

Dr. Mckoy is a Diplomat and Board Certified member of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is also a member of American Psychological Association and a clinical member of American College of Counselors. He is a Lion and a member of the F & A.M., New York, and served as a worshipful Master of Publicity Lodge 1000.

His youngest daughter, Sheria, is 30 years old. She is a graduate of Rutgers University and the Naval Academy. She is now pursuing a medical degree. The oldest, Melissa, is 32 years old. She is a graduate of New Jersey Technical Institute. She is an Army Reservist, with a degree in finance and marketing. She is currently pursuing her dreams.

Dr. Mckoy has always placed a great importance on education. He would like to see his children continue their educational interests. He has lived a life based on hard work, education, and responsibility. It is these principles that he believes can have the greatest impact on anyone's success.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Dr. Jeffrey A. Mckoy.

HONORING JULIA J. NOBLE, RECIPIENT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL CITATION AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a young woman who has risen above very challenging circumstances, has attained an outstanding achievement, and serves as an example for other young people to follow.

I want to recognize Ms. Julia J. Noble, a 19-year-old Chinese-American, who recently graduated from the University of California-Berkeley this past May. Julia remarkably completed her prestigious English honors program in less than 2 years and was presented the Departmental Citation Award, or the Mark Schorer Prize, as the most outstanding English major to graduate from the University in 2010. As an Asian Pacific Islander and an alumnus, I am proud of her accomplishment which is eminently remarkable and considered impossible given her young age. The Departmental Citation Award was conferred by Dr. Samuel Otter, Chair of the English Department at University of California-Berkeley.

As an infant, born in California, Julia moved with her family to many countries in the Pacific, including Taiwan, Australia, and Japan. Through her diverse upbringing, she has always displayed a generous and noble compassion towards others. At age 13, a deep love for her homeland brought Julia back to the United States to pursue her education. Having spent the majority of her life attending Chinese- and Japanese-speaking schools, Julia had to be tutored by family friends for even the most basic reading skills. Thus her aspiration during high school to study English literature at a premier university was always met with derision and doubts. Yet Julia was undeterred, and through her determination and hard work she excelled at her high school and

gained admission to the University of California-Berkeley, where she pursued a rigorous course of study in English Literature.

Julia continues to believe that one can do anything as long as one is determined and motivated by a heartfelt cause; her phenomenal success is a model for every aspiring young person. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Julia for this singular superior academic accomplishment; and I personally hope this tribute may reach other young people and serve as inspiration for their future achievement as well.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSE ANTONIO ZAPATA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jose Antonio Zapata for his dedication to his community and excellence in his field.

A personable and dedicated retail bank professional, Jose Antonio Zapata is the oldest of three sons raised in Bronx, New York by proud parents Honoria Guaba and Antonio Zapata. Jose's parents left their native country of the Dominican Republic and migrated to the United States with the hope of giving their children a better life. His parents instilled in him that dedication, hard work, higher education and motivation will lead to success in life.

Graduating from the prestigious Bronx High School of Science, Jose immersed himself in becoming a noteworthy athlete in Track and Field. He also volunteered throughout the Bronx, through such deeds as helping in the clean up project at Van Cortland Park.

With his mother's relentless support for academic advancement, Jose earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Baruch College in Real Estate and Metropolitan Development. He chose this field in hopes of filling the need of affordable housing in underserved communities. However, he soon realized that having a solid understanding of financial services would enable an individual to go much further than being provided affordable shelter. Ever since then he has focused his efforts on the financial industry.

Mr. Zapata is now a highly accomplished bilingual management professional with expertise in retail banking and an interest in micro-finance. Jose joined Citibank, a leading global financial services company, in 2004 and quickly became an award-winning employee, earning the 2005 CitiStars Top Sales Producer Award. He also became Chair of the Community Outreach and Professional Development Committee for the Citigroup Hispanic Network and Editor of the Citibank Management Association newsletter. His hard work continued to pay off as he was selected to work on high-profile initiatives for the previous chairman and C.E.O. of Citibank North America.

Jose quickly moved on to becoming Branch Manager of Citibank's Liberty Avenue branch where he has had great success. Through his management, Citibank's Liberty Avenue Branch is intensely focused on serving its clients, customers, and community through branch involvement in events such as the Bangladesh Festival, the Mobile Mexican Con-

sulate, Community Board Meetings, and various customer appreciation initiatives.

Prior to joining Citibank, Jose provided marketing support for Gala Resources LLC and Powerhouse Mortgage and Funding and sale support for the Unicasa Realty. When he is not working, he loves playing basketball, and nurturing his younger brothers' affinity for the sport. He is also a boxing aficionado. Jose now hopes to continue his educational endeavors and entering a graduate program of study in the near future.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Jose Antonio Zapata.

CONGRATULATING BERNARD "BERNIE" BEHRENDTS ON HIS 89TH BIRTHDAY

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bernard "Bernie" Behrends, an exceptional philanthropist with a passion for education. He will be celebrating his 89th birthday on July 27, 2010. His passion and dedication for providing charity to others is inspiring and commendable. Bernie's mother was widowed and raised Bernie and his sister Anna with the help of their grandfather. At an early age, they were inspired by a philosophy of charity. They were taught to help others whenever possible and to view their successes as opportunities to help others in the future. These values were the foundation on which Bernie started his volunteer and charity work and why he continues to do so to this day.

Bernie was born in Lincoln, Illinois on July 27, 1921. He completed his primary and secondary education in Lincoln, through the Lincoln public school system. In 1946, after three years of service during World War II, Bernie was honorably discharged from the United States Navy.

Bernie attended Lincoln College from 1946 to 1948 and Bradley University from 1948 to 1950, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering from Bradley University. After completing his post-secondary education with assistance from the GI Bill of Rights, Bernie began his successful career working as a civil engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation. After thirty two years of service, he retired in 1982.

Throughout the years, Bernie Behrends has been an invaluable asset to our community in central Illinois by volunteering countless hours of his time and expertise. Between 1958 and 1963, Bernie served as Vice President of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and during the Vietnam War, he was a member of the Logan County Selective Service Board. Through this position, he was assigned to the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees from 1967 to 1973. This experience was followed by membership on the Logan County Election Board for eight years. Eventually in 1992, Bernie was elected to the coveted Board of Trustees at Lincoln College, a position he has now held for eighteen years.

Through his position on the Board of Trustees, he has worked to provide financial assistance to high school students seeking to attend

college but do not have the means to do so. In 1998, with the help of his sister Anna, Bernie established the Anna and Bernard Behrends Endowed Scholarship Fund. This scholarship has provided more than forty students with the opportunity to go to college since its creation. He has also been a pioneer for education through the founding of Logan County Voiture 985 of the Forty and Eight Nurses in Training Scholarship, which has helped over 150 students pursue careers in nursing through financial assistance.

All of these accomplishments are examples of Bernie's fervor for service and leadership to the Peoria community. Not surprisingly, Bernie is also a lifetime member of many recognizable organizations such as the American Legion, Forty and Eight, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 91, Lincoln Masonic Lodge, Springfield Consistory, Ansar Shrine, Logan County Shrine, and the Legion of Honor.

As of today, there are no signs of Bernie curbing his service to Peoria. He continues to dedicate his time and energy to educational service by working with his sister to provide the necessary resources to the people of our community.

In summary, Madam Speaker, Bernie Behrends is an exceptional example of service and leadership in our community. His charity and commitment to serving those less fortunate than himself has been a hallmark of his life dedicated to being a man for others. Because educational opportunities are the foundation for future success, I believe Bernie's incredible charity to the people of central Illinois is something to be cherished and celebrated. I wish Mr. Behrends a very Happy 89th Birthday, and congratulate him on his continued legacy as a community leader.

A TRIBUTE TO JACQUELINE V.
NARINE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jacqueline V. Narine for her many achievements in the health field.

Jacqueline V. Narine is a born and bred Brooklynite. She is the youngest daughter of the late Theodore and Marion Holmes. Educated in the New York City Public School system, she nurtured a desire to work in a hospital community. Jacqueline began in high school as a hospital volunteer and then moved onto an outstanding professional career within the New York City Health and Hospital Corporation.

In 1977, Jacqueline joined NYC Health and Hospital Corporation with the Finance Department at Cumberland Hospital as a Hospital Care Investigator. Her work style and commitment were soon acknowledged and she was promoted to Systems Analyst in Outpatient Billing. This phenomenal experience led to her position as the Assistant Director for Clinical Operations, with responsibilities in several different capacities at this North Brooklyn Health Network, including the oversight, management and budget for Ambulatory Care Services. However, the most significant aspect for Jac-

queline and the key to great hospital care was always the effective and responsive care given to patients. Her impact was noticed by patients and staff.

Over the 32 years of service to the NYC Health and Hospital Corporation there have been challenges to patient care. Jacqueline and her colleagues have had to adapt to changing healthcare/managed care, decreased resources and the perpetual needs of the patients. The importance of working with the community you are serving to maintain efficiency has always been significant to Jacqueline. She has worked with the Community Advisory Board, the Auxiliary Board and the Reach Out and Read Program of Greater NY. Over the years she planned and coordinated many events. The community based event in 1996 "Bedford-Stuyvesant Resource Family Day" earned Jacqueline recognition from former New York City Public Advocate Mark Green.

Jacqueline is a fourth generation member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Brooklyn. She is active in the Business and Professional Women of Cornerstone Baptist Church. She is the Financial Secretary for the Bedford Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc., member of the Senior Umbrella Network of Brooklyn, Unity Democratic Club and a lifetime member of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Brooklyn Chapter. Retirement will allow her the time to give generously to her family and her community.

Jacqueline has been a devoted wife for 36 years to Peter Narine and is the mother of Seth Ramjit Narine and Danielle Melissa Narine. It is scripture that guides her (Luke 12:48) "To whom much is given much is expected."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Jacqueline V. Narine.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
RETIREMENT JEFF KIMPEL

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I am here to congratulate Dr. James "Jeff" Kimpel, on his retirement after 13 years of federal service as director of NOAA's National Severe Storms Laboratory, NSSL, in Norman, Oklahoma. He has been active in advancing the Geosciences and Meteorology Program in the state of Oklahoma and throughout the nation.

His career spans not only the academic community, but government service as well. After graduating and earning graduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Kimpel joined the meteorological faculty at the University of Oklahoma, where he earned the rank of full professor and held several administrative positions which include dean of the College of Geosciences and provost and senior vice president of the Norman, Oklahoma campus and having the title of senior vice president of the Norman campus. He chaired both the National Science Foundation's Advisory Committee for Atmospheric Sciences and the Board of Trustees of the University Corporation for the Atmospheric Sciences.

Some of the prestigious positions that have been held by Dr. Kimpel include Assistant Pro-

fessor for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Engineering at the University of Oklahoma, Norman campus where he was granted tenure. He later became the Associate Professor for the School of Meteorology followed by having the title of Emeritus Professor of Meteorology at the University of Oklahoma, Norman campus. Before coming to the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Kimpel held positions as research assistant at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and as a lecturer.

The NSSL is responsible for creating Doppler weather radar technology that has opened many doors and eventually led to the creation of the national NEXRAD, NEXt generation weather RADar, network which consisted of more than 160 radar systems. This has greatly reduced the number of fatalities that have been caused by tornadoes. During Dr. Kimpel's time there, NSSL conducted scientific and technological research that upgraded NEXRAD's systems.

Dr. Kimpel worked vigorously to launch the Multifunction Phased Array Radar initiative as a possible replacement in the future for NEXRAD. He has worked with the NWS Storm Prediction Center and the Norman Weather Forecast Office to create a Hazardous Weather Testbed to speed up the transition of new science into operational warning and forecasting decision processes. He has also expanded the NSSL's radar-based flash flood forecasting and water management programs into areas near the coast where inundation from land falling tropical storms, hurricanes and other inclement weather is possible.

Dr. James Kimpel has had a major impact throughout the state of Oklahoma, and I am proud to be from a state where he has contributed so much to protecting the lives of so many Americans through his work at the NSSL. I thank him and all Oklahomans and Americans.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVIS GAYLE, JR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS—

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Davis Gayle, Jr. for his contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Davis Gayle, Jr., the proprietor of Tropical Paradise Restaurant and Tropical Paradise Ballroom, is one of the most outstanding businesspeople in the Brooklyn area. Affectionately referred to as Junior, Gayle has distinguished himself and his establishment. With fierce entrepreneurial will and a genuine love for people, Junior has taken the business of restaurants to new heights and has transformed the Tropical Paradise franchise into a veritable cultural center.

Tropical Paradise Restaurant and Tropical Paradise Ballroom are located in the heart of the Utica Avenue metropolis. The restaurant opened on September 8, 2001 and offers a wide range of West Indian dishes. In addition to being frequented by top artists, Tropical Paradise is now well known in the community as a nurturing ground for new artists. The Tropical Paradise Ballroom opened on November 8, 2008. The large ballroom with its mirror walls and beautiful chandeliers has