

during his fifty years plus in jazz, not only as a pianist, composer, author, activist, teacher, lecturer, and actor, but also as a radio and television personality. Though Dr. Billy Taylor is seventy-seven years old, he's more than young at heart. His current schedule is chock full of performances while he also serves on the faculty at the University of Massachusetts, where he received one of fifteen other honorary doctorates. His series Jazz at the Kennedy Center, an ongoing series of demonstrations-discussions of the history of jazz, is wonderful. He hosts intimate sessions of performance and conversation which enables participants to gain insight into jazz by hearing the music, memories and unique philosophies of some of the greatest musicians jazz has produced.

In 1971, Billy Taylor became the first African American to lead a band on a talk show when he fronted an ensemble of all-stars on the David Frost Show for four years. I know from personal experience, that aside from being a stupendous musician, he's also an incredible human being. He has great respect for other people, and has a wonderful aura of niceness and gentility.

Dr. Taylor founded Jazzmobile, which brings free performances to hundreds of thousands of people. His awards include two Peabodys, an Emmy, and the first Certificate of Recognition given by the U.S. Congressional Arts Caucus and it is with immense pleasure that in this tribute I join the ranks of those saluting the great Dr. Billy Taylor.

TRIBUTE TO CARL TRAIKOFF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pleasure that I pay tribute to one of the leading citizens of Indiana's First Congressional District, Mr. Carl Traicoff, of Highland, Indiana. After serving as one of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished, compassionate, and dedicated teachers for twenty-seven years, Carl announced his retirement on Saturday, August 22, 1998.

A 1956 graduate of Lew Wallace High School in Gary, Carl enrolled as a student at Kansas State University, which he attended for one year. In 1958, he transferred to Culver-Stockton University where, in 1960, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education and Health. Carl continued his education at Northeast Missouri, now Truman State, earning a Master's degree in Physical Education, Health, and Administration. While attending graduate school, Carl also worked as a girls basketball coach, beginning his long and distinguished coaching career.

From 1960 through 1966, he served as a basketball coach at the high schools of Louistown, Clarence, and Centralia. In 1966, he moved back to Indiana's First Congressional District and began teaching and coaching at Calumet High School, in unincorporated Calumet Township, Lake County, Indiana. As Calumet High School's coach, Carl posted 417 wins, for a career total of 477 wins. Indeed, along with these wins, his teams won four Sectional Titles, and he was honored by his

fellow coaches as Coach of the Year six times. Though Carl is acknowledged for his coaching ability, his teaching successes have often been overlooked. He made his mark on the Calumet High School curriculum by instituting a Life Management course and influenced nearly every student that attended the Calumet High School by teaching this class, as well as Health, annually. This legacy, more than any coaching award, is what will live as Carl's greatest achievement. Indeed, his dedication and caring is represented through his four Teacher of the Year Awards, as well as his Inland Steel Teacher of the Year Award.

Carl was always a dedicated and caring coach and teacher. Though he spent most time and effort on his players and students, this did not diminish his devotion to his wife, Margie, and their daughter, Karen. His professional success was complemented by an even more rewarding family life. Now that he has retired, Carl plans to spend much of his time with Margie and Karen, who now works for NASA. He also, he continues to serve as a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, as an instructor and local basketball camps, and as a teacher at Purdue University Calumet.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Carl Traicoff for his lifetime of dedication, service, and leadership to the students and faculty of Calumet High School, as well as the people of Northwest Indiana. Carl's efforts as an educator and a basketball coach blended together to help kids make the most of their potential and earn their success in the world. Northwest Indiana's community has certainly been rewarded by the true service and uncompromising dedication displayed by Carl Traicoff.

IN HONOR OF SAINT WENDELIN PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my best wishes to the parish community of Saint Wendelin Church as they celebrate their ninety-fifth year in Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood. For almost a century, Saint Wendelin's has served as a spiritual refuge, opening its doors to any soul in search of peace.

Originally serving the Slovak community of Cleveland's near west side, the ministry of Saint Wendelin's began in 1903. It was on May 3rd of that year that the community received permission to found Saint Wendelin Parish. A small church was soon erected, and on December 6, 1903, Father Koudelka celebrated Saint Wendelin's first mass. Not long after, the Sisters of Notre Dame established Saint Wendelin's School. The order would continue to provide quality Catholic education for the next seventy years.

In 1925, the current church and school complex was dedicated. Non-territorial, Saint Wendelin's welcomes all believers to join in worship. It is a testament to the Saint

Wendelin's ministry that Catholics from all corners on the city answer the call to celebrate at the little church on Columbus Avenue.

Cleveland's strong tradition of Catholic education continues at Saint Wendelin's under the direction of Ursuline Sisters with their operation of Urban Community School. Saint Wendelin's facilities serve as a second home to the 300 students of Urban Community. Saint Wendelin's also serves as the headquarters for Heartbeats, Inc., a ministry operated by the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, supporting women from third world countries.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the parish community of Saint Wendelin Church and its pastor, Rev. Jerome Lajack, as they celebrate mass with Bishop Anthony Pilla in commemoration of 95 years in service to God. A community bound by its faith, the believers of Saint Wendelin's are committed to doing justice, both in the church's surrounding neighborhoods and the world beyond. Let us pray that Saint Wendelin parish continues as a beacon of Christian charity as we enter into the next millennium.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH M. GOMES—"MR. SAN PABLO"

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 1998

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of a truly remarkable individual, Mr. Joseph M. Gomes. I know of no other person who has had such an all encompassing influence on his community. Joe's name is synonymous with the city he represents, and he cannot be denied the moniker, "Mr. San Pablo".

Joe has made San Pablo his home for the greater part of 70 years. It is where he and his lovely wife, Mary, chose to settle and raise their family. Joe spent 35 years with American Standard and another 9 years with Phoenix Iron Works, before ending one career to pursue another. In 1980, Joe was elected to his first term on the San Pablo City Council, and a life of public service was born. Over the past two decades, Joe's leadership on the Council has guided San Pablo through a transformation from a small, isolated community to a thriving urban city—a city which celebrates its cultural diversity, neighborhood spirit and livability.

But Joe is not content to simply fulfill the role of elected official. His commitment extends to active participation in virtually every local club or organization, from the Chamber of Commerce, the Exchange Club, the Eagles and the Moose Lodge to the Salesian Boys & Girls Club and the Brookside Community Health Clinic. Joe's work has always been led by his heart, his concern and caring for all members of his community. Through his selfless service and tireless involvement, Joe has personally touched the life of each and every resident of San Pablo.

I am personally honored to call Joe Gomes a friend and a mentor. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I would like to salute him and his work.