

how to work to ameliorate and eradicate torture itself. The RMSC stands firmly as a voice for the voiceless in Colorado and as a beacon of hope for those whose hope has been stolen by torture. Domestic centers like RMSC receive funding from the Office of Refugee Settlement in the Health and Human Services Department and other private sources to assist survivors of torture and war trauma and their families. But levels of funding for the domestic and international parts of this program don't begin to match authorization levels. Domestic torture treatment programs were funded at almost \$10 million in FY 2007 (and have been funded at this same level since 2000), fully \$15 million short of authorized levels. International torture treatment centers were funded at \$8.5 million in FY07, \$4.5 million short of authorized levels. And the U.S. contribution to the U.N. Fund for Victims of Torture was funded at \$6.5 million in FY07, \$1.5 million short of authorized levels.

The Torture Victims Relief Act is vitally necessary for the work of rehabilitation in this country, but the domestic portion of the bill is woefully underfunded to accomplish this task. There are well over 500,000 survivors of torture in America today, many of whom do not get the services they need because of the shortage of funds. The U.N. Fund and international portions of the bill should also be generously funded to ensure America's leadership in the fight against torture throughout the world through partnerships and building capacity at centers devoted to healing of torture victims.

When Congress adopted the Torture Victims Relief Act last year, we made a commitment to ensure our population of victims of torture wouldn't be left behind. Now is the time to fulfill that promise and demonstrate that survivors of torture won't be forgotten on our watch.

So I am pleased that this bill passed overwhelmingly in the House, and I urge my colleagues to demonstrate the same enthusiasm when considering appropriation levels for TVRA programs in the next fiscal year.

TRIBUTE TO BLY STORY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Bly Story, an outstanding citizen from Cave City, AR. His recent death was a great loss to the community and the State of Arkansas.

Bly Story was born on October 18th, 1918, at Cave City, Arkansas. Story was a WWII U.S. Air Force veteran and a farmer. Story strongly believed in giving back to the community, which is why he coached the Tuckerman High School baseball team for 8 years, where he led them to multiple district championship titles and served as the All-State basketball coach for 2 years.

Story also served on the Riceland Food board of directors from 1957 to 2005 and the Arkansas Electric Co-op board of directors from 1999 to 2002.

Bly Story's service to his community and his Nation go far beyond the details enumerated here. He was a great American, a wonderful

friend and a counselor to me. He will be missed by all who loved him.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. JOHN HORACE MOSTELLER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and indeed the entire state of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Dr. John Horace Mosteller was a devoted family man, nationally recognized dentist, and dedicated community leader.

As an officer in the United States Navy, dentist, author, special lecturer at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry and Loyola University of New Orleans School of Dentistry, clinical professor at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, and essayist, Dr. Mosteller dedicated his 84 years to helping others.

Dr. Mosteller served as editor of the Journal of the Alabama Dental Association for 42 years and was inducted into the inaugural class of the Alabama Health Care Hall of Fame in 1998. Over the course of his distinguished career, he published more than 250 papers in the dental literature and was author or coauthor of nine books.

It goes without saying that Dr. Mosteller was well known throughout the dental community. He served as an essayist at more than 800 dental meetings in 46 states and a dozen foreign countries, lectured at 43 American universities, and was a national consultant for restorative dentistry to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army for 14 years, a position equivalent to the rank of brigadier general.

Dr. Mosteller had the distinction of serving as the first vice president of the American Dental Association and was a member of the board of trustees of the Alabama Dental Association for 30 years. He was presented with Loyola University's 50th anniversary Award of Merit and was named Dentist of the Year by the Alabama Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

But his contributions did not end in the professional arena—Dr. Mosteller devoted much of his time to the Mobile community. He was a member of the Mobile Kiwanis Club and chairman of the dental division of the United Fund. When his busy schedule did allow for free time, you could likely find Dr. Mosteller at the Mobile Country Club, where he was a member for 50 years and served as both board member and president.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. Dr. John Horace Mosteller will be deeply missed by his family—his children, Matt Mosteller, Charles Mosteller, Cynthia Mosteller, Nancy Mosteller Hoffman, Mary Lou Mosteller, Pauline Mosteller Danner, and Barbara Mosteller Price and his 15 grandchildren—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access, and for other purposes:

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Chairman, I rise in fervent support of H.R. 1429, the Improving Head Start Act. This bill represents one of the most important pieces of legislation that Congress will deliberate because it affects a countless number of our young children and helps prepare them for a lifetime of learning and success.

Specifically, I applaud and support Congresswoman JOHNSON's amendment which addresses the need of engaging low-income and minority students, who overwhelmingly attend HCBUs, and provides them with additional opportunities to train in early childhood education at the undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate levels.

These same college students would then be required to teach in Head Start programs educating students who share similar backgrounds and family situations.

Mr. Chairman, the Johnson amendment is a win-win for our college students, our beginning students, and for the health and future of this country.

Research verifies what we already understand, that the earlier our children are engaged in the learning process the higher their chances of success later in school and in life.

Head Start promotes school readiness by providing our youngest students with early reading and math skills, enhancing their social and cognitive development, and providing them with health, nutritional, and other services.

By addressing the educational needs of our youngest children early on, we will increase our chances of closing existing achievement gaps. I urge all of my colleagues to support the Johnson Amendment, and the Improving Head Start Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAUPACK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. CARNEY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Paupack United Methodist Church. The Paupack United Methodist Church in Paupack, Pennsylvania is a long-standing institution and contributor to our community.

Originally founded in 1807 as the Paupack Methodist Episcopal Church, they will celebrate their 200th anniversary in July. The church was founded after the first American Methodist Bishop, Francis Asbury, sent a

horse-riding preacher, Gideon Draper, on the Wyoming-Minisink Trail.

Reverend Draper's readings from the Methodist Discipline of that time inspired the people of Paupack to accept those disciplines as organizing principles and to form a church. Originally, the church met in members' homes and in local schoolhouses. In 1906, the newly formed Ladies' Aid Society began construction on a church.

For 200 years, this congregation has persevered in preserving their faith and their Church. They credit the dedicated service of the laity and the faithful preaching of the clergy for this tremendous accomplishment.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Paupack United Methodist Church for their 200 years of distinguished service to Paupack, Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

CHERYL MCKISSACK FELDER—ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ACHIEVEMENT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to acknowledge the business achievement of Cheryl McKissack Felder and to enter into the RECORD an article from the *Carib News*.

I am so proud to acknowledge the achievements of Cheryl McKissack Felder, descendant of Moses McKissack, a slave who became a master builder and one of America's first contractors. Ms. McKissack is a part of a family that has a long history of entrepreneurship and accomplished architects. She obtained a BS degree in civil engineering from Peabody Demonstration School and a M.S. degree from Howard University. Her career began at the Department of Defense where she was involved with quality assurance and control for government research projects. Later, she worked for firms in New York City as a civil engineer and estimator. A major project that she worked on involved the restoration of the Schomburg Theatre. Following in the footsteps of her ancestors, she opened the architecture and design firm McKissack and McKissack in 1999.

Her firm has worked on several significant projects including the Lincoln Financial Field football stadium and the US Airways International Terminal both in Philadelphia. Most recently the firm was selected to oversee the reconstruction of the Vanderbilt Rail Yards as a part of the Atlantic Yards Project in Brooklyn New York. Being selected for this project is remarkable and I congratulate Cheryl McKissack and her firm.

I'm extremely happy to know that minority owned firms are being selected for projects that will enhance the economic and residential life for New York City residents. The Atlantic Yards Project will provide much needed jobs, housing, and commercial real estate. For that I'm grateful and wish Cheryl McKissack and her firm well on this and other future projects.

CHERYL MCKISSACK FELDER, CEO OF THE MCKISSACK GROUP INC. TAKES ON FIRST PHASE OF ATLANTIC YARDS PROJECT

Construction crews recently kicked off the prep work needed for the first phase of The

Atlantic Yards project in Brooklyn, a residential and commercial development that will include an arena for the Nets basketball team. Under the Atlantic Yards Community Benefits Agreement, negotiated with Forest City Ratner Companies (FCRC), qualified minority- and women-owned contractors were among the firms given due consideration for execution of the project.

Cheryl McKissack Felder, CEO of The McKissack Group, confirmed to *Carib News* that her firm has been selected to oversee the reconstruction of the Vanderbilt Rail Yards. A firm with a proven track record of having successfully executed similar projects, CEO Cheryl McKissack comes from a family of architects that started with an enslaved Ashanti ancestor in 1790.

As a slave, Moses McKissack first became a master builder under the tutelage of his owner, William McKissack, one of America's first contractors. Grandfather Moses McKissack founded the family business in 1905. Felder's father, William DeBerry McKissack, took it over in 1968 and Felder's mother, Leatrice Buchanan McKissack managed the business after her husband died.

Felder attended Peabody Demonstration School, earning a B.S. degree in civil engineering in 1981 and M.S. degree in 1983 from Howard University. At the United States Department of Defense, Felder provided quality assurance and quality control for government research projects, including MX missile silos, the United States Embassy anti-terrorist program and a large space structures project for NASA.

From 1985 to 1989, she worked as a civil engineer for Weidinger Associates and, in 1989, she served as an estimator for Turner Construction, both New York City firms. Felder also served as the estimation manager for the \$2.5 million restoration/addition of the historic Schomburg Theatre. In 1991, she formed The McKissack Group (TMG), a full service construction management firm now with offices in New York City and Philadelphia. In 1999, Felder launched McKissack and McKissack Associates, an architecture and design company.

As The McKissack Group's chief executive officer, Felder managed construction of the US Airways maintenance hangar in Philadelphia. She also served as project executive for the Medgar Evers Academic Building and Student Support Services buildings in Brooklyn, New York. Felder was the principal in charge of Philadelphia's \$395 million Lincoln Financial Field football stadium, the \$450 million US Airways International Terminal in Philadelphia and the \$1.5 billion renovation and reconstruction of the School District of Philadelphia.

As Felder intimated, the prep work will involve the reconstruction of the Vanderbilt Rail Yards and is expected to extend for some two years into 2008, alongside the works for construction of the arena. In her view, this represents a great economic boost for Brooklyn in terms of the creation of jobs. In spite of protest from some community groups, the inclusion of an affordable housing component as part of the plan will also ensure that not all of the residents will be permanently uprooted.

"The Atlantic Yards" CBA is an important milestone for New York's construction industry," she said. "By including diverse firms—and diverse individuals—from the start, I think this project is living up not only to the extraordinary standards of Forest City Ratner, one of the most committed and progressive companies out there today, but living up as well to the values of Brooklyn, where inclusion is a way of life and diversity is a badge of honor."

In response to queries regarding challenges faced in the industry, Ms. McKissack re-

marked that she is fully cognizant of the myriad challenges faced by minorities with regard to venture funding and career advancement. However, on the strength of a stellar family reputation in the construction field, her firm has acquired an excellent track record and will continue to maintain the tradition and performance standards commensurate with that of the oldest minority-owned professional design and construction firm.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DONALD J. KLEMAN ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. GILLMOR. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Donald J. Kleman of Fort Jennings, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Donald's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this summer with the incoming midshipmen class of 2011. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer.

Donald brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class at the Naval Academy. While attending Fort Jennings High School in Fort Jennings, Ohio, Donald attained a grade point average which placed him at the top of his class. While a gifted athlete, Donald has maintained the highest standards of excellence in his academics, choosing to enroll and excel in Advanced Placement classes throughout high school. Donald has been a member of the National Honor Society, Honor Roll and has earned awards and accolades as a scholar and an athlete.

Outside the classroom, Donald has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete by participating in both cross country and track. Donald has proudly earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and has remained involved in his community by actively participating in 4H Club as both a Junior Leader and Junior Fair Board Member. Donald's dedication and service to the community and his peers has proven his ability to excel among the leaders at the Naval Academy. I have no doubt that Donald will take the lessons of his student leadership with him to Annapolis.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Donald J. Kleman on his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Donald will do very well during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the nation.