

Head Start has been a vital program to our children since the day it was created in 1965 as part of the Great Society. President Lyndon Johnson created the program with the goal of combining education, health, and nutrition programs for low-income children. In its history, over 22 million children have been served by Head Start, including over 900,000 in this year alone.

Head Start provides an excellent foundation for the children who enroll in the program. About 95 percent of the students in Head Start are under five years old, and they are all at or below the poverty line. Without Head Start, a great number of these children would be in substandard preschools, if they were even lucky enough to be enrolled in anything. Head Start gives these kids the years of education they need in order to succeed in future years of schooling.

H.R. 1429 would reauthorize the Head Start program, while at the same time offering improvements that have been necessary but neglected for a number of years.

First, it will improve teacher and classroom quality. H.R. 1429 does this by first increasing teacher salaries in order to attract more and better teachers. Other provisions would require Head Start to use research-based methods to improve literacy and vocabulary. The bill would also provide improved training and technical assistance so teachers will be more educated in science and technology.

The only problem I have today is the Republican discriminatory Motion to Recommit. The Republican leadership wants to institute federally funded discrimination into our Head Start program. They have tried this again and again, and although I support Head Start as much as anybody in this Chamber, I would vehemently oppose this reauthorization if the Motion to Recommit passes. I urge all of my colleagues to oppose the discriminatory Motion to Recommit when it comes to the floor.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly support reauthorizing the Head Start program with the Democratic improvements.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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, many schools strive to excel.

Under the leadership and guidance of the Rockdale Board of Education, and the Superintendent Dr. Samuel King,—the principals, teachers, staff and students in Georgia's Rockdale County school system have met and exceeded national standards.

The Rockdale County Board of Education members have demonstrated the will to win, the courage to win, the mechanics of teamwork and the astounding spirit of triumph from building a system that serves all in the county.

Our beloved children and community will benefit from the seeds that the Board of Education and Administration have planted to insure that Rockdale will always be prosperous and productive.

This unique board has given of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to providing the

best that they have to preserve integrity, scholarship, leadership, and service for all of Rockdale County.

I was pleased to set aside April 21, 2007 to honor and recognize the Rockdale County Board of Education for their outstanding service to our District.

TRIBUTE TO ZINGERMAN'S DELICATESSEN ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Zingerman's Delicatessen, in Ann Arbor Michigan. This year Zingerman's is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Zingerman's was founded in 1982 in Ann Arbor, Michigan by Paul Saginaw and Ari Weinzweig. It is now known internationally and renowned as one of America's best delicatessens. Along with the University of Michigan, Zingerman's is also one of Ann Arbor's best known and popular tourist attractions.

From its original store in 1982, Zingerman's has grown and now operates 8 separate gourmet food businesses throughout Michigan, employing 545 individuals and serving as an example to other businesses by providing its employees with excellent compensation, benefits and vacation time.

Along with their commitment to an equitable work environment, co-founders Paul and Ari also have a lasting commitment to providing their customers with cuisine of the utmost quality. This quality has been recognized frequently, as Zingerman's has been the recipient of numerous culinary awards, including, most recently, the Food Network's 2007 "Delectable Delivery of the Year" award. The New York Times also covered Zingerman's anniversary with an article in its May 2, 2007 edition.

Zingerman's is an Ann Arbor original and it is commonly acknowledged that there are few, if any, better places in the world at which to get a nosh. With all that it has done in the last 25 years, I ask that you join me in recognizing the anniversary of Zingerman's Delicatessen; the honors and accomplishments of co-founders Paul Saginaw and Ari Weinzweig; and their contributions to the City of Ann Arbor, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOHN SNYDER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Snyder for his recent induction into the National Teacher's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Snyder is the first teacher from Nevada ever to be inducted into the National Teacher Hall of Fame and is one of five educators to be inducted in the Class of 2007. His teaching career began in the early 1980's as an English teacher at Hyde Park Junior High School. At the time, computers were just beginning to

proliferate into academic establishments and Mr. Snyder became impassioned to start a computer club at Hyde Park. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Snyder became a full-time computer programming teacher, a position he has held for nearly 25 years. Mr. Snyder has taught computer courses at Charparral and Cimarron Memorial High School. In 1994, he moved to the Advanced Technologies Academy and for over a decade, Mr. Snyder has been greatly enriching the lives of those students attending A-Tech, a nontraditional high school that allows students the opportunity to focus on technical careers.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor John Snyder. His enthusiasm, commitment and personal attention have greatly enhanced the educational experience of countless students. I congratulate him for this well deserved honor, thank him for his dedication and commitment and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

OBSERVING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABOLITION OF THE BRITISH SLAVE TRADE

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of this resolution that commends the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, which marks the beginning of the end of the deportation of slavery. This tremendous moment in time carries with it historical significance in African American history and culture.

As many of my colleagues know, many of our ancestors were brought here in the grips of iron chains on slave ships. They were subjected to tremendous inhumane treatment. Many died and the ones that did survive were left to try and survive in a new and unforgiving world. Over the course of 4 centuries 11 to 12 million African men, women, and children were brought to the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America against their will. The transatlantic slave trade enabled the kidnapping, purchase, and commercial export of Africans, mostly from West and Central Africa between the 15th and late 19th century.

Despite this ignoble beginning, the people of Africa created a noble culture that encompasses the African spirit of survival through adversity. Nevertheless, with all the horrors and inhumanity, the transatlantic slave trade was critical to the formation of the new world. We can now celebrate the trials, tribulations, accomplishments, and contributions of our ancestors. They certainly created and attained so much in history.

Madam Speaker, I would like to share with you the words of Frederick Douglass, one of the most famous African American abolitionists, slave, editor, orator, author, statesman and reformer. He stated:

Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blow, or

with both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress.

The struggle to end the transatlantic slave trade and slavery was achieved by African resistance and economic factors as well as through humanitarian campaigns. Africans fought tirelessly to overcome the brutal treatment they endured. The years that our ancestors fought for freedom were among the most difficult times that Africans faced.

It is because of the sacrifices that our ancestors made that African Americans are free today, and able to be part of this wonderful body. We must not forget what our ancestors have done for us. We must teach our children and the generations not yet born of the sacrifices that were made in the name of our freedom. We must continue to celebrate the anniversaries such as this so our history may never go forgotten.

The 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade marks a tremendous accomplishment in African American history. It is with great honor that I am able to speak on such a significant part of my history.

TRIBUTE TO TELACU FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO THE ADVANCEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT OF LATINOS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks.

The people of this great Nation share a common spirit and heritage. Whether born on the soil of this land or having chosen to come here in search of a better life—one free of political, social, and economic oppression, we are a Nation of pioneers. We believe in the American dream, and the promise that through our labors we can achieve educational and economic success. No barrier is too imposing, no obstacle to tall that it should stand in the way of pursuing this dream.

Two of my congressional predecessors, Senators Robert F. Kennedy and Jacob Javits, advanced legislation in the 1960s that promoted this dream by laying the foundation for an organization called TELACU. Since its founding in 1968, TELACU has become the largest community and economic development corporation in the United States. TELACU is a pioneer institution committed to service, empowerment, advancement and the creation of self-sufficiency within the Latino community.

Brought to life through a small investment appropriated by Congress, TELACU has grown to become an organization with nearly \$500 million in assets, creating thousands of jobs, affordable homes, loans to small business people, and most importantly, numerous educational opportunities for our Latino youth and veterans.

TELACU established the LINC TELACU Education Foundation, LTEF. For more than 2 decades, the Education Foundation has been working towards removing the formidable barriers that prevent Latino youth from achieving academic success. Latino youth not only struggle against the effects of low-income

households, inadequate support and counseling, but a lack of professional and academic role models, all of which contribute to why only 39 percent of Latino high school graduates in Los Angeles County go on to higher education.

TELACU Education Foundation realized that there is no more vital asset in any community than its human capital, which is why they began their efforts to reverse these trends. For more than 2 decades, the LINC TELACU Education Foundation has contributed to the development of our future Latino leaders through a variety of programs designed to maximize the potential of our youth.

The LINC TELACU Scholarship Program, established in 1983, is one program that helps students realize their dream of a college education by providing scholarships, supplemented by other essential support.

In conceiving the foundation, TELACU discovered that while financial assistance is vital for college students to achieve academic success, other factors are also important. Students who are the first in their families ever to attend college often lack the support system necessary to achieve their dream. Socio-economic factors, family responsibilities, cultural identity and financial stress create very real conflicting challenges to academic life.

The LINC TELACU Scholarship Program provides its youth not only with monetary assistance, but also counseling, leadership training, classes in time management and other subjects that will help them succeed in college.

TELACU has partnered with corporate donors, private individuals, and a vast network of colleges and universities, providing the driving force behind one of the most effective national institutions ever to impact the educational needs of the Latino community.

The LINC TELACU Education Foundation has accepted this challenge head on, combining important financial assistance with highly effective programs that ensure college completion. The foundation supports 600 college students and serves 2,000 elementary, middle and high school students and veterans each year. The success of this extraordinary foundation is best summarized by the numbers: Its scholar retention and college graduation rates are an astounding 100 percent.

Madam Speaker, I join today with community leaders throughout my State to express our Nation's gratitude to TELACU, the LINC TELACU Education Foundation and for scholarship programs like this one, for believing in the dream of higher education for all of America's next generation of leaders.

HONORING THE LOUISIANA HONOR AIR VETERANS

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a very special group from South Louisiana.

On May 11, 2007 a group of 96 veterans and their guardians will fly to Washington with a very special program. Louisiana HonorAir is providing the opportunity for these veterans from my home state of Louisiana to visit

Washington, DC on a chartered flight free of charge. During their visit I will accompany them to visit Arlington National Cemetery and the World War II Memorial. For many, this will be their first and only opportunity to see these sights dedicated to the great service they have provided for our nation.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their unselfish service.

RECOGNIZING DADE CITY, FLORIDA, FOR THEIR MAIN STREET RENOVATION PROGRAM

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding steps taken by Dade City leaders to renovate and improve their Main Street area. These efforts to revitalize Main Street have made Dade City one of the brightest spots on the Gulf Coast of Florida. On May 18, 2007, Dade City is celebrating its 20th anniversary as part of Florida's Main Street program.

Noticing a decline in the beauty and economic vitality of Dade City's downtown in the 1980s, local leaders began to look into joining the Main Street program. Pat Weaver, Otto Weitzenkorn, Helen Brandt and the late Lewis Abraham banded together to find the resources to send representatives to the annual Main Street meeting in Orlando.

The Orlando meeting taught these concerned residents how to implement the "Main Street Four-Point Approach," a comprehensive strategy tailored to meet local needs and opportunities. The approach encompasses work in four distinct areas: design, economic restructuring, promotion, and organization. Ms. Weaver and Ms. Brandt returned from the meeting with a plan to develop a strong base of local business owners and citizens to see this concept through to becoming reality in Dade City. In 1985, they received a technical assistance program by the Department of State, Bureau of Historic Preservation through the Florida Main Street program. In April 1987, downtown Dade City was officially designated a Florida Main Street community.

On May 18, the Downtown Dade City Main Street program is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a party at one of its highly touted area restaurants. In reflecting on its history, the Downtown Dade City Main Street program has distinguished itself as one of the exemplary models of the Florida Main Street program. In addition, it has been successful in downtown restoration projects such as the Historic Courthouse, the establishment of the Community Redevelopment Agency to fund long-range downtown projects, the facade improvement grant, and for the millions of dollars it has helped bring to downtown construction and restoration projects.

Madam Speaker, I applaud all the men and women who have contributed to the success of the Dade City Main Street program over the past twenty years. These individuals exemplify how working tirelessly on downtown renovation and revitalization can reverse the decline of a community. This program continues to remain a vital part of downtown Dade City, and