beaufort; two sisters, Betsy Verity Blakey of Columbus, Ohio, and Jean Verity Woodhull of Dayton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at The First Presbyterian Church, Beaufort. The family will receive friends after services at 120 Spanish Point Drive, Beaufort.

Burial will be at the Woodside Cemetery in Middletown.

Memorials may be made to the Bill and Peggy Verity Career Education Fund for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry, 17B Marshellen Drive, Beaufort, SC 29902.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICER DWAYNE FREETO

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the collective grief of the people of North Texas in the death of Fort Worth Officer Dwayne Freeto, who died in a car crash while stopping to assist a young woman with a flat tire.

The young woman, Adriana Delgadillo, refers to Officer Dwayne Freeto as "a guardian angel." As a dedicated servant of the community as well as a loving father and husband, Mr. Freeto was not going to leave Miss Delgadillo until he knew she was safe. His amiable character and devotion to others are few among many qualities that contributed to his heroic nature. The grief from his loss is not only shared by his family and fellow police brethren but also by the greater Tarrant County area.

Mr. Dwayne Freeto was a wonderful father to his two daughters, Jordin and Jenna, and treasured spending time with them. He also loved his wife, Karen Freeto, dearly, and despite the unusual hours he was assigned to patrol, he always ate meals with his wife and daughters before work. Officer Dwayne Freeto's personality and selflessness made him a trusted friend, devoted husband and father, and a grateful son.

As a patrol officer, Mr. Freeto's courage and loyalty brought hope of a safer community—my community. He will be remembered as a husband and father, a hero, and a friend. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family and friends; he was a true gift to this world.

RECOGNIZES CENTENARIAN WINONAH GREENE OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Winonah Greene of Hernando County, Florida. Winonah has done something that all of us strive to do, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate her 100th birthday.

Born January 13, 1906 in Petersburg, Virginia, Winonah graduated from high school with honors and received a four-year scholar-

ship to college. Her fondest childhood memories are of the times she spent in school and church and her involvement in many community programs and services.

Hired as a schoolteacher, Winonah taught at different schools in Virginia and Pennsylvania for twenty years. She then began working as a government clerk at the Veterans Administration's offices in Pennsylvania, where she worked for another twenty years. An active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for 80 years, she has been a member of the Omega Omega Chapter since 1946, which recently celebrated its 80th year.

During her years as a teacher, Winonah proudly took part in the civil rights movement and attended an event where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Was a speaker. She spoke of this personal experience as a part of America's history in her classroom teachings.

Winonah married Ervie Greene in 1942 and was blessed with one daughter. Following her husband's death in 1983, Winonah lived alone in Pennsylvania until she moved to Hernando County in January of 2006 to be closer to her family.

Winonah now spends time with her two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She says the advantage of being close to so many businesses and the friendliness of the community is what she likes best about Hernando County. Winonah says the proudest moment in her life was a surprise celebration of her 100th birthday!

Her advice to young people today is, "Work hard, stay in school, select a dream and work towards its success. You can do it if you try!" Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring Winonah Greene for reaching her 100th birthday. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as her.

MOU RNING THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 15, a resolution to honor the late President Gerald Ford who passed away on December 26, 2006. A man of great honor and integrity who led this country through one of the most difficult times in our history, he will be remembered as a fair, respected leader who was able to rise above partisanship to serve the citizens of this nation.

President Ford, born in Omaha, Nebraska and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, embodied the spirit of the Midwest. He was hard-working, modest, unassuming, and throughout his life held an unabashed pride in the University of Michigan where he starred on the football team. During World War II, President Ford earned the title of lieutenant commander and several honors while serving this country in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Ford began his political career when he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as the Representative from Grand Rapids, Michigan. He held that seat from 1949 until 1973, and of the 25 years he served in the House, he was minority leader for 8.

In 1973, when Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned, President Richard Nixon nominated then Congressman Ford to assume the vice presidency. President Ford's nomination was quickly approved by both the House and the Senate. However, his time as Vice President was brief and the attention of the country was focused on the looming Watergate scandal. On August 9, 1974, President Nixon stepped down and President Ford assumed the position of Commander-in-Chief.

As our nation's president, Ford was faced with the critical task of regaining the trust of a country that had lost confidence in its top leadership. In order to begin to restore transparency and integrity to the office of the President, he traveled around the country listening and talking to the people of this country. President Ford felt the way in which he could help the country to begin to move beyond the wounds of Watergate was to grant a full and unconditional pardon to President Nixon. President Gerald Ford put the needs of our nation before his own vulnerability to political fallout, and that is the mark of a great leader.

On behalf of the families of Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District, we extend our prayers and sincerest condolences to Mrs. Betty Ford, her children and all of the family and friends of President Ford. President Gerald Ford was a loving husband and father and a devoted public servant. He will be remembered and honored in the highest regard.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the life of President Gerald Ford.

**HONORING THE CITY OF AKRON
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
DAY OF SERVICE**

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of Akron and the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture which will be held at the Akron-Summit County Main Library. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Akron-Summit County Public Library and the Eta Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc.

Ozell Sutton will deliver the annual lecture. Civil rights and human rights are Sutton's passions. He served as an escort for the Little Rock Nine when they entered Central High School in Arizona in 1957. He marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington in 1963 and in Selma, Alabama, in 1965. He was in Memphis when King was killed in 1968. Mr. Sutton has been cited four times by Ebony magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential African-American Leaders."

All Americans know of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s stature as a national hero and we all look up to Dr. King's ideals of freedom, justice and opportunity. From his celebrated "Letter from Birmingham Jail" to his organization of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Dr. King demonstrated that eloquent words followed with significant action could affect social change without resorting to violence. His "I Have a Dream" speech movingly spelled out his dream of racial equality and propelled the issue to the forefront of national consciousness.

The City of Akron, which has a very rich history, is the seat of Summit County in the State of Ohio. The city is located between Cleveland to the north and Canton to the south. It was founded in 1825 near the Ohio & Erie Canal and became a manufacturing center owing to its location at a staircase of locks. The locks were needed due to the higher elevation of the area, which gave rise to the name Summit County as well as Akron, which is a rough translation of "summit" into Greek.

The city is home to the University of Akron, the Akron Aeros "AA" affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, and the Firestone Country Club, at which the PGA Tour's Bridgestone Invitational is annually played. Akron is often referred to as "The Rubber City," being the home of both Goodyear and Firestone. The city is also home to the All-American Soap Box Derby which has been held at Akron's Derby Downs race track since 1935.

In closing, I once again pay tribute to the City of Akron and the 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture.

**TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR
ANDREW YOUNG**

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ambassador Andrew Young, a man who has given his life to the Civil Rights movement and other important social causes. Truly, he is a man who consistently puts the interests of others above himself.

Ambassador Young, who was born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1932 to a dentist father and schoolteacher mother, grew up in the segregated South. After beginning his college education at Dillard University in New Orleans, he transferred to Howard University in Washington, DC.

In 1951 Ambassador Young graduated from Howard with a degree in pre-medicine. Instead of medical school, however, he heeded a call to the ministry and began his studies in theology at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut.

Graduating in 1955, Ambassador Young became the pastor at several small churches in the South, including one in Thomasville, Ga., in my own district. He also served as pastor at a church in Marion, Alabama. As part of his work there, while encouraging young people to vote, he first came in contact with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The relationship would last for the rest of Ambassador Young's life, carrying over into civil rights activities all over the South, including the Albany Movement in 1961–62. At that time, the small town of 56,000 people had gained a reputation as not just resistant to social activists, but impenetrable to change. White leadership in the town refused to have conversations with local leaders seeking to implement the decision of *Boynton v. Virginia*, which mandated the integration of bus and rail terminals.

Albany, as it turned out, was also one of the first places Ambassador Young made a difference. In late 1961, Dr. King, Reverend Ralph Abernathy and some 2,000 other demonstrators had already been jailed for their in-

tegration efforts. Nevertheless, Ambassador Young saw fit to go to Albany to help recruit and train people for citizen education workshops, with the aim of keeping the fire burning in Albany. The environment was dangerous, tenuous, and hostile, but Ambassador Young found a way to inspire and contribute.

Forty-five years later, we not only honor him, but also reflect on how the courage exhibited by him then led to the great accomplishments he is known for today: Georgia's first African American Congressman since Reconstruction, U.N. Ambassador, Mayor of Atlanta, among others. Ambassador Young has led a full and meaningful life, exhibiting a sense of public service and commitment to community the whole time.

Today, we thank and honor Ambassador Young for his contributions and the example he set for others.

**IN SUPPORT OF MEANINGFUL, AF-
FORDABLE AND STRAIGHT-
FORWARD PRESCRIPTION DRUG
COVERAGE**

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of prescription drug coverage for our nation's seniors. While I believe that the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 was flawed in many ways, I am glad that we have recognized the need for prescription drug coverage for Medicare recipients. Too many families have been unable to afford life sustaining medications, and it is encouraging that the Congress has seen fit to begin to address this grave problem.

While there have been many legitimate concerns about the implementation of the MMA, I am encouraged that in this Congress, we will have the opportunity to improve on that original legislation. It is extremely important that seniors receive affordable prescription coverage. In addition to problems of affordability, we have heard many seniors report that the enrollment process is needlessly difficult to navigate. Along with the problems negotiating the paperwork, many seniors are faced with penalties for failing to meet specified deadlines. We must work to ensure that this process is as "user friendly" as possible, and that all eligible seniors are receiving the coverage they need.

Madam Speaker, I call for the enrollment process to be streamlined so that it is easier for beneficiaries to enroll without the confusion seniors experienced in 2006. The Bush Administration should do a better job informing seniors in clear terms about which plans are available to which enrollees.

I urge my colleagues to eliminate the current penalty for not signing up for a Part D plan the first time a person is eligible. Due to the confusion during the 2006 sign up process, some seniors were not able to enroll in a Part D plan and now will face this penalty.

Pharmaceutical companies such as GlaxoSmithKline dedicate extensive resources to discovering lifesaving cures for devastating illnesses. I look forward to work with them, patient advocacy organizations, healthcare professionals and my fellow Members of Congress to ensure that every senior has access