

supporting the ideals of National Lab Day, had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA URBAN LEAGUE 20TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of the Northern Virginia Urban League, NOVAUL, and to congratulate the recipients of the 2010 Community Service and Scholarship Awards.

Founded in 1990, the NOVAUL is one of 100 affiliates of the National Urban League. Its mission is to enable African Americans and others to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights. Recognizing the relationship between education and economic empowerment, the NOVAUL established a scholarship fund to help ensure that financial barriers do not hinder our students from achieving success in college.

Over the course of the last two decades, the NOVAUL has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to Northern Virginia students. This year, \$70,000 in funding will be awarded to 13 deserving high school seniors. I congratulate the following students on their academic achievements and being named recipients of the 2010 Community Service and Scholarship Awards: Afriyie Boakye, Eric Brent, Jr., Lauren Coleman, Alexander Edwards, Sara Hamid, Wavenly Hudlin, Tracy King, Thomas Nubong, Grace Omijie, Niles Parham, Brittany Sholes, Sherine Taylor, and Brian Via.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the outstanding efforts of the Northern Virginia Urban League and in congratulating the 2010 scholarship recipients.

HONORING JEAN OKUYE

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 2010*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Jean Okuye upon being named as a 2010 Common Threads honoree. Mrs. Okuye will be honored by California State University, Fresno at the 2010 Common Threads Award luncheon to be held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Mrs. Jean Okuye grew up in Kelseyville, a small town in northern California, where she learned to love the outdoors and the natural world. She attended the University of California Santa Barbara and upon graduating, she traveled in Europe and Iran. As a young woman she married her husband Paul.

In 1980, Mr. and Mrs. Okuye and their two children moved to Livingston, California to take over the family farm. After fifteen years of struggling to pay off the estate tax and other finances, they were able to make vast improvements to the farm and created a successful farming business. When Mr. Okuye passed away Mrs. Okuye took over the farm-

ing operation. Today, their daughter and her family have moved from France to live and work on the family farm. Mrs. Okuye's grandchildren are the fifth generation to be on their family farm.

Mrs. Okuye has held several leadership roles in Merced County, she has been involved with the Board of the Livingston Farmers Association, Valley Land Alliance, Merced County Farm Bureau, Merced County Farmlands and Open Space Trust Council, California Women for Agriculture and an Ag Tourism organization for Merced County. She was also appointed to serve on the Merced County General Plan Update Committee. Mrs. Okuye plays the piano for United Methodist Church and chairs the Trustee Committee for the church. She participates on the boards of Stanislaus Memorial Society, Livingston Medical Group, Merced County Academic Decathlon and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Livingston City. For her efforts, Mrs. Okuye was named the 2007 "Outstanding Individual" in the Trees and Vines category from the Merced County Agri-Business Committee.

Mrs. Okuye has a Bachelors Degree in organizational behavior and holds two teaching credentials, which she received at the age of fifty.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Jean Okuye upon her achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Okuye many years of continued success.

HONORING FRANK PUMILIA

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 2010*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am both honored and privileged to congratulate Frank Pumilia on his installation to another term as President of the Margate Association of Condominiums.

As a young boy growing up in Brooklyn, Frank attended local political events with his father and it was these early memories that inspired Frank to become an active member of numerous community organizations. A retired pretrial negotiator, investigator and paralegal expert, Frank served as Chairman and Chief Examiner of the Margate Civil Service Board from 1994 to 2002, and was a member of the Senior's Foundation of Broward and the Florida Business and Professional Board.

Frank currently serves as the President of the Margate Democratic Club and as a board member of the Broward County Democratic Executive Committee. In addition to his current political involvement, Frank has long dedicated his time to the Margate condominium community. As the current President of the Margate Association of Condominiums, Frank has been tirelessly working to bring relief to the many condominium owners who are facing the threat of foreclosure. Most recently, Frank's community activism was recognized by his induction into Senior Hall of Fame by the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

I am honored to have Frank's many years of friendship, and I wish him congratulations and continued success as he embarks on another term as President of the Margate Association of Condominiums. Frank's dedication to the

Margate community has truly earned him the title, "Mr. Margate."

RECOGNIZING DAVE WAGGONER

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of a constituent, Dave Waggoner, who embodies the "heart of a servant" ideal that we all should strive to follow. Just recently honored as "Man of the Year" in Issaquah, Washington—a city in the 8th District of Washington—for his years of public service and volunteerism, Dave is also a veteran, community leader and member of the Freedom Fighter's Honor Flight project of which I am the honorary chair.

Dave, a veteran of the Vietnam War, works hard to help raise the money necessary to send World War II veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorial constructed in honor of their great service. Dave considers it his personal mission. The amount of respect and reverence Dave has for the veterans who served before him is truly awesome. His leadership on the board is wonderful to see and I thank him for his selfless service.

Apart from his time with the board of Honor Flight, Dave has been a longtime fixture in the 8th District. An article in the local newspaper recently highlighted his years of community work: Docent for the Issaquah Historical Society, Docent for Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, Chairman of the Issaquah Cemetery Board, and post commander and assistant quartermaster of the Issaquah Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3436. Recently, Dave led the local fundraising effort for the families affected by the tragic murders of four police officers in Lakewood, Washington—an event people across our State will never forget. No one had to ask Dave to give his time for the cause; he volunteered. Men like Dave help make our local communities special and welcoming. Men like Dave deserve our heartfelt thanks.

So, Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing a man who has spent a lifetime serving his country and his community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARLEM'S BELOVED TRAILBLAZING PIONEER J. BRUCE LLEWELLYN, ESQ.

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to ask my colleagues to take some time out to remember one of Harlem's and this nation's greatest citizens, James Bruce Llewellyn, Esq., who passed away Friday, April 9, 2010 at the age of 82.

Just like Percy Ellis Sutton, Lt. Colonel Lee A. Archer and Jimmy E. Booker, Sr., Bruce was a giant among men, a trailblazer not just in the fields of business and broadcasting, but in combating the stereotypical image of African Americans as not prepared for or capable

of success. And while he found wealth by knocking down the previously closed doors of corporate America, he never forgot that the biggest impact that any person can have is in the social and philanthropic contributions they make to society.

Bruce never stood alone because he never worked alone, building coalitions across industries from sports to finance to government well into his last days on this great earth. As one of the cofounders of our 100 Black Men organization, of which I am also a founding member, Bruce proved that success for our community was to be measured not just by how high one of us got, but by how many of us were occupying seats and positions of power and prestige.

Like myself, Bruce was a man of humble beginnings, born of Jamaican parents in East Harlem just before the onset of the Great Depression. He worked from an early age doing whatever he could to make a contribution, from selling books and magazines to helping his father in his restaurant business.

His contributions extended to that of serving his country bravely with distinction, discipline and courage. Bruce enlisted in the Army at the young age of 16 years old after his graduating from high school and eventually becoming the youngest officer in his battalion. And while he eventually left the military, he never truly left public service. He went on to serve on the boards of various non-profits and government agencies; advising Presidents from Jimmy Carter to William Jefferson Clinton to Barack Obama.

Bruce was also a fellow life member comrade of our prestigious Harlem Hellfighters' 369th Veterans' Association. For many years, Bruce marched the troops up New York's Fifth Avenue during our Annual 369th Veterans' Association Parade in Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He loved the 369th and he cared deeply about the contributions made by black veterans of all wars.

Like myself, he took the opportunities afforded to him by the GI Bill to get an education, first attending City College and then eventually earning a law degree from New York Law School in 1960. Yet while he displayed a talent for the law, no one field could ever rein him in, mixing in business and media before the word mogul was ever popularized.

As the legal barriers of the Civil Rights Era gave way to the economic challenges of the 1970s, Bruce led the way in helping prove that investing in the black community could be a key cog in any profitable financial strategy. When no one thought he could, he successfully brought together a group of partners to buy majority share of the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, paving the way to larger financial transaction deals by African Americans and other people of color.

Our beloved entrepreneur and gladiator, Bruce Llewellyn, leaves this earth too soon, and at a time when our economy has been pushed to the brink of collapse, we could certainly use not only his skill and vision, but his unstoppable energy and drive. For his family and loved ones, I do hope that you and your family can find comfort in the great legacy he left not just for his community, but all Americans throughout this great nation. We loved him because he never stopped believing in the great potential that is instilled within all of us. Bruce showed us that we didn't have to accept a second-class status, but we all sure as-

pire to soar as kings and queens in whatever arena and whatever position we choose to occupy.

Madam Speaker, I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe and experience his example as a personal inspiration. Though Bruce is no longer with us, we will continue to keep his memory alive in our hearts and minds, and continue to honor his legacy with our advocacy for the issues he cared about the most. We are all blessed to have known James Bruce Llewellyn, Esq., a titan of a man whose corporate strength gave us all life.

HONORING EVERETT H. SHAPIRO

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor Everett H. Shapiro, who passed away April 24, 2010, at the age of 82. A beloved leader in Santa Rosa, CA, Mr. Shapiro was as well known for his sense of humor as for his community support and his active law practice. He was the embodiment of one of his favorite expressions, a "quality human being."

I had the honor of entering remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for Everett Shapiro eight years ago on the occasion of a tribute to his role as Trustee Emeritus of Social Advocates for Youth, SAY, an agency that serves children and their families. But the list of local, and some national, organizations which enjoyed his support is lengthy, including The Boy Scouts of America, Sonoma County Junior Achievement, B'nai Brith, Special Olympics, Red Cross, Kid's Street Theatre, Santa Rosa Human Rights Commission, Santa Rosa Parks and Recreation Commission, Canine Companions, Rotary Club, the Gray Foundation, the Schulz Museum, Congregation Beth Ami, the Brady Gun Control Commission, and the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC.

He received many awards over the years, but as a fan of Don Quixote, Snoopy, and the Marx brothers, Mr. Shapiro's focus was on doing good deeds with a sense of humor that was as strong as his sense of caring. To many of us who received his phone calls, he will always be known as "God" or "Robert Redford," but generations of kids know he is really "The Tootsie Roll Man." Over the past 60 years, he gave out more than 300,000 to children all over the community.

Everett Shapiro founded Shapiro, Galvin, Shapiro & Moran, one of Santa Rosa's leading law firms, where he worked on a broad range of legal issues. He served in numerous professional organizations such as California Trial Lawyers Association, Sonoma County Bar Association, and American Arbitration Association. He also earned honors for his legal work, such as a "Careers of Distinction" award from the Sonoma County Bar Association. He retired from the firm in the 1990s and was pleased that his son Tad remained a partner.

The son of Russian Jewish emigrants, Everett was proud to have lived his entire life in Santa Rosa. He dismissed as a technicality the fact that he was born in Stockton, CA, where his mother happened to be visiting when she gave birth. Everett and his wife

Phyllis, whom he met at UC Berkeley, raised their two sons, Tad and David, in the Santa Rosa community. After graduating from UC Berkeley and serving two years in the army, he joined the family wool buying business.

He learned to value the diverse agriculture of Sonoma County and appreciate the ranching lifestyle, but when Tad began kindergarten, Mr. Shapiro, with Phyllis' encouragement, began law school. He graduated just before his fortieth birthday. Years later he was able to sponsor both of his sons for membership in the Supreme Court Bar Association, a high point of his legal career.

Everett Shapiro always valued spending time with his family and broad circle of friends. He is survived by Phyllis, his wife of 57 years; his sons Tad and David and their wives Debbie and Barbara; his brother Marvin and his wife Darryl; and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, the community of Santa Rosa will miss Everett Shapiro's leadership, compassion, and warmth. We will take inspiration from the example he set and comfort from knowing that he felt God had been very good to him, and, in his words, "I like to think I've been fair with Him or Her."

TRIBUTE TO MR. HAROLD J. JOHNSTON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Mr. Harold J. Johnston is retiring as Conductor of the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra after 30 years. Only the second Conductor in the history of the Symphony, Mr. Johnston continued and expanded the great tradition of this Sedalia staple.

Mr. Johnston began his service to the community in 1955 as an educator in the Smithton School District. Four years later, Mr. Johnston began teaching in the Sedalia School District and remained there for the next 27 years. Having received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music education from Central Missouri State University, Mr. Johnston trained countless middle and high school students in vocal and instrumental music.

In 1952, Mr. Johnston began his involvement with the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra, the second oldest continuous symphony in the State of Missouri. Now in its 75th concert season, the Symphony continues to bring great value to Sedalia and the surrounding communities due in no small part to Mr. Johnston's leadership for the past three decades. Building on the Symphony's great tradition, he introduced two new performances that have become community favorites: the annual Christmas POPS Concert and the performance of Handel's Messiah.

Mr. Johnston's commitment to the community of Sedalia and the Symphony has not gone unnoticed. In 1998, Mr. Johnston received the first ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sedalia Area Council for the Arts, now the Liberty Center Arts Association.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Johnston has brought the joy of music to countless individuals throughout his career in public education and with the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me