

All in his "Profiles in Courage" as he stood true!

JFK,

a better world so made!

With his "Profiles in Courage" leading the way!

"Let Us All Go Forth" as you would say!

To walk upon the moon,

a dream all in your bold heart had grown!

And oh that hair!

Causing all to stop and stare!

Touching and inspiring hearts everywhere!

And oh that voice,

as so surely you were America's choice!

When leaders lead,

up to new heights our hearts so hoist!

And oh those Brothers Four,

such a work of art of a family's love adorned!

And a lovely wife Jackie . . .

Who all in those tragic days,

out of all that ashes so led the way!

As to her children the hope and strength, so gave!

As all of their she so eased!

Fifty years ago this day!

Jon Jon . . . and Caroline,

oh how heavy our hearts so weighted!

Fifty years ago this day!

As we lost our most beloved JFK!

And now as we so contemplate,

what we so lost on that day!

As a hole in America's heart was so made!

Fifty years ago this day!

As we all had to go Forth!

All out on our course!

To achieve so what up ahead so awaits!

All in our hopes and dreams,

to so sow in our hearts these seeds!

As fifty some years ago!

As a Nation so awoke,

to the words he so spoke . . .

Almost like a prayer,

on an Inauguration spoken there!

"Ask not what your country can do for you?"

"But, what you can do for your country!"

All in what JFK was invoking!

To such new heights,

where only dreams are made by those who burn bright!

As the torch has been passed . . .

"Let Us Go Forth!"

Like that great Irish poet named John,

who inspired us to dream dreams far beyond!

Dearest Jack!

Dearest John!

JFK!

You are gone,

but not forgotten . . .

As your rising tide,

made all boats rise!

Casting your brief light!

As life a Star you rose so high,

and you were gone as we all cried!

Fifty years ago this day!

To Reach For the Stars,

and shoot for the Moon to go far!

As we will remember that smile,

and those eyes . . .

and that hair and his Irish charm as comprised!

As up in Heaven now,

a pickup football game rages on up in the skies!

And then a shot rang out . . .

on that dark day when the music died!

As we will never know what could have been?

But we knew what was so then!

And that we have all so been cheated by this dark sin!

But Jack,

all of that light you so left behind!

Still, beckons to us all so all in time . . .

To Go Forth!

To Dream Dreams all out on our course!

All in the service to Mankind,

we feel your force!

Yes, Dearest Jack . . .

My Dearest John . . .

you have left,

but you are not gone!

As your fine life,

among this world lives on!

Now,

"Let Us Go Forth" . . .

And by your Profiles in Courage,

let all our hearts be warned!

As we remember,

what took place fifty years ago this day . . .

As together let us pray.

CONGRATULATING THE IMAGE BAND

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Image Band of the Washington, DC Metro Area on their celebration of their 35th anniversary this week. The Image Band is not just any other Caribbean band, they are a band with roots in my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands, who for the past 35 years have kept the sounds of home alive and vibrant for Virgin Islanders and Caribbean people who have migrated here and for people like me who work here and sometimes need to enjoy the cultural flavor of home.

Mr. Speaker, the Image Band returns to the islands regularly to perform there, most notably New Year's Eve on St. Croix and in other East Coast cities, Canada, and the Caribbean, where the Virgin Islands-Caribbean diaspora resides to entertain and excite and to provoke cultural memory. They have fulfilled their founding mission to "reproduce, propagate, and improve the dynamism of the Caribbean musical form." The Image Band was the first group to win the Best Musical Band Award presented by the DC Carnival and they have been crowned Brass-O-Rama champions at the Trinidad and Tobago Days in the Park in Baltimore. The Washington Post has featured their involvement with the Caribbean Fest Live at the Carter Baron Amphitheatre.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands and the entire Caribbean and Caribbean diaspora, I want to say thank you to the Image Band, led by Sarge for their many contributions to the culture of the Caribbean and for many memorable, enjoyable, moments that they have provided for so many of us.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LORD'S PLACE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate The Lord's Place as they celebrate their 30th anniversary. Over the years, I have come to work very closely with this wonderful non-profit organization and have seen first-hand the critical work they do to aid the homeless population in South Florida. It is particularly fitting that we mark this anniversary during National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week, when,

as a nation, we reflect on the progress we have made in reducing hunger and homelessness, and recommit ourselves to the work that remains to put an end to these tragedies once and for all.

For 30 years, The Lord's Place has been a place of refuge for homeless Floridians in Palm Beach County. The organization is dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness, and provides critical services to the local community such as job training, health and human services, supportive housing, and community engagement.

Additionally, The Lord's Place operates numerous social enterprises and businesses, such as a thrift store, a catering company, and a community garden, which provide real world experience to homeless Floridians attempting to break their own cycle of homelessness. By helping to educate and provide valuable employment opportunities for these men and women, The Lord's Place provides a path that has already allowed hundreds of formerly homeless Floridians to reenter society and lead independent and self-sufficient lives.

In 2012, The Lord's Place provided these support services to hundreds of people in need. More than 400 men, women, and children were offered supportive housing, and remarkably, by the end of the year, 92 percent of these individuals were no longer homeless. Many now lead self-sufficient and independent lives. Furthermore, dozens of formerly homeless men and women better educate themselves with the organization's on-the-job skill training program every year. This has allowed hundreds of formerly homeless Floridians to find work with local employers.

Mr. Speaker, I want offer my most sincere congratulations and heartfelt gratitude to The Lord's Place CEO Diana Stanley, her staff, and volunteers for all that they do each and every single day. I very much look forward to continuing my partnership with them for many more years to come.

REMARKS OF WELCOME TO KING MOHAMMED VI OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I join with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in welcoming King Mohammed VI of Morocco to Washington. Support for good US relations with Morocco is a matter that has achieved longstanding, bipartisan support.

On Friday, November 22, 2013, King Mohammed VI will meet with President Obama at the White House for discussions designed to deepen the two countries' long friendship and strategic partnership.

The friendship between our two countries goes back to 1777 when Morocco's Sultan Mohammed III, the current king's namesake, was the first head of state, and Morocco the first country, to recognize the new United States.

Morocco was also the first country to sign a Treaty of Peace and Friendship with the United States. Negotiations for this treaty began in 1783 and the draft was signed in