

has created a National Training Institute where community leaders can learn how to launch similar programs in their own neighborhoods.

A native of Houston, Texas, Darrell Green had an illustrious career with the Washington Redskins. He was a seven-time All-Pro defensive back, played in three Super Bowls and retired in 2002 after a heralded 20-year career. A top draft choice out of Texas A&I University, Darrell understood the power of an education, going back to school to complete his undergraduate degree which he earned in 1998 from St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Virginia. In 1999, Marymount University recognized Green for his extraordinary humanitarian work and conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters.

Mr. Green has been breaking ground his entire life. At an early age he faced some very challenging circumstances. But, with the support of his high school coach and faith community, Darrell was able to overcome those obstacles, rising to become a celebrated pro athlete. This personal experience is what prompted him to create the foundation, so that at-risk young people can receive the support they also need to succeed.

I am delighted to be presenting the prestigious CARE award to Darrell Green, an outstanding community leader who has worked tirelessly to enhance the lives of young people. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Darrell on this award and for his ongoing commitment to improving the lives of others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, last week I regrettably missed a number of votes to attend to a family emergency. Had I been present for these votes, I would have voted as indicated below.

On Roll #213, the Matheson of Utah Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #214, the Capito of West Virginia Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #215, the Foster of Illinois Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #216, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

On Roll #217, final passage of H.R. 5819, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #218, on Ordering the Previous Question, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #219, on agreeing to H. Res. 1126, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #220, the Poe of Texas Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #221, the McNerney of California Amendment, I would have voted "aye."

On Roll #222, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

On Roll #223, final passage of H.R. 2830, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING NATIONAL MINORITY CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to revise and extend my remarks to recognize National Minority Cancer Awareness Week.

Cancer continues to devastate American families throughout the United States. The Congressional District I represent lies in the Cancer belt of California, with increase in the number of cases diagnosed every day. Minorities in my area continue to be significantly impacted and every day are faced with the question of what to do and how to pay for costly treatments.

National Minority Cancer Awareness Week is recognized on the third week of April to raise awareness of the alarming incidence and effects cancer has amongst the minorities. This awareness contributes to much needed outreach education to those most affected.

High cancer rates among minorities are a widely known fact, and sadly due in large part to the health disparities in access to high quality prevention, early detection and treatment services.

In Congress, I have continued my efforts in combating Breast Cancer by partnering with Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN in reauthorizing the Breast Cancer Research Stamp for another two years. Without research we are all in the dark. Thanks to this stamp, research for breast cancer has increased by over \$50 million.

Increasing awareness is vital at a time when we are facing cuts in Medicaid funding to States, and a shortage of funding to important programs like S-CHIP and WIC. Families need to realize that cancer does strike disproportionately in the minority community.

Sadly, many patients find out about a cancer diagnosis after it is too late. This is especially tragic when we know that only about 5 percent of all cancers are strongly hereditary, most cancers result in damage (mutation) to genes that occur during one's lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society.

African Americans have the highest death rate for all cancers than any other group. In fact, African American men are twice as likely to die from prostate cancer as white men. The American Cancer Society also reports that an estimated 152,000 African Americans will be diagnosed and more than 62,000 African Americans will die from cancer this year.

For Hispanics in the United States, the data is just as alarming. Cancer is the second leading cause of death for Hispanics in the United States. Moreover, cancer rates are higher for Hispanics for the cancers of the stomach, liver, cervix, and gallbladder.

These are alarming statistics that are only a reflection of the devastating effects of cancer in our minority communities. Cancer touches the lives of not just only the patients, but the family as well.

American families are the backbone of our society, it is essential that we help them in any way we can. Increased research and educational outreach is the first step.

We are all facing the detrimental effects of the skyrocketing gas prices and a devastating

number of foreclosures; these families affected with cancer especially need our help. No one should have to choose between paying for medicine and paying for gas to get to a doctor's appointment.

A TRIBUTE TO COMMISSIONER R.E. "GENE" BROWN

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. MCINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pender County Commissioner R.E. Brown of Burgaw, North Carolina, who recently passed away at the age of 85. Affectionately referred to as "Gene" by those who knew him and those he served, Commissioner Brown had been a commissioner in the town of Burgaw for over 20 years and was serving as mayor pro-tempore. As a native of southeastern North Carolina and as a public servant, he offered an unwavering service to everything he did and to everyone who knew him, and he had admirable commitment to his responsibilities as an elected official.

Truly an asset to his community, Commissioner Brown understood the people he represented and cared deeply about making a positive difference in their lives. Over his lifetime, Brown dedicated himself to both government and public service. He was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II, and afterward he served for 42 years as the postmaster in the towns of Burgaw and Wallace. He was active in several community organizations, including the Burgaw Jaycees, the Burgaw Lions, the King Solomon #138 Masonic Lodge, and was an original member of the Pender County Rescue Squad. He was chairman of the Pender Adult Services executive board. A man of faith, he was also a member of Burgaw Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. In honor of his extensive involvement and giving spirit, Brown was awarded the North Carolina Governor's Award for Volunteerism and Community Service in 2004. A father of three and grandfather of five, Brown leaves behind his wife of 57 years.

Commissioner Brown's dedication to the town of Burgaw, both as a citizen and as an elected official, is an inspiration to us all. His record of service is a strong representation of what can be accomplished through devotion to a community and its people. May God bless his family, and may we always remember the leadership and life of Commissioner Gene Brown.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHANE YORK FOR WINNING THE OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Shane York showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Shane York was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Shane York always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Shane York on winning the Ohio Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

TRIBUTE TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. All of us have in our districts special places and special people. The Arkansas Valley is very near to me because of the grit of its people and its genuine effort to sustain its culture and rural economy.

More than half a century ago, this region was optimistic about its future. The Valley knew that if it worked hard, it could prosper. But the people in the Valley also knew that they needed more water in order to do so. It was then that they envisioned a project which would bring them supplemental water for farms and ranches and small businesses and industry like the steel mill.

The people came together to push such a project, which came to be known as the Fryingpan-Arkansas because it moved water from the Fryingpan River watershed to the Arkansas River basin. In fact, the people needed to lobby Washington on behalf of the project, and they sold small golden fryingpans to raise money to send citizen lobbyists to Washington to tell the story of their need and their dream.

The Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District was eventually formed by these local activists, if you will. It was created under Colorado statute and designated by the Pueblo, Colorado district court. Its mission was to develop, in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation, the multi-purpose project we now know.

I want to congratulate the District on its 50 years of dedicated work. Not only does it manage this complex project with its many diversion, conveyance and storage features; it promotes conservation programs, administers a valuable winter water storage program, and manages return flows for augmentation purposes.

The District and its many distinguished board members who have served the District and the Valley over 50 years are to be commended for their important efforts as they celebrate their golden anniversary today.

COMMENDING THE STATE OF KANSAS

HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I would like to commend the state of Kansas for passing the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Kansas (Kansas House Bill 2714).

Military parents, like all parents, want a high-quality education for their children. Due to the nature of their jobs, which often require frequent moves, military families are too often faced with extra challenges. The enactment of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is truly a hallmark for the state of Kansas. It will remove the educational barriers military children often face when parents must move to another state or are deployed.

The bill creates a pact with other states to streamline the school transfer process. It includes many creative solutions such as allowing students to use hand-carried records, rather than waiting on schools to transfer records, and requiring districts that do transfer records to do so within 10 days. It also gives extra excused absences to children with a parent who is deploying or returning and lets students enroll in advanced courses and special education programs previously enrolled in. Further, it provides schools with the choice to enroll students into extracurricular programs midseason and waive prerequisites.

Provisions in the bill will apply to children of active members of the military, including those members severely injured and medically discharged and those retired for a period of up to one year after retirement.

The U.S. Department of Defense Office of Personnel and Readiness, in cooperation with the Council of State Governments and Advisory Group, have embraced the compact and look forward to working with other states as they develop similar programs.

This compact celebrates our nation's defenders and I ask my colleagues in Congress to congratulate the fine state of Kansas and to encourage their states to join the Compact.

A TRIBUTE TO STANLEY F. BATTLE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Stanley F. Battle, who on July 1, 2007, assumed the position of chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Dr. Battle majored in sociology at Springfield College, graduating in 1973. After completing a master's degree in social work from the University of Connecticut in 1975, he earned a master's degree in public health (1979) and a doctorate in social welfare policy (1980) from the University of Pittsburgh. He later completed the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University and the Millennium

Leadership Institute of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Battle began his academic career at the University of Minnesota in 1980, serving as an assistant professor in the School of Social Work with an adjunct appointment in the School of Public Health. Four years later, he moved to Boston University, holding joint appointments in the Schools of Social Work and Public Health. He was named a professor in the University of Connecticut School of Social Work in 1987, where he was promoted to associate dean for research and development in 1991.

In 1993, Battle was recruited to Eastern Connecticut State University as associate vice president for academic affairs. Five years later, he joined the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as the Sullivan-Spaights Distinguished Professor in UWM's School of Social Welfare and Education. In that role, he established scholarships, a summer research institute focused on issues pertaining to adolescent fathers, and a mentoring institute for adolescent African American males. In 2000, he was promoted to vice chancellor of student and multicultural affairs at UMW, a post he held until being named president of Coppin State in 2003.

Throughout his career, Dr. Battle has remained committed to scholarly endeavor, community involvement and collaboration. Battle has numerous awards and honors and is an accomplished teacher, researcher, and speaker. He is also the author or co-author of 11 books and more than 60 articles and book chapters, primarily focusing on social issues involving the African American community.

Battle and his wife, Judith Lynn Rozie-Battle, an attorney, have one daughter, Ashley Lynn, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College who is now pursuing a master's degree from the Columbia School of Journalism.

RECOGNIZING THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, Fifty years ago today, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District was formed by a district court in Pueblo, Colorado. Its charge was to develop and administer the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.

My Congressional District includes the Lower Arkansas Valley, which both the Project and the District serve. Supplemental water is provided for agricultural, municipal and industrial purposes with the hope of sustaining the livelihood of the people of this region.

The Arkansas Valley is not a wealthy region, but its people are rich in their determination and their love for the Valley. After World War II, this area like many others, saw a future of growth and enhancement, but it needed more to obtain those goals.

The Southeastern District and the many wonderful Valley residents who have served on its Board of Directors over the 50 years of its existence have served us well. The Fryingpan-Arkansas Project is an important tool in the area's efforts to survive both economically and culturally. While the Arkansas