

HONORING LYNESIA TAYLOR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lynesia Taylor. Lynesia is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Lynesia's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Lynesia has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Lynesia can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Lynesia Taylor for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING LINDA PASTO AS A 2010 GREAT COMEBACKS AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I pause today to recognize Linda Pasto, R.N., of Ithaca, New York. Linda has been selected as a 2010 Great Comebacks Award recipient for the East Region. This program honors a group of individuals who are living with varied intestinal diseases and/or recovering from ostomy surgery. It seeks to raise awareness of the quality of life issues confronting more than 700,000 men, women and children throughout our country affected by the very conditions that can result in an ostomy.

Every year on the first day of September, Linda throws a party. It's not for her birthday, but for what she considers her rebirth—the day she received her ostomy. After 10 years of flare-ups, hospitalizations and weight gain from medication due to Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, Linda opted for ostomy surgery. At age 51, Linda's life began again. Now she uses her newfound zest and enjoyment for life to help others who are dealing with intestinal diseases.

Since her surgery, Linda went from struggling with everyday activities, including her duties as a nursing instructor, to playing with her grandchildren, traveling abroad and even going on a 3-hour kayaking trip in the Adirondack Mountains.

The Great Comebacks Program is sponsored by ConvaTec, a leading developer of ostomy and wound care products, in partnership with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, the United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc. and the Intestinal Disease Education and Awareness Society. Each year, Great comebacks presents regional awards to 12 individuals through the United States who have struggled with a chronic intestinal condition

and have exhibited extraordinary strength and courage for managing to live full and productive lives despite daily struggles.

I urge my colleagues to take time to meet with some of the Great Comebacks award recipients. Their personal stories, like Linda's, are inspiration and will heighten your awareness about some of the huge strides being made by people living with intestinal diseases or recovering from ostomy surgery.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INDIGENT FUNERAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT ACT OF 2011

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Indigent Funeral Expense Reimbursement Act of 2011. This common sense legislation would allow for up to a \$3,000 federal tax credit for the providing of individual funeral services. Additionally, this legislation would not usurp existing state tax incentives for the funeral services of indigent individuals, but instead would supplement them.

Funeral homes respectfully and diligently provide the last measure of care for those in our society who have passed away. Oftentimes the family of the deceased or the deceased's estate takes care of the funeral expenses. However, in some cases, most especially in the case of indigent or unclaimed deceased individuals, the means to pay for these solemn services simply do not exist. Typically, cities, counties and states are left to cover the bill, and states often have tax credits or tax deductions available to funeral homes that provide services for indigent care. However, in these trying times, these state tax incentives are among the first cuts being made.

Across the country, because of an influx of the number of deceased individuals and their families now befitting indigent status, funeral homes and mortuaries are being forced to shoulder the financial burden of providing the last service of a person's life. This straightforward tax credit would simply remove the financial burden and allow funeral homes to provide the care and services that they are trained to provide.

HONORING MEGAN HOTTEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Megan Hottel. Megan is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Megan's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Megan has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the fu-

ture. This is an accomplishment for which Megan can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Megan Hottel for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL EACH ONE, TEACH ONE'S 44 YEARS OF SERVICE AND TO CELEBRATE THE 70TH BIRTHDAYS OF ITS FOUNDING FATHERS, BOB MCCULLOUGH AND FRED CRAWFORD

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Children of the Founders in recognition of National Each One, Teach One's 44 Years of Service and to celebrate the 70th Birthdays of its Founding Fathers, Bob McCullough and Fred Crawford.

The National Association of Each One, Teach One, Inc.—“Where Knowledge is Power,” is a non-profit (501c3) youth developmental & mentoring program, which uses sports as a vehicle to motivate youngsters to pursue higher education and explore various careers. They conduct college tours; provide guest speakers from public, private and the entertainment sectors, while fostering self respect, community awareness and self empowerment.

“Each One, Teach One,” was a motto coined by Holcombe Rucker, who organized basketball tournaments as way to help keep kids off the street and out of trouble through life lessons. Born and raised in Harlem, Holcombe Rucker played guard at Benjamin Franklin High School in East Harlem before dropping out to serve in the United States Army during World War II. Upon his discharged from the Army, Rucker earned his General Equivalency High School Diploma and was hired as a Playground Director in Harlem for the New York City Department of Parks.

The Playgrounds and Parks would double-up as his office and meeting place, where people, whether they liked basketball or not, would come to Rucker for advice and words of wisdom. The word was that he spent more than half his day—thirteen to fifteen hours—at the park, beginning around 8:30 am. He even ate dinner there, which consisted of his favorite meal—Chinese food, vegetables with rice and brown gravy and was followed by a cup of coffee and a cigarette.

In 1962, Rucker would prove the importance of education and enrolled at the City College of New York, CCNY. While taking night classes, Holcombe took his work ethic and thirst for education and completed a four-year Bachelor of Arts degree in only three years. He used the degree to teach English at Junior High School 139 in Harlem. In 1965, Holcombe Rucker passed due to cancer complications at the young age of 38 years old. Before he died, Rucker would set the standard for years to come.

Over the years, Holcombe Rucker would help youth to obtain over 700 intercollegiate

athletic scholarships. Bob McCullough and Fred Crawford are two of the many prodigies and leaders, touched by Holcombe Rucker, and most important cats in New York basketball history. In 1967, under the guidance and vision of the legendary New York City Parks Department Playground Director, Coach and Mentor, Bob McCullough and Fred Crawford developed, The Each One, Teach One Basketball Program, where NBA Legends, Nate "Tiny" Archibald and Dean "The Dream" Meminger served as the program's first counselors. Bob and Fred also served as the Commissioners of the Holcombe Rucker Park Tournament and League.

Bob McCullough played basketball for Benedict College in South Carolina from 1962–65. He is considered one of the all-time greatest basketball players in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He was recruited by Coach John E. Brown and scored 2,135 points for a 28.4 career average during his three years with the Tigers. As a freshman in 1961–62, Bob canned 54, 56, and 64 points in exhibition games. In 1963–64, he was the star of Benedict's national scoring championship basketball team that averaged 101.2 points per game. In 1964–65, he was the second leading scorer in the nation averaging 36.4 points per game. He netted over 45 points on four occasions, 49 points twice and a single career high of 51 points against the South Carolina State Bulldogs. Bob was inducted into the Benedict College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

McCullough was the first black athlete to be selected for the All-Southern Textile Basketball All-Star Team in Greenville, SC. He was named to the All-American Honorable Mention team by sportswriters for United Press International and Converse Magazine in 1965, and was offered a contract by the Harlem Globetrotters. Bob was drafted by the Cincinnati Royals of the National Basketball Association, and was dropped from the Royals when All-Star guard Oscar "Big O" Robinson renewed his contract. In 1967, Bob played with the New Jersey Asbury Park Boardwalkers in the Eastern Professional Basketball League, now known as the CBA. He averaged 22 points and five assists per game and was selected to the All-Rookie Team. McCullough earned a Master of Science degree from Lehman College and studied additionally at New York University, Cornell University and Hunter College.

Fred "Freddie" Crawford was a 1st team, All-City player at Samuel Gompers High School in the Bronx and played basketball for St. Bonaventure University, from 1960–64. In 1961, during St. Bonaventure's first venture into the NCAA tournament, sophomore Fred Crawford scored 614 points and led the Bonnies to their first NCAA Tournament in school history. Crawford continued his torrid scoring pace in his junior and senior seasons. He averaged 19.7 points per game during his junior campaign, scoring 492 points. In his senior season, he scored 631 points, earning All-East honors. Crawford also averaged 10.3 rebounds per game for his career. He was inducted into St. Bonaventure University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1970.

Forward Freddie Crawford was selected number one in the fourth round of the NBA Draft by the New York Knicks in 1964 and spent five years in the league. Crawford had his best season in the NBA in 1968 with the Lakers when he averaged 10.3 points, 2.9 rebounds, and 2.5 assists per game in the NBA

Finals against the Boston Celtics. A team that featured West Virginia's Jerry West, Keith Erickson, Providence's Johnny Egan, Saint Joseph's Cliff Anderson, USC's Bill Hewitt, Seattle University's Elgin Baylor, Oregon State's Jay Carty, UCLA's Keith Erickson, Notre Dame's Tom Hawkins, Oregon State's Mel Counts and Kansas University's Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain. During his stellar NBA career, Freddie Crawford, has also played for the Philadelphia 76ers, the Golden State Warriors and the Milwaukee Bucks.

The impact that Bob McCullough and Freddie Crawford have made, on young men and women, on and off the court through the Each One, Teach One Basketball Program, has averted generations of young people from falling into illegal activity on the streets, by promoting education, discipline, drug prevention and mentoring.

Former Each-One Teach One Counselors were, NBA legends Julius Erving, Emmitt Bryant, Connie Hawkins, Mike Bantom, Willis Reed, Wilt Chamberlain, Dave Stallworth, Hawthorne Wingo, Butch Lee, Steve Sheppard, Arnold Duggar, Larry McNeil, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Charlie Scott, Jo Jo White, Joe Bostic, Bill Bradley, Hubie Brown, Al McGuire, Mel Davis, Joe Dupree and St. John University's outstanding Hall of Fame college coach, Luigi P. (Lou) Carnesecca, to name just a few.

Today the program is run through SCAN/El Faro Beacon Center in East Harlem, where we celebrate the National Each One, Teach One's 44 years of service. Please join me in saluting my good friends Bob McCullough and Freddie Crawford as we celebrate their 70th Birthdays.

HONORING ERIN PRICE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Erin Price. Erin is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Erin's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Erin has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Erin can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Erin Price for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

DEVASTATION IN JAPAN

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, my thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the dev-

astating earthquake on the eastern coast of Japan, and the resulting catastrophic tsunami that struck Japan and is currently moving throughout the Pacific, with the potential to impact Hawaii, Alaska, and the West Coast of the United States, including my state of California. President Obama has stated that the United States stands ready to help, and I join the President and the American people in pledging our assistance to the people of Japan as they recover from this terrible disaster.

The United States Congress must stand united with our ally Japan and provide it with the resources it needs to respond and recover. I will work with my colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee to ensure that we make available the resources necessary to assist the Japanese Government and the Japanese people during this time of suffering and distress. While we mourn the massive loss of lives, we recognize this is a time for action and a time for Congress to commit ourselves to assisting our friend and ally Japan.

HONORING MS. AURELIA LOPEZ GONZALEZ ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the celebration of Ms. Aurelia Lopez Gonzalez's 90th birthday. With nearly a century passing, Ms. Gonzalez has dedicated her life to her family, loved ones, and giving back to the community.

Ms. Gonzalez was born March 11, 1921 at the San Bartolo Ranch near Cadereyta Jimenez, Nuevo Leon. At a young age, Ms. Gonzalez and her parents migrated to the United States after their wooden home was washed away in a flood. At the age of nine, Ms. Gonzalez enrolled in the La Escuellita Amarilla Public School. She went on to attend Christen Jr. High School and by 1943 she graduated from Martin High School. In 1993, Ms. Gonzalez was able to attend the Martin High School's 50 year reunion at the La Posada Hotel in Laredo, Texas.

Throughout her life, Ms. Gonzalez has worked to support herself and her family at the Law Offices of Phelps and Phelps, S & H Kress Store, McClends and H.E.B. grocery store. By 1948, she married Mr. Eusebio Busto Gonzalez. A year later, Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalez welcomed their first child, Adolfo and later would go on to have two more children, Thomas and Eusebio Jr. Unfortunately, Mr. Gonzalez contracted Lou Gehrig Disease in 1950. For the next 10 years, she tried to find a cure for the disease through taking trips around Texas and Mexico. In November of 1960, Eusebio passed away leaving her to care for herself and their three sons. After her husband's passing, Ms. Gonzalez went back to work with S & H Kress, until they closed down in 1970. Soon after, Ms. Gonzalez started working with H.E.B. grocery store in Laredo, Texas. She worked with them for 12 years until her retirement in 1982.

In her spare time, Ms. Gonzalez garnered a passion for baking. Her cakes and cookies,