

THE RETIREMENT OF SAMMIE C. TWITTY, COMMAND SUITE AND DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICES SECRETARY, NAVAL HOSPITAL, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Ms. Sammie C. Twitty on her retirement as the command suite and director of nursing services secretary, Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida in August 2008. Ms. Twitty completed an honorable career of over 40 years dedicated to the Federal Civil Service and served as executive assistant to 11 commanding officers during her tenure.

Ms. Twitty's dedication and influence on the overall mission of the hospital ensured the command was professionally and personally well received throughout the Pensacola area. Her advice on protocol matters, fitness reports, travel, and correspondence was vital to the success of every commanding officer since her arrival in the command suite. She fluidly managed schedules to accommodate complex arrangements and difficult scenarios. Directly responsible for the smooth flow and operation of the front office, she skillfully managed challenging situations with care and thoughtfulness in mind at all times.

Throughout her many years of service she has been the go to person for all administrative functions and greatly enhanced the quality of office operations wherever she worked. She had a direct, positive influence on many young sailors and civil service personnel by distinguishing herself as a loyal, honest, hard-working individual. Her outstanding service has paved the way and set the standard for all who follow. Ms. Twitty's exceptional professional abilities, dedication, attention to detail, initiative, and loyal dedication to duty reflect great credit upon herself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, Vicki and I would like to congratulate Sammie Twitty on her retirement and wish her many more years of success and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, due to personal matters, today I missed rollcall vote No. 585 on approving the Journal, rollcall vote No. 586 on H. Res. 1420 regarding the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, rollcall vote No. 587 on final passage of H.R. 6532 to restore the highway trust fund balance, and rollcall vote No. 588 on the motion to adjourn the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of these four rollcall votes.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SOCIETY OF THE DONAUSCHWABEN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Society of the Donauschwaben on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The group is celebrating 50 outstanding years of preserving German culture on August 9, 2008 with a beautiful gala, featuring traditional German dishes and dancing.

Over the past 50 years, the Society of the Donauschwaben has greatly enhanced Cleveland's diverse community in numerous ways. Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center in Olmsted Township is an epicenter of German culture in Ohio. The center provides extensive classes in German for young children, teens, and adults and displays traditional German costumes, relics, books, and photographs. The group is also the umbrella organization for several clubs that share German traditions with the Greater Cleveland community through cultural events and programs throughout the year.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Society of the Donauschwaben and congratulating them on 50 years of sharing German culture with the Greater Cleveland community. Their contributions exemplify the diversity and culture that our community is so fortunate to possess.

COMMEMORATING TALA DE WYNTER FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tala De Wynter, who has been a pioneer in the Napa County community and is being honored today at the Napa County Hispanic Network 25th Anniversary Gala.

De Wynter was born and educated in Lima, Peru. She has resided in Napa since 1965 with her husband and two children. Since coming to Napa, De Wynter has invested her time in helping others, in creating opportunities and bridging the communication gap in the Latino community. In the 1970s, the Napa Valley was in need of inexpensive healthcare for farm workers and the low-income community. De Wynter, along with other community members established Community Health Clinic Ole. What started off as a small clinic in Rutherford has generated six sites, with six full-time doctors, 10 mid-level providers, and this year it received 1.3 million dollars from Auction Napa Valley.

Continuing the tradition of providing for others, she served as the director of El Centro de Informacion (The Center for Information). The Centro was viewed as a controversial organization for providing services exclusively to the Spanish speaking community. De Wynter and other Latino activists also realized the need to

support young Latinos in their quest for higher education, and in 1984 they founded the Napa County Hispanic Network. The Hispanic Network is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and will award 25 high school and college students with a \$1,000 scholarship.

De Wynter also started the first immigration consulting business in Napa. She was also the coeditor of Noticias Bilingues del Valle, the Spanish section of the Napa Valley Register and served as the editor of the Spanish language newspaper, Tiempo Latino. De Wynter was also the first Latina woman to be elected to public office in Napa County when she was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Napa Valley Unified School District in 1975.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, Tala De Wynter has earned the respect of her colleagues and community. Through visionary leadership and persuasion Tala De Wynter has created pathways for other leaders in the community to follow. For these reasons and for the lasting impact Community Health Clinic Ole and the Napa County Hispanic Network continue to have in Napa County, it is appropriate that we honor Tala De Wynter.

HONORING SIDNEY PAUL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, for more than five decades Sidney Paul has been involved in social work, including 25 years as the Executive Director of the Mental Health Association of Rockland County.

He has devoted his professional life to serving virtually all segments of his community including five years as a clinician at Rockland Jewish Family Service before his retirement in 2007.

He has been recognized for his outstanding leadership by a number of groups including: the National Association of Social Workers, who named him Social Worker of the Year; the New York State Office of Mental Health, who gave him its Lifetime Achievement Award; the Mental Health Association of Rockland, which awarded him the Joseph R. Bernstein Award; and NAMI-FAMILYA, which gave him the Florence Gould Gross Award.

In 2002 the Mental Health Association of Rockland dedicated the Sidney Paul Center. Sid, as all know him, has been married to Cyrille for 53 years. They have three children Andrew, Amy and David and six grandchildren.

I join with the Rockland Jewish Family Service in honoring Sidney Paul with their Lifetime Achievement Award for the more than half a century of good works he has done for his community and the people in it.

IN HONOR OF THE UAW LOCAL 1050

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the UAW Local 1050 on the occasion of their 60th anniversary, and in

recognition of the Unions' exemplary work in the Greater Cleveland Area.

Cleveland's UAW Local 1050 became a chartered member of the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America Union (UAW) 60 years ago this month. The UAW is one of North America's largest unions, representing workers from nearly all sectors of the economy. The UAW Local 1050 represents over eight-hundred employees of the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) Cleveland Work's Facility. The facility specializes in manufacturing large aerospace, small aerospace and car and truck wheels. A testament to the workers, the facility is thriving and even during times of economic hardship. The Union members work together to ensure each other's safety and collective success in the workplace. The UAW Local 1050 has numerous committees promoting community including a Veteran's Committee, Women's Committee, Recreational Committee and a Retiree's Committee.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the UAW local 1050 on the occasion of their 60th anniversary, and in recognition of the outstanding work of all of its members.

HONORING MARSHA AND GARY
FORMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, Marsha and Gary Forman have deeply involved themselves, both personally and through organizations, in helping their community and the people in it.

For 15 years Marsha has served on the Rockland Jewish Family Service Board. Further, she is Vice President of Community Development for RJFS, Chair of the Outreach Committee, and Co-Chair of the RJFS/ ARC Collaborative Project.

Gary has committed himself to the RJFS, sharing his talents and abilities for fundraising and in the creation and design of the Life Member Wall. Together they have sponsored the RJFS Sunday Social Respite Program for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and the Caregiver Support Group for families with children on the Autism spectrum.

Away from RJFS Marsha has been a school nurse at the Reuben Gittleman School for fourteen years, while Gary is a partner and Executive Vice President of HenschelSteinau. They are parents of Brian and Corrie.

They both have served on the Board of the Gittleman School with the middle school being renamed The Marsha and Gary Forman Middle School. Both serve with numerous community organizations.

I join with Rockland Jewish Family Service in honoring these two wonderful people in recognition of all the good works they have performed for their community.

TRIBUTE TO EDEN HOUSING

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Eden Housing's 40th Anniversary Celebration. Eden Housing, based in Hayward, California, was founded in 1968 by a dedicated group of volunteers committed to expanding housing opportunities for disadvantaged communities. This group of six community activists was concerned about the lack of non-discriminatory, affordable housing in Alameda County.

These pioneers, working out of makeshift "headquarters," such as local coffee shops, were initiated into affordable housing development by rehabilitating six older homes in Oakland for first time homebuyers. Their next project was a much larger development, the 150-unit Josephine Lum Lodge for seniors in Hayward.

Since those pioneering days, Eden Housing has developed 5,072 units of affordable housing for low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities. Its buildings are located in 21 cities in six Northern California counties.

Although Eden Housing's initial home base for development was Alameda County, Eden's charter calls for the organization to work wherever there is a need for affordable housing in California.

In the mid-1990s, Eden expanded the scope of affordable housing development to include provisions of free onsite support services and programs for its residents. To design and implement its resident support services, Eden founded an affiliate, Eden Housing Resident Services, Inc.

I join the community in honoring all who have contributed to the success of Eden Housing. The community activists who provided the vision and leadership for the creation and early development of Eden Housing are noteworthy.

Eden Housing continues to revitalize California communities through its affordable housing development and property management activities, through the partnerships it establishes and the investments it makes in California neighborhoods and through the free social services and supportive programs they provide to meet the needs of their residents.

Happy 40th anniversary Eden Housing. I send you my best wishes for many more years of successful service.

H.R. 1415

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of my colleague and dear friend, United States Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, who left us far too soon.

STEPHANIE's fearless passion for social justice, unyielding commitment to improving the

lives of her most vulnerable constituents, and limitless love for her family and friends, will forever resound throughout our Cleveland community and across our nation. Her professional achievements were many—her success as a county prosecutor, municipal judge, trial court judge and Congresswoman are well known, but it was her strength of character in the face of personal hardship, her dedication to and ability in helping others and her luminous zest for life that ran through everything she did. It is these attributes, framed by her hearty laugh and generous heart—that will forever be remembered.

STEPHANIE's life touched and inspired countless lives, young and old, and her energy and positivity knew no bounds—reaching from the block clubs of Cleveland, to the halls of Congress, across the country and around the world. Wherever she went, people were drawn to her quick smile, sharp intellect, easy going nature and passion for making the world a better place. The child of devoted, working class parents, STEPHANIE blazed a trail of possibility and hope for women everywhere, especially for African American women, when she made history upon being elected as the first African American woman from Ohio elected to Congress. STEPHANIE was not afraid to stand up against the tide—she was one of the Representatives to vote "no" to authorizing the use of force in Iraq—an action she believed to be a grave affront to the honor of United States veterans and the honorable service of our United States military women and men.

STEPHANIE's sage advice and ability to get to the heart of the matter was coveted by her family and wide circle of friends. Her warmth, friendship and loyalty inspired and strengthened the lives of many, including my own. People from all walks of life—from United States Senators to the cashier around the corner—called STEPHANIE "friend" and "sister."

STEPHANIE's most cherished roles were as wife and mother. Her unwavering devotion to her family was evidenced her entire life. Together, STEPHANIE and her late husband, Mervyn Jones Sr., raised their son, Mervyn, Jr., who was heart, soul and center of STEPHANIE's life.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of my dear friend and confidant, Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES. Our shared experiences—from our Cleveland childhood to standing together in the House of Representatives—was the foundation for a friendship that grew and strengthened over the past thirty years.

Her passing is a profound loss for all of us, and especially for her beloved son, Mervyn, yet her fiery spirit, love for her family and friends, and commitment to serving the most fragile of our society will be forever reflected in those who loved and knew her well—in Cleveland, Washington, and far beyond. The indomitable spirit, love for life and passion for social justice that defined my friend, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, will live on forever, through every friendship she ever forged and within everyone whose life was improved, inspired and lifted because of her, and she will be remembered always.