

of civic and church groups—some of which she has outlived!—including The Women's Group, The Cecilia Society, Missionary Guild, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Penney Memorial Baptist Church.

Today, Dollie continues to live a rich and fulfilling life in Augusta, Maine, at the St. Mark's Home for Women. In addition to her son, she is very proud of her three grandsons and six great-grandchildren. Although Dollie does not point to any one key to her longevity, it probably did not hurt that she never smoked a cigarette or had a drink of alcohol. I expect that the beautiful environment and clean air in Maine have contributed as well.

I am pleased to join many of her friends and family in wishing Dollie Shibles all the best as she enters her second century of life.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
WALTER C. CORISH, JR., GA ANG

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and honor the retirement of one of Georgia's finest citizens. Walter C. Corish, Jr., Brigadier General, Georgia Air National Guard, will end his duties as an outstanding guardsman on March 4, 2000. On this day, he deserves our respect and gratitude for his 32 years of honorable and dedicated service to this great nation.

Outside of family, church, and friends, General Corish lives two lives—one protecting our freedom and the other serving as a business and civic leader. As a soldier, General Corish sets the standard for the National Guard. His duties include Commander of the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron, Communications-Computer Staff Officer, Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the Commander, and Commander of the Georgia Air National Guard. His professional military education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff Course, and the National Security Management Course. His military decorations consist of the Air Force Meritorious Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Combat Readiness Medal, the Georgia Meritorious Service Medal and the Georgia Commendation Medal.

As a civilian, Walter is President of Corish and Company, a successful independent insurance agency. He served as an Alderman for the City of Savannah, President of the National Guard Association of Georgia, member of the Savannah Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Committee, plus many other church, civic and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Speaker, General Corish is a shining example of what is best about the National Guard. He epitomizes the great admiration many of my colleagues here in Congress have for the men women who serve our nation while maintaining their occupational and family responsibilities.

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to get to know Walter on a personal basis. As a citizen soldier, he embodies virtues of duty, honor, and love of country. Furthermore, he is a man of courage, dignity, enthusiasm, and

impeccable morality. His devotion to church, family, the Guard, business, and his community goes beyond the highest level. I am personally grateful for what Walter and his family have sacrificed over the years, a sacrifice so many of us take for granted.

I am happy and proud to join Walter's wife, Patty, his two children, Trey and Kathy, other family, friends, and the National Guard on this special occasion. On behalf of millions of grateful Americans everywhere, and especially on behalf of the people of the First District of Georgia, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Walter for the many years of service rendered to a grateful nation.

A TRIBUTE TO EVELYN "TESSIE"
WILLIAMS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of a dedicated city employee, Evelyn "Tessie" Williams.

"Tessie", as she is affectionately known to all her friends and co-workers, was born in Salisbury, North Carolina. Her family moved to the Fort Greene neighborhood in Brooklyn when she was 7 years old. Tessie is the mother of five children and grandmother of 13. She developed an interest in better quality education for children in the New York City school system and served as the P.T.A. President at P.S. 46 in Community School District 13 for four years.

Her volunteer service led to employment as one of the first para-professionals in the City, enabling her to resume her education at New York City Community College and Richmond College (presently The College of Staten Island), as a student of early childhood education. Tessie then enrolled at John Jay College of Criminal Justice to study Government and Public Administration.

In 1979, Tessie became District Manager of Community Board #2. She brought her skills and talents acquired during her five years in the private sector as a program coordinator of the NY/NJ Minority Purchasing Council. Her varied abilities and new position reaffirmed an earlier awareness that true change in government begins when one becomes involved and gains knowledge of how the system works. As District Manager, she shares that knowledge and is truly committed to making a difference in the community she grew up in and now represents.

Tessie was the co-founder of the Better Education Committee, Community of Business Labor, Educational Services (CABLE), and the Brooklyn Women's Political Caucus. She is also on several boards, is an affiliate with many organizations and the recipient of numerous honors. Please join me in recognizing the contributions of one of Brooklyn's most respected city employees, Evelyn "Tessie" Williams.

NEW JERSEY SUPPORTS THE
UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the United Negro College Fund, and to call attention to its annual campaign celebration that will occur on March 2, 2000, in Trenton, NJ.

For nearly six decades, the United Negro College Fund has had a long and rich history of helping students in New Jersey and nationwide obtain a higher education.

In 1943, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, wrote an open letter which appeared in the Pittsburgh Courier newspaper, which called on the presidents of the nation's private black colleges to join with him to "pool their small monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience." His words became the guiding principle for what was to become one of the world's leading education assistance organizations. One year later, on April 25 1994, the United Negro College Fund was incorporated with 27 member colleges and a combined enrollment of just 14,000 students.

Fifty-six years later, UNCF has grown to become one of our nation's oldest and most-respected educational organizations. Today, the UNCF is a strong consortium of 39 private, accredited, four-year historically black colleges and universities.

In recent years, UNCF has broadened its focus by offering programs designed to enhance educational quality provide financial assistance to deserving students, raise funds for member colleges and universities, and supply technical assistance to member institutions.

More than 300,000 men and women have obtained an education with the support they received from the United Negro College Fund. In communities from central New Jersey to central California and every place in between, UNCF graduates are working to build a stronger nation as community leaders in every walk of life.

On Thursday, March 2, 2000, the United Negro College Fund will kick off its yearly events with a ceremony held in Trenton, New Jersey. Through its hard work and the commitment of community leaders, including Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, and citizens, the UNCF was able to offer scholarships to several students last year, and campaign organizers hope to double their efforts in the year ahead.

Mr. Speaker, education is the admission ticket to opportunity on today's economy. The efforts and commitment of organizations like the United Negro College Fund, which have made a positive difference in the lives of so many young Americans, are to be commended and recognized.

I hope that my colleagues will join in me paying tribute to the efforts of the United Negro College Fund in central New Jersey and nationwide.