

What began for the United States as an effort to protect our troops abroad and citizens here at home has become for us a larger global health objective.

In the last decade we have seen a renewed commitment by the United States, international organizations, and private foundations to eliminate all malaria deaths. The effort received a notable boost in 2007 when Bill and Melinda Gates renewed the challenge of worldwide malaria eradication.

While much progress has been made in combating malaria, as we have seen from past eradication efforts, malaria can resurge when treatment becomes ineffective through drug resistance. While the global commitment remains to beat this disease, and to beat it as soon as possible, the stakes are too high to bet it all on doing so before the tools we have lose their impact.

At yesterday's hearing the subcommittee received an update on the progress toward malaria elimination in the most endemic countries with a focus on the vitality and effectiveness of the treatment component. The hearing examined the future of anti-malarial drug and vaccine development, and challenges in ensuring an adequate supply of effective medicines. We also heard about the continued availability, affordability, and safe distribution of quality anti-malarial medicines.

Our distinguished witnesses explored means for achieving the immediate goal of saving lives, and the ultimate goal of eradicating malaria from our world.

A TRIBUTE TO IRIS ROBERTSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Iris Robertson for her contributions to her community in the role of mentor, educator and community coordinator.

Mrs. Robertson was taught at an early age to treat people with respect and integrity, and to approach any task with rigor and importance. Her mother and grandmother instilled this discipline upon her. These pillars allow her to impact the community in a positive way through growth and development.

Mrs. Robertson devotes herself to several charitable and educational organizations and sits on the board of directors for Brownville Heritage House Inc. (BHH) as secretary. Since joining BHH in 1995, Mrs. Robertson and her fellow board members worked tirelessly to bring forth the vision of founder Mother Rosetta Gaston to form an intergenerational exchange in order to teach African American children of their heritage.

Mrs. Robertson is a member of and has been recognized by the National Association of Professional Women (NAPW) as Woman of the Year for 2009, 2010, and 2011 for excellence and proficiency in her work as an advertising executive. She has also received high achievement award from the National Association of Hispanic Publishers in 1994 for her work with AT&T.

Working in the advertising industry for more than 30 years, she currently holds the position of media supervisor at UniWorld Group Inc, a multicultural agency owned by Mr. Byron

Lewis Sr. In this capacity, Mrs. Robertson has had the privilege of working with fortune 500 companies, recommending media strategies that best showcase their products.

In 1965, Mrs. Robertson met and married her husband Larry Robertson. She is the proud mother of six children. She attended New York City School of Technology and is currently enrolled at Kaplan University.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Mrs. Iris Robertson.

A TRIBUTE TO KITTY O'NEAL ON THE OCCASION OF BEING NAMED PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE CARMICHAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kitty O'Neal on being named Person of the Year by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce.

Over the last 20 years, Sacramentans have known Kitty as the voice of our afternoon radio. With exceptional class and professionalism, Kitty has given us the news on our drive home from work, anchoring the award winning KFBK Afternoon News. As an ambassador of Sacramento, she has represented us at the Grammy Awards, Academy Awards and on national programs such as A&E Channel's Biography.

Those of us who live in the region know Kitty as more than simply the voice coming through our speakers; she is a pillar within the Sacramento community. Her roots run deep there as she donates much of her time and talent to community events and charitable organizations. Growing up, Kitty's father was the Base Commander at Mather AFB in the 1970's, and before embarking on her path in radio, Kitty attended Sacramento State graduating with a degree in Communications. Along with being one of the Sacramento region's most notable figures, Kitty is married to restaurateur Kurt Spataro, and together they are partners in several well known Sacramento area restaurants.

If you have ever dined, listened to Sacramento radio or have been involved in our surrounding community, more than likely you have benefited from Kitty's legacy. The Carmichael Chamber couldn't have chosen a better person to recognize and again it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Kitty O'Neal on her achievements and recognition as Person of the Year by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF GEORGIA FAYE BAKER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Georgia Faye Baker who passed away on November 24, 2011 at

the age of 95. Georgia was a loyal friend, loving mother, and respected community leader who touched the lives of many in the great San Joaquin Valley. Georgia was born on March 30, 1916 to James and Susan Herd in Ozark County, Missouri.

Georgia made her way to Madera, California in 1938, where she quickly became an icon and a source of inspiration due to her involvement in the community. On April 14, 1946, Georgia married Aubrey Baker, the love of her life. Together they worked on several projects to improve the quality of life in Madera, the place they called home. They were married for 55 years until his passing in 2001.

Through her leadership and willingness to serve, Georgia became a role model for her friends and neighbors. For 33 years, she was a committed and reliable member of the Madera Community Hospital Board. Her membership demonstrated her dedication to fostering and preserving the health and safety of residents throughout Central California, and her compassion and concern for our community served as a testament to her extraordinary character.

A principled and engaged citizen, Georgia was very active in local, state, and national elections. She served on a number of state committees and boards, including the Madera County Fair Board. In addition, Georgia was also an energetic member of the Democratic Party. In 1960, her wisdom and capability allowed her the opportunity to campaign with President John F. Kennedy during his bid for the presidency.

In 1991, the State of California honored her strength of character and zest for life when she was recognized as "Woman of the Year."

A generous and graceful woman, Georgia was a faithful parishioner at the Madera Trinity Episcopal Church and would often be seen attending weekly services at the historic site. Her long-lasting participation in our community and commitment to the well-being of future generations will ensure that her legacy lives on for years to come.

Georgia lived an exemplary life and will undoubtedly be missed by many. She is survived by her daughter, Claudia Steinauer; her sister, Mable Russell; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Georgia Faye Baker, a beloved leader and true champion for the people of Central California.

TRIBUTE TO THE HAZARD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 2011

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 2011 Hazard High School Football Team, who captured the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Class 1-A State Championship Title for the first time in history. This group of student-athletes should be proud of this remarkable achievement and I am honored to recognize them as champions.

The State Championship title has been a highly coveted achievement for the Hazard

Bulldogs. After their third appearance in a Class 1–A title game in four years, the Bulldogs tenaciously took the field with experience, heart and determination, earning every yard to lead them to a well-deserved victory and their first-ever State Championship.

The Hazard Bulldogs defeated a tough team from Mayfield, winning 24–6. More than five thousand fans filled the Houchens Smith Stadium in Bowling Green, Kentucky to witness these focused young men put their athletic ability and knowledge of the game to the highest test. Redeeming themselves from last year's 47–6 loss to Mayfield, the Bulldogs dominated the majority of the game and put an end to Mayfield's state-best 29-game winning streak. Holding the Cardinals to just 237 yards offensively, the Hazard Bulldogs forced five Mayfield turnovers and sealed their victory with an interception returned for a touchdown in the last two minutes of the game.

This season, Coach Mark Dixon led the Bulldogs to a near perfect 12–2 season. Despite defeat in last year's title game, the Bulldogs persevered and came back this season with unwavering determination to bring the state title home to the mountains of eastern Kentucky. These experiences and life lessons learned on the field will be carried on after the game and continue to shape these football players into men of promise and outstanding character.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Dixon and the Hazard High School 2011 Football Team as the KHSAA Class 1–A State Champions. This team has successfully carried on a sports tradition of pride in the mountains and I wish them all the best in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH CROSLAND

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Elizabeth Crosland for her commitment to her community and for her service to the children of Brooklyn as a Family Assistant with PS 13.

Ms. Crosland was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late William T. and Annie Lee Pinchback. She was the eldest of five siblings, and later moved to Brooklyn, New York.

Ms. Crosland has been employed with the Department of Education at PS 13 as a Family Assistant for 24 years. During her years of service, she has enjoyed working with the administrators, her colleagues, and the students. Ms. Crosland prays everyday that she will empower the lives of the students and their families to become productive citizens in the community.

Ms. Crosland attends the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church on the Hill in Bedford Stuyvesant, where she has been a member for 74 years. She is active on the usher board, serving the needs of the congregation. She also sings in the Robert A. Laws Millennium Choir and was a member of the Allstate Club.

Ms. Crosland is an Honorary past Matron in the order of the Maria Chapter #18 Order of Eastern Stars. She has also been a great contributor to the community by working with the

district leaders and working the primary and general election polls for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Elizabeth Crosland for her exceptional service to her district as a dedicated member of her local religious and government institutions, and as a long serving employee of the Department of Education.

RECOGNIZING THE NOVEMBER 25, 2011 DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS OF MOROCCO

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the people of Morocco for the free and fair Parliamentary election that took place on November 25, 2011. Participation rates were 20 percent higher than the previous election held in 2007. The Justice and Development Party (PJD), a moderate Islamist party, secured the largest number of seats in the new Parliament. Morocco's King Mohammed VI, in line with the new constitution, has already tasked the leader of the PJD, as Head of Government, to form a new coalition government. This election marks the first time the Moroccan people have gone to the polls within the framework of the new constitution. With this election, Morocco has crossed yet another major milestone in its democratic progress. I extend my warm wishes to the King of Morocco for his leadership and the Moroccan people for their achievements so far and hope they continue on the path of reform and progress.

A TRIBUTE TO DEACON AUDREY WRIGHT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Deacon Audrey Wright who has dedicated her life to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to her family, colleagues, and community.

Deacon Wright was born to Anna Mae King-Gordon and Mitchell Gordon in Princeton, West Virginia where her parents regularly attended Golden Gate Church. With her strong convictions, Deacon Wright completed high school in a very segregated district of West Virginia, and soon relocated to Brooklyn, New York to complete her undergraduate studies at Medgar Evers College.

Later in life Deacon Wright spent 25 years as an assistant teacher in the Ocean Hill Section of Brooklyn before retiring. Prior to teaching, Deacon Wright was employed by Abraham Strauss for several years in the sales department. After retiring as an assistant teacher, she turned to the Lord and became a member at Berean Baptist Church.

Joining Berean Baptist Church in 1994, she worked as a volunteer with children in the "Time Release Program" for seven years. At Berean, Deacon Wright was ordained on December 13, 1998 and continued her deep involvement with the church. She became a

member of the First Lady's Ministry and served as the Deacon Advisor as well as the Spiritual Advisor to the Hospitality Ministry. Presently, she is a member of the Deacon Ministry, Pastoral Care Ministry, the Sunday School Ministry and the Sisterhood Ministry.

Several of her hobbies include writing, reading and exercising. During her tenure at Berean, Deacon Wright wrote and directed seven plays; two of which were performed to raise funds for Women's Day and five others that were written to raise funds for the church. In addition to being an avid reader and writer, Deacon Wright has been dedicated to her health and exercise—walking two miles every day.

Deacon Wright is married to Samuel Wright, and has been blessed with three sons—Bobby, David, and Dominic. She is thankful for God in her life, and gives thanks to the Lord every day for loving and caring for her.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and accomplishments of Deacon Audrey Wright.

HONORING DR. EDWARD WAITE MILLER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sadness today to honor my friend, Dr. Edward Waite Miller, who passed away October 27, 2011, at the age of 92. He was a prominent surgeon and writer in Marin County, California, as well as a loving family man.

Born in Oyster Bay, New York, in 1919, Dr. Miller studied at Union College in Schenectady and at Cornell Medical School with an internship at Boston City Hospital. He then served at the US Naval Hospital in Corpus Christi and in the South Pacific during WWII. He was awarded the American Theatre, Asiatic-Pacific, and Victory Medals. Reactivated in 1953, his service varied from making training films in the California desert to witnessing nuclear testing at the Bikini Atoll. He then received the Korean Service, United Nations, and National Defense Medals.

Dr. Miller also had a distinguished medical career. While working as a research fellow at the Cleveland Clinic with Dr. Willem Kolff in the 1950s, he published some seminal studies on the angiography of the heart that led to research in the new practice of coronary bypass surgery. He later worked as a surgeon in Mann General Hospital in Greenbrae, CA, and Children's Hospital in San Francisco, CA, and as a physician at Novato Community Hospital in Novato, CA.

In retirement Dr. Miller became well known in the community and around the world for his writing in the Coastal Post newspaper, a Marin County publication that gave him free rein to speak out on issues he was passionate about. From advocacy for peace and human rights to his sometimes controversial pro-Palestinian stance, he penned opinion pieces that reflected his deeply held beliefs and his great knowledge of world events.

I had many conversations with Ed Miller about these issues, and, although I sometimes didn't agree with him, I always enjoyed our time together and appreciated his commitment