

Mr. Iglesias came to the United States from Cuba in order to join his family, who had previously left Cuba years before to escape political prosecution.

After his arrival to the United States, Mr. Iglesias graduated from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California, where he earned a dual degree in electrical engineering and business administration in 1989. At age of 24, Mr. Iglesias established his first business. Today, Mr. Iglesias operates and owns a chain of supermarkets with yearly revenues exceeding \$150 million. He is also a real estate investor with properties in Nevada, Florida, and California.

In addition to his business endeavors, Mr. Iglesias has also been known for his support and leadership role in the opening of the Salvadoran Consulate in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House of Los Angeles since 1999. He is currently a member of the America United Bank Board, and he has also contributed and supported the Buena Nueva Foundation and other non-profit organizations, including the Las Vegas Rescue Mission and Safe Nest. Iglesias is an active member of the Latin Chamber of Commerce, the United Grocers Committee, the Mexican-American Grocers Association and the American Grocers Association.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Aner Iglesias. His years of service to the State of Nevada are admirable and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL SHRINE ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, as we approach the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, I am pleased today to stand in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine located in Redlands, California. While leading a divided nation, President Lincoln remained committed to the principles of liberty, integrity, and personal responsibility. It is these ideals that represent the core of what Robert and Alma Watchorn envisioned when they created the Lincoln Shrine in 1932.

It is a great honor that the Watchorns chose to dedicate and present the Shrine to Redlands, my hometown and a prominent city in my district. Through the contributions of my constituents, the Shrine has become a nationally-known education center for our 16th and perhaps greatest president. As the only Lincoln-dedicated museum and library west of Springfield, Illinois, the Shrine attracts thousands of professional and amateur historians with a wide variety of exhibits, events, and projects featuring Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War period.

The Watchorns would be pleased to know that the prominence of the shrine has not detracted from the educational opportunities provided to visitors. As a primary resource for educators in the area, the museum's collection of more than 4,000 manuscripts and 300 original newspapers is offered free of charge and

serves as a valuable resource for those seeking a direct glimpse of Lincoln's time. Students are encouraged to attend docent-led school tours and can easily access a wealth of information to use for school projects or personal enjoyment.

Highlighting our community's pride in hosting this important site, a fundraising drive in the 1990s resulted in donations of more than \$1 million, which helped provide a 2,000-foot expansion of the Shrine. Two new wings were carefully designed to complement the original octagon shape, paving the way for further Lincoln artifacts. This expansion could not have occurred without the dedication of those residing in my district.

A moving tribute to the Shrine's 75th anniversary is planned for November of 2007, when the Lincoln Shrine releases a book describing and detailing the various artifacts in their collection. An extensive set of photos and letters will be included in the book, with explanatory comments to guide the reader. This book will serve to foster interest in those who have not yet visited the Shrine, and will further elaborate upon the knowledge of individuals already familiar with the Lincoln Shrine's all-embracing collection.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent a community of citizens dedicated to progressing the growth of a research center and museum such as the Shrine. I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the immense value of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine and in wishing them many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO THE ATLANTA VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many professionals in the medical field who render excellent service to our citizens.

The Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center has met and exceeded national standards with its staff of skilled laboratory professionals.

The laboratory staff of the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center has demonstrated a spirit of giving, service and leadership.

Our beloved Fourth District, families and community have benefited from the fine work of the laboratory staff of the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The laboratory staff of the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center has worked tirelessly to give their best to preserve integrity and provide quality service.

I was pleased to set aside April 22nd—28th, 2007 to honor and recognize the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center for its outstanding service to our District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 3, I was unable to vote on Roll # 300 because the Capitol Hill police would not let my vehicle enter the grounds due to a security "event" regarding the escort of a foreign dignitary. Had I been available to enter I would have voted "No."

IN TRIBUTE TO DONALD W. HAYNES HONORING THE THIRTY-TWO YEAR SERVICE ON THE HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Donald W. Haynes, of Houston, Texas, on his retirement from the Houston Fire Department after 32 years of dedicated service.

Donald Haynes' roots were planted in the deep, strong foundation of family. Donald was born in Beaumont, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Elwin and Evelyn Haynes. He is the oldest of their four children. Because Donald's father was in the U.S. Navy, the Haynes family relocated to different military assignments approximately every 3 years. As such, Donald has been privileged to travel to many places across the country and the world. He has lived in Providence, Rhode Island; Morocco, North Africa; Norfolk, Virginia; Alameda, California; Middletown, Rhode Island; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Madam Speaker, though he traveled and relocated to many domestic and foreign places in his young life, Donald worked diligently to finish his educational studies. Donald graduated from Antilles High School in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1970, the same year his father retired from the U.S. Navy. When his family returned to Beaumont, Texas Donald attended Lamar University his freshman year. In the summer of 1971 the Haynes family moved to Houston, Texas. Donald transferred to the University of Houston and graduated from there in December 1974 with a B.S. in Psychology. Mr. Haynes received an M.S. Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Sam Houston State University in 1988 and an A.S. Degree in Fire Technology in 1992 from Houston Community College. He is also a graduate of the 166th Session of the FBI National Academy held in Quantico, Virginia from June 1991 to September 1991.

Donald's graduation from the University of Houston was merely the beginning step of a long glorious journey of public service. Donald worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for about six months prior to his acceptance into the Houston Fire Academy in June 1975. He graduated in October 1975 and was elected President of the 1975- B Class. His first assignment was Hobby Airport, Station 36 on the A Shift. He later transferred to Station 35 after his probationary period was completed.

In 1977, as one of two firefighters with a college degree at his fire station, Donald was selected to attend Polygraph School. Donald graduated from Polygraph School, completed his internship and became a Texas Licensed Polygraph Examiner in May 1978. He has conducted polygraph examinations for the Houston Arson Bureau, HFD Internal Affairs, HFD Recruiting Division; Homicide Division of the Houston Police Department; Airport Police, Park Police, City Marshall's Office and other law enforcement agencies.

Though Donald had accumulated numerous achievements, he did not rest on his laurels but continued to excel at every level and distinguished himself through a number of praiseworthy promotions. Donald's promotions through the Civil Service ranks of the Houston Fire Department include: Chauffeur in May 1980; Inspector in September 1982; Investigator in 1985; Senior Investigator in November 1995 and Asst. (Chief) Arson Investigator September 2001. Donald was also appointed to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief from 1992 to 1993.

Donald also holds a number of State Certifications. He has been a licensed polygraph examiner for 29 years. In, addition, he is a Master Firefighter; Master Fire and Arson Investigator; Master Peace Officer, TCLEOSE Instructor; Intermediate Fire Instructor; and Field Examiner.

Madam Speaker, Donald has admirably served over 22 years in the Houston Arson Bureau as a State of Texas commissioned Peace officer. He also has contributed to community outreach service. He has been a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc for over 35 years. He is also a Life Member of the NAACP, and has served on the Board of Directors of Shape Community Center for over 10 years (1992–2003).

Chief Donald W. Haynes has proudly served the Houston Fire Department and the Citizens of Houston, Texas from June 1975 until February 2007, a period for 31 years and 8 months. Though Donald extinguished many fires in his career, it was an inner blazing and burning flame that sparked his desire to perform at the highest level.

In closing, Madam Speaker, let me say that I, on behalf of all Houstonians, am grateful for the outstanding dedication and public service Donald has given to the Houston Community for nearly 32 years. We can never repay you for the priceless service you have bestowed on our community. We congratulate you and hope that your well-earned retirement brings joy to your life.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HERNANDO AMAYA MORENO

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Hernando Amaya Moreno who has been named the Small Business Journalist of the Year for the State of Nevada by the Small Business Administration.

His commitment to proving news and information to his fellow Nevadans has resulted in the SBA presenting him with this distinguished honor. Hernando is the Associate Editor for El

Tiempo Libre, a Spanish language newspaper which is owned by the Las Vegas Review Journal. His role at El Tiempo allows Hernando to provide Hispanics in the Las Vegas area with both the local and national news. El Tiempo provides residents with another reliable news option in Southern Nevada.

Hernando came to the United States in the 1990s from Columbia. During his time in Colombia, Hernando worked as a broadcast journalist for the Colombian National Army. In this capacity, Hernando worked to dismiss propaganda disseminated by Colombian guerrilla groups, however, he was forced to leave the country when his family's life was threatened by these groups. After his arrival in the United States, Hernando's dedication and perseverance ensured his success with both the journalism and business communities in Nevada.

As a result of his own experiences and achievements with the business community, Hernando has been able to share his knowledge and expertise with individuals in the Hispanic community that are aspiring to becoming small business owners. He believes in supporting these individuals with the information and knowledge that will allow them to be successful small business owners. In conjunction with the Latin Chamber of Commerce, Hernando holds communication workshops for those who wish to establish and begin their own small business endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Hernando Amaya Moreno. His dedication to the community is commendable and I wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DR. YVONNE SANDERS-BUTLER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service.

Dr. Yvonne Sanders-Butler has given of herself as a principal of Browns Mill Elementary School, an author, a nutritional advocate and a children's advocate.

Dr. Yvonne Sanders-Butler has pioneered and sustained Georgia's First sugar free school which serves as a model to the country as a tool in promoting the physical and mental welfare of our children.

This phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our Nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches, and words of wisdom.

Dr. Sanders-Butler is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared with the world her vision and passion to help ensure that our future—our children—will be healthy and prosperous.

I was pleased to set aside April 21, 2007 to honor and recognize Dr. Yvonne Sanders-Butler for her leadership and services to our District.

IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

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. REYES. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1492, the Improving Head Start Act of 2007, a bill introduced by my colleague Mr. DALE KILDEE that provides a long-overdue re-authorization of Head Start and includes a package of improvements that will make a good program better.

My own experience as a child demonstrates the importance of school preparedness programs like Head Start. When I started school at six years old, I only spoke Spanish. The teacher only spoke English, so the other Spanish-speaking children and I were bumped down to a new "pre-kinder" class so, as the thinking went, we would not hold the others back. Throughout my years in school, my peers assumed that I had failed a grade because I was older than everyone else. But I was not less academically capable than my fellow students. I had just not been given adequate preparation.

Head Start offers a bilingual curriculum that helps develop children linguistically, socially, and emotionally for kindergarten. Its holistic approach makes it so much more than just a program to improve reading and writing skills. It also provides nutritious meals, medical and dental visits, and a stable environment to low-income children that will allow them to succeed in school.

Head Start is a proven program. Students who participate in this program are more likely to finish high school and eventually attend college. In El Paso, over 4000 children and their families are served by this program. Roughly seventy-five percent of all students in this program come from households making less than \$15,000 per year, well below the national poverty level.

Mr. Chairman, I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting this important legislation that will help disadvantaged children across the Nation by providing them with the tools they will need to succeed not only in their education, but in all aspects of their lives.

IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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 expand access, and for other purposes:

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 1429, a bill to reauthorize and improve Head Start.