

Raul King was born on March 17, 1946 in the Dominican Republic. The son of Rosa and Pedro King, and the second of five children, Raul came from modest and humble beginnings. At an early age, Raul learned the value of hard work.

He worked as a boiler mechanic on a locomotive train that would cross the town of Sanchez where he lived. In the summer of 1963, at the age of 17, Raul enlisted into the navy, earning the rank of Officer Petty Class.

In 1970, Raul made his first trip to the United States, where he arrived in New York. Once in New York he worked as a mechanic and obtained his G.E.D. at Bushwick High School.

In 1981, Raul got involved in real estate investments and through perseverance and trial and error, he became a promising real estate salesperson. By 1990, Raul obtained his license in real estate and became a licensed Realty Broker.

For the past decade, Raul has shown a passion for the realty business and he has no plans to retire.

Raul and his wife Beebis King have been married for 23 years. They now have four children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, from humble beginnings, Raul King has come to this country and has become a successful realtor through hard work and dedication. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

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RECOGNIZING JASON BREWER FOR  
ACHIEVING THE AWARD OF  
GOLD MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 29, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jason Brewer, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Royal Rangers of Northern Missouri and in earning the most prestigious award, the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Jason has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the eleven years Jason has been involved with the Rangers, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Guide and Senior Patrol Guide. He also was involved in Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jason Brewer for his accomplishments with the Royal Rangers and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Gold Medal of Achievement.

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HONORING THE CLIFFORD W.  
BEERS GUIDANCE CLINIC ON  
THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 29, 2003*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join with staff, cli-

ents, and the Greater New Haven community in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic of New Haven, Connecticut. This is a milestone for a special organization.

"A pen rather than a lance has been my weapon of offense and defense; for with its point I have felt sure that I should one day prick the civic conscience into a compassionate activity, and thus bring into a neglected field earnest men and women who should act as champions for those afflicted thousands least able to fight for themselves." This passage, taken from Clifford W. Beers' *A Mind That Found Itself*, has and continues to be the guiding principle of the clinic and its staff. Since its inception in 1913, the clinic has strived to address the critical needs of the mentally ill and has expanded its mission to assist children and families who face such crises as violence, teenage suicide, drug use, homelessness, physical and sexual abuse, and the impact of AIDS on children.

Clifford Whittingham Beers, one of the first mental health advocates in America, founded the clinic as a compassionate alternative to early psychiatric institutions where the mentally ill were treated. His own battle with mental illness inspired Beers to the belief that those suffering from "diseases of the mind" would have the best chance to become healthy and productive if they received treatment and understanding in their own communities. His work and unparalleled advocacy changed the face of American psychiatry.

Today, the clinic, working with local agencies and organizations, is able to provide a multitude of programs to those most in need. The partnerships they have established allow them to provide comprehensive services to their clients—making a real difference in the lives of thousands of children and families. Just recently, I had the opportunity to visit the Clifford Beers Clinic and was touched by the story of a man whose children received care at the clinic. The pure gratitude that this man expressed to the clinic and its staff for being there for him and his family is indescribable. In building upon the vision of Clifford Beers, the clinic has been able to provide one of life's most precious gifts—hope.

Through its gift of hope, the Clifford Beers Clinic has left an indelible mark on our community and the thousands of lives they have touched. For its many invaluable contributions to our community and for all of their work on behalf of our children and families, I am proud to stand today and extend my sincere congratulations to the Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic on their 90th Anniversary.

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IN HONOR OF BILL AND TRICIA  
MANNING—THE 2003 ANGELS OF  
ADOPTION

**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 29, 2003*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bill and Tricia Manning, my 2003 Angels of Adoption.

Every year the Congressional Coalition on Adoption asks Members of Congress for an honoree(s) from their district who has made a remarkable difference in adoption. This year,

Place of Hope, located in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, made me aware of a very special family in Palm Beach County, the Mannings.

Bill and Tricia Manning have been members of Place of Hope for many years. Place of Hope is a family-style community that fosters children in group homes. The Mannings caught the vision and began helping even prior to the arrival of foster children into Place of Hope's unique campus and family cottages.

Tricia is employed at Place of Hope as a Relief Cottage Parent, providing consistent weekly relief care at the Brett Harris Weinstein Family Cottage for six foster girls. She also owns her own business, and is a certified MAPP trainer for foster and adoptive families. Although her husband Bill works full-time, he also recently completed a Masters Degree and volunteers countless hours, along with their two children, at Place of Hope supporting Tricia and the efforts of Place of Hope.

When the Mannings started working with Place of Hope, they had already adopted a boy from Romania. In addition, the Mannings were foster/adoptive parents in the state of Florida. They later adopted another boy through the public child welfare system.

Bill and Tricia are always there for children in need. They continue to provide foster care, currently for two more beautiful children in need. They have hearts for children and it shows through their dedication and commitment to them. Bill and Tricia make a great team and provide a wonderful balance for each other. Bill and Tricia Manning are very appreciated for all that they do each day for hurting children within our South Florida community.

Mr. Speaker, as we recognize the month of November as National Adoption Month, I am honored to have this wonderful family as constituents in my congressional district. It gives me great privilege to nominate them as Angels of Adoption.

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A TRIBUTE TO HARRY T.  
PINCHBACK

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 29, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Harry T. Pinchback for his long-time public service and commitment to the Brooklyn community.

A descendant of P.B.S. Pinchback, the first African American to become a state governor, Harry T. Pinchback was born and raised in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. In his late teens, he moved to the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. He and his wife Peggy have been married for 45 years, and they have a daughter Angela and a grandson named Paris.

"Pinch," as he is universally known throughout Brooklyn, graduated from Alexander Hamilton High School in Brooklyn and would later attend John Jay College of Criminal Justice for two years.

Before entering public service, Pinch first pursued a career as a professional singer and then as a professional baseball player, where he played left field for the St. Louis Cardinal minor league organization.