

Their work and that of the other studios across the country are making all the difference—ensuring that a quality education is an opportunity for all and truly making education a right and not a privilege.

This week, as we recognize the invaluable contributions made to all of our communities by volunteers, I am proud to stand and pay tribute to the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and the hundreds of individuals who volunteer their time to make their mission possible. There are no words of praise that can describe the extraordinary impact of this organization. There is no doubt that their good work will continue to open the doors of opportunity to others for generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRENDA BUSH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Northwest Florida's beloved Brenda Bush.

A native of Andalusia, Alabama, Brenda Bush moved to Crestview, Florida, located in Florida's First Congressional District, in 1986—a place where her footsteps were planted and will never wash away.

Mrs. Bush was an active member in the business, civic, and church communities. In 1993, Brenda Bush was elected to the Crestview City Council, where she continually served her community with passion and commitment to excellence. Mrs. Bush was also a member of the Okaloosa County League of Cities, Northwest Florida League of Cities, Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization, and Economic Development Council. An active member of First Baptist Church of Crestview, Mrs. Bush served on various committees and as a Sunday school teacher. She was a member of the North Okaloosa Unit of the American Cancer Society, Woman's Club of Crestview, and Crestview Area Chamber of Commerce. Her service to the Northwest Florida community was not uncommon to all who knew her and all who were blessed by her presence, as it played a role in her daily life.

To some Brenda Bush will be remembered as a public servant and dear colleague, and to others an educator and volunteer. She will long be remembered by her family and friends as a woman of strong Christian faith, a loving and compassionate mother, grandmother, wife, and companion; and we will all remember her passion and generosity. Mrs. Bush touched a number of lives. We will forever be grateful and forever be inspired by her life.

Mrs. Bush is survived by her husband, Jim, three children, and three grandchildren. To her family and friends, I would like to offer my sincere condolences. Northwest Florida has suffered a great loss.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor the life of Brenda Bush and her living legacy.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROLAND ROEBUCK

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Roland Roebuck, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Roebuck is a Virgin Islander who has served the Government of the District of Columbia, his adopted community, in an exemplary manner, for 25 years. Roland, or Rolando, as those in the Hispanic community affectionately refer to him, has been an advocate for the social, economic and political causes of people of color.

Roland grew up on St. Croix, the protégé of a Puerto Rican mother and a Crucian father, where he was able to bridge the two cultures and gain the best of both worlds.

Later, he served in the U.S. Air Force, giving back to the Nation that he loves, before furthering his education and earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the District of Columbia.

In 1984, Roland joined the District of Columbia Government and worked in various positions over the years. He excelled in ensuring that the rights of Latinos were protected and facilitated the understanding of their cultures and more.

As a guardian of culture, Roland travelled around the world, giving lectures and workshops in understanding the lives of others who were different. As a former board member of the St. Croix Landmark Society, he used the opportunity to dialogue with the people of Denmark, a country that sold the then Danish Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25,000,000 in 1917, to preserve and incorporate their influences on the lives of Virgin Islanders. He assisted in developing an archival program that has allowed my constituents to search their genealogical connections and get a sense of their ancestry.

Roland is a dependable, compassionate person, who truly cares about those with whom he has come in contact. His responsiveness to those who seek his knowledge and wisdom, speak to his dedication. He is always there, giving support to his family, friends and community and he has left a fitting legacy in the Government of the District of Columbia that others will do well to exemplify.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and my family, my entire staff and the communities of the United States Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia, let me express our gratitude to Roland for his many contributions over the years. We know that he will continue to work on behalf of his many causes as he begins his retirement. Roland, thank you for a job well done.

HONORING THE YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th

Anniversary of Youth Educational Services, an innovative community-based organization at Humboldt State University in Humboldt County, California.

Youth Educational Services (YES) trains students for volunteer positions throughout the community, encouraging leadership, communication and interpersonal skills. This well-directed service aids students in becoming successful in all aspects of program direction and management. The skills developed at YES open up a variety of future career opportunities and many students who once served as volunteers have gone on to have a positive impact in Humboldt County and around the world.

Over the past 40 years, YES has created over 70 volunteer programs that address the diverse needs of local residents and provide students with a myriad of service-learning opportunities. Their efforts facilitate active student participation in social change by addressing the needs of the local community.

A wide range of local organizations began as programs at Youth Educational Services, contributing to the overall health of our community. Outstanding examples include, Humboldt Open Door Clinic, which provides high quality, affordable, accessible health care and education to the county; Humboldt State University's Campus Center for Appropriate Technology, an on-campus educational center for sustainable technology and resource conservation; and 4-H Trail, a therapeutic horseback riding program for children with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate that we recognize the Youth Educational Services program at Humboldt State University for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the community over the last 40 years.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH BEND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. The South Bend Symphony Orchestra has been an integral part of cultural growth in the South Bend community since its inception in 1932. Thanks to the efforts of the orchestra's first president and concept manager Ella May Morris, people from around the world have enjoyed the opportunity to hear the South Bend Symphony perform for over seven decades.

I should first pay tribute to the tireless efforts of Maestro Tsung Yeh, the music director and conductor of the symphony orchestra. His nineteen-year tenure at the South Bend Symphony Orchestra helped it become an outstanding orchestra. Maestro Yeh is praised around the world for conducting the South Bend Symphony and at venues in Singapore.

I also recognize the group of talented musicians that comprise the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. These professional musicians moved to our community from the finest music schools and conservatories around the world. We are grateful for their gifts to the community.

Finally, I thank the South Bend community for continually supporting the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. I am proud to be a member of a community that invests in maintaining cultural diversity through continued patronage of the arts.

The South Bend Symphony Orchestra has achieved a memorable milestone. I offer my congratulations to the musicians, Maestro Tsung Yeh, the symphony's board, the many financial donors, and the greater South Bend community for helping the orchestra complete 75 wonderful years.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Madam Speaker, poet and capitol tour guide Albert C. Caswell has penned a number of heartfelt tributes to our military, and recently he wrote a piece dedicated to the "magnificent men and women who've given their lives to keep freedom alive."

ALL THEY ASK

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

A young man or woman goes off to war this day,
Followed with them by so many splendidly
fine heroes on their ways. . .
Courageously fine Men and Women, with 'oh
so such magnificent hearts so very
brave!
But, all they ask. . .
As they do not cry, nor do they complain. . .
Knowing full well, that they may never so
see their loved ones again!
With but just one final kiss, with just one
final hug goodbye . . . wishing some-
how to so remain!
But, all they ask. . .
As there they go, upon their most coura-
geous ways. . .
All heading, straight out into that dark face
of hell . . . as do they!
America's finest, her greatest of all patriots
. . . all of whom, to us the word her-
oism is portrayed!
But all they ask. . .
Splendidly fine heroes, who are but willing
to die. . .
Who go where Angels so fear to tread, and do
not ask why. . .
With 'oh such brave hearts, who so dare to
take up our beloved nation's battle cry!
But, all they ask. . .
Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Ma-
rines,
All with 'oh so such heroic hearts, there as
seen . . . who just like all of us, all
have the same such dreams!
Who all have families so beloved, all within
their hearts of love . . . carried with
them where they so convene.
But, all they ask. . .
As this the burden they so gladly take,
While, so very unselfishly their own lives
they so forsake!
As this their gifts to God and Country, are of
the greatest sacrifices . . . let none
this so mistake!
But, all they asked. . .
For they are not looking for money, nor are
they fame. . .
Nor, do they even so care if you but so re-
member their most magnificent
names. . .

All for love of country, so stands the reason
why . . . all of these most splendid he-
roes here so came!

But, all they ask. . .

For all they want and all they ask!

Is but, for you to stand behind them forever
there steadfast!

And as the battle rages on, all they pray for
is for your support to carry on . . . and
to last!

That's, all they asked!

A young Hero died today. . .

While, it was he or she . . . who here so
showed us all the way!

And now, as they lower this Most Splendid
Hero . . . this Most Magnificent Pa-
triot into their grave. . .

But, did you give them all that they asked
. . . is that but what you gave?

That's all they asked!

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRO- TECTING AMERICANS FROM UN- SAFE FOREIGN PRODUCTS ACT

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Protecting Americans from Unsafe Foreign Products Act.

I have been alarmed by the steady stream of defective, foreign-manufactured products flooding our marketplace. From the millions of toys recalled because of lead paint to heparin, the tainted blood thinner that caused at least 81 deaths and scores of injuries, it has become increasingly clear that our health and welfare have been compromised by foreign-made products.

I am also concerned that foreign manufacturers have gained an unfair advantage over U.S. manufacturers because foreign manufacturers have avoided liability for defective products in our marketplace. Because of the difficulties associated with serving process on and establishing jurisdiction over foreign manufacturers, many Americans harmed by defective foreign-made products never get their day in court. That is why I am introducing the Protecting Americans from Unsafe Foreign Products Act. This legislation would help eliminate the unfair competitive advantage enjoyed by foreign manufacturers and ensure that they can be held accountable for injuries consumers suffer as a result of defective products.

The legislation amends current law to facilitate service of process on foreign manufacturers by permitting service on manufacturers wherever they reside, are found, have an agent, or transact business. Service of process and personal jurisdiction is proper so long as one of the following two criteria is met: (1) the manufacturer knew or reasonably should have known that the product or component would be imported for or use in the U.S.; or (2) the manufacturer had contacts with the U.S. whether or not such contacts occurred in the place where the injury occurred.

Given the increase of imported products that do not meet U.S. standards for health, safety, and quality, and the fact that neither the Consumer Product Safety Commission nor the Food and Drug Administration have effectively prevented the importation of defective prod-

ucts, more consumers have become endangered. This legislation will improve accountability of foreign manufacturers and promote consumer safety, and I urge all my colleagues to join as cosponsors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM, Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, I was not present for three votes. Please let the record show that had I been here, I would have voted: "Yea" on H. Res. 981—Recognizing March 6, 2008, as the first-ever World Glaucoma Day, established to increase awareness of glaucoma, which is the second leading cause of preventable blindness in the United States and worldwide; "yea" on H.R. 5151—Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places; and "yea" on H.R. 831—Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. NADLER, Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA) which is celebrating 100 years of hard work and dedication in providing services to the legal profession and the public of New York City.

The New York County Lawyers' Association was founded one hundred years ago for the purpose of combating systemic exclusion of lawyers from bar membership on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity and sex.

In the past century, the Association has grown to 10,000 members, earning national prestige for its commitment to promoting the public interest. The NYCLA has continuously pursued the administration of justice through reforms in the law, by elevating standards of integrity and professionalism in the legal field, and by providing free legal services for those in need.

Over its long history, the NYCLA has sponsored countless initiatives that have contributed to the improvement of New York's justice system. The Association has played a major role in the reduction of court congestion, the rehabilitation of delinquent children, the implementation of anti-discriminatory provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, and the attainment of higher compensation for attorneys representing the indigent.

NYCLA has also issued many highly influential reports and resolutions to call attention to shortages of our legal system. These include calling for measures to reduce false confessions in criminal trials, ensuring right to counsel for residential tenants in Housing Court who cannot afford representation, and securing just compensation for judges.

The Association further offers a variety of meaningful Pro Bono Projects that provide