

Dr. Height worked ceaselessly to bring attention to the struggle of African-American women. Some of these innovative programs include: Operation Woman Power, a project to expand business ownership by women; the Women's Center for Education and Career Advancement, a facility established to empower minority women in nontraditional careers; and the Bethune Museum and Archives, a museum devoted to the history of African-American women.

Among her other roles, Dr. Height was the only female member of the "Big Six" civil rights leaders, alongside James Farmer, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, A. Philip Randolph, and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She was a mainstay at countless civil and human rights events in the 1960s and organized "Wednesdays in Mississippi," a program that brought together Black and White women from the North and South to create a dialogue of understanding.

Throughout her years of public service, Dr. Height has received numerous awards for her pursuit of equality including: the Spingarn Award, the highest honor given by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP; the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded by President Clinton; the William L. Dawson Award, given by the Congressional Black Caucus for decades of service to people of color and women; the Citizens Medal Award for distinguished service, presented by President Reagan; and her most recent honor, the Congressional Gold Medal, presented by the 108th Congress of the United States.

Dr. Dorothy Height has been a clear voice in expressing the needs of not only African-American women, but of all women. She is a living legend, a catalyst for growth and positive change in our great country.

I proudly congratulate Dr. Dorothy Irene Height on the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal and for her commitment to equality and civil rights in America.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### THE GREEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I would like to take the opportunity to honor the 160th birthday of the Green Street Baptist Church in Louisville, KY.

The Green Street Baptist Church is one of the oldest and most established African-American churches in Kentucky. It has served as a spiritual focal point for Louisville since it was founded as the Second African Baptist Church by nine slaves. On September 29, 1844 it was opened as the Green Street Baptist Church by pastor Brother George Wells.

The Green Street Baptist Church is a historic place that has played a signifi-

cant role for African-Americans in Louisville. The present church was built in 1930 by the noted African-American architect Samuel Plato. In August of 1967, with H.W. Jones as pastor, the church hosted a rally for voter registration led by Dr. Martin Luther King.

As one of the U.S. Senators from Kentucky, I know how important a wonderful center like the Green Street Baptist Church can be to a community. One of the more prominent trustees and a treasurer of the church was a man named Ben Duke, who lived to be 100 years old. I have no doubt that his rewarding involvement with such a great organization like the Green Street Baptist Church contributed to his longevity.

I congratulate the Green Street Baptist Church on this momentous occasion of its 160th anniversary. I hope the church will continue to serve the Louisville community another 160 years and beyond.●

##### LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, this year marks the 75th Anniversary of the League of United Latino American Citizens, commonly known as LULAC. This national organization was founded in 1929 to fight for the civil rights of all Hispanic Americans. The LULAC founders saw a need for an organization that would strive for equality, fight discrimination and injustice, help Hispanics to claim their rights as United States Citizens and to have access to the American Dream.

Due to their success in the southwest, LULAC continued to open up chapters all over the United States. LULAC's first council was formed in Iowa in 1959 and continues to have a strong presence today. They have prospered over the past 45 years and continue to be a leader in Iowa, fighting for the rights of Latino Iowans.

LULAC has worked to affect national policy so that it better reflects the different cultures living in the United States. They continue to work tirelessly to reduce discrimination, close the achievement gap and improve the immigration laws and system.

LULAC seeks to reduce disparities in political representation. They work to develop leaders among the young Latino men and women in Iowa. Rita Vargas, a previous member of my staff, was nominated as "LULAC's Woman of the Year" in 2001, and has since been elected to the position of Scott County Recorder.

The Latino community is a vital, growing part of today's Iowa. In this great country, we find strength in our diversity. Iowa is stronger economically and richer culturally thanks to the many contributions of our Latino friends, neighbors and colleagues.

I would like to say thank you to LULAC for all their hard work in Iowa and throughout the country. I wish

them the best as they continue their community activism.●

##### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOELLEN de BERG, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE NURSE CORPS

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a great American and true military heroine who has honorably served our country for over 31 years in the United States Air Force Nurse Corps: COL Joellen de Berg. Colonel de Berg began her military career as a reservist with assignments in Arizona, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. After serving as flight nurse, instructor, and evaluator in C-123 and C-130 aircraft, she entered active duty in July, 1978, at Malcolm Grow Medical Center, Andrews Air Force Base, MD. She quickly rose through the ranks and served throughout the world, including in the Philippines, Ohio, California, Oklahoma, Maryland, Illinois, Texas, Washington, District of Columbia, and Japan.

In each assignment, Colonel de Berg excelled and was rewarded with greater responsibilities. In 1983, her performances led to a below-the-zone promotion to the rank of major 3 years ahead of her peers. After serving as manager of emergency services at Wright-Patterson AFB, she transitioned from the clinical arena to medical readiness inspector, Air Force Inspector General, Norton AFB, CA. Once again, her exemplary performance led to a second below-the-zone promotion to lieutenant colonel. After serving as the associate director of nursing at Malcolm Grow Medical Center, she went on to serve as congressional fellow, U.S. Senate, Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Her service in this capacity led to her appointment as chief of strategic plans, U.S. Air Force Surgeon General's Office, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC.

With her path to executive leadership clearly set, Colonel de Berg served as chief nurse at Tinker AFB and Andrews AFB. At Andrews, she assumed command of the Eighty-ninth Medical Operations Squadron. Her remarkable leadership earned her selection as group commander, Thirty-fifth Medical Group, Misawa, Japan. Colonel de Berg then assumed responsibilities as command nurse and chief, Primary Care Optimization, Office of the Command Surgeon, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, IL.

Colonel de Berg's last assignment was in the State she considers home. She returned to Texas, as chief, Nurse Utilization and Education Branch, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB. In this position, she was responsible for managing assignments, career progression, and sponsored educational opportunities for 4,000 Air Force nurses.

Colonel de Berg is a meritorious leader, administrator, clinician, educator, and mentor. Throughout her career she has served with valor and profoundly