

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE CORBETT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Katherine Corbett in recognition of her dedication to educating our children and improving the quality of our educational system as well as her spiritual leadership in her community.

Katherine Corbett is a native of Brooklyn, New York who has been married to a seventh grade friend Eddie Corbett for 34 years. She is the mother of four children; Kandice, Eddie Jr., Inez, and Frank. She is the grandmother of Diondre, Keilah, Joshua, and Sheraya.

Katherine is honored to be the principal of the Ronald Edmonds Learning Center-Middle School 113 in Brooklyn. During her 12 years as the educational leader, MS 113, she has earned numerous awards, grants and citations. Of her many outstanding achievements, the school remains the only middle school in the United States that has met the criteria to be a National Alliance of Black School Educators Demonstration school since the program began in 1997. In 1998, MS 113 was one of six schools in the United States, out of 54,000, to be designated by the United States Secretary of Education to be a Title One Distinguished School. In the same year, Katherine was recognized by the New York State Department of Education as a Title One Distinguished Educator. Yale University awarded Katherine with the Patrick Daly Award for Excellence in educational leadership.

In addition to her service to Middle School 113, Katherine has served the New York State Department of Education and Harvard University as a mentor for principals and low performing schools. In December 2000, Katherine was recruited to serve as one of the members of the Distinguished Faculty for New York City Department of Education's Principals Institute. Throughout the 2002-2003 school year, Katherine served as a mentoring principal for New Leaders for New Schools, a national graduate program for aspiring educational leaders.

In addition to her work in the educational community, Katherine serves as the senior pastor of New Life Ministries in West Hempstead, New York. The church serves the community with a number of programs that are designed to build the spirit and soul. Katherine is most grateful to be called, appointed, and chosen to serve humanity as she serves her God.

Mr. Speaker, Katherine Corbett has committed herself to educating our children through her work as a principal and as a mentor to other educators. She has also served her community through her work as a pastor. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
GENERAL ROBERT B. FLOWERS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Lieutenant General Robert B.

Flowers, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will retire on July 1 after 35 years of dedicated and meritorious service to our nation.

LTG Flowers followed his father into the Army after being commissioned from the Virginia Military Institute in 1969. Since that time he has led at every level of command, culminating in his current role as Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Prior to his selection as Chief of Engineers in October 2000, he served as Commanding General of the Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, home to the Army's engineer school. In this post, General Flowers helped produce and train our nation's engineer soldiers, units and leaders.

Throughout his career, General Flowers effectively trained and led engineer soldiers around the globe. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm he commanded an expanded, ten battalion brigade and led more than 7,700 soldiers into battle in Iraq. Among his many other distinguished assignments include Assistant Division Commander of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers 12-state Mississippi Valley Division; Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering U.S. Army Europe in Bosnia and President of the Mississippi River Commission, which develops and implements plans to improve navigation and safety, prevent floods, and promote and facilitate commerce and trade on the river.

In his current role as Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, he is the Army Chief of Staff's senior advisor on engineer issues. Simultaneously, he leads the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its more than 35,000 soldiers and civilians. During a critical time in America's history, General Flowers led the Army Corps of Engineers' support to the Nation. Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, General Flowers ensured the immediate and significant support given to recovery operations at the Pentagon and in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, under the leadership of General Flowers, the Corps of Engineers continues to play a vital role in the War on Terror and support reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan. His efforts have resulted in lasting and significant impacts to our nation and the Armed Forces. I know my fellow Members of the House will join me in thanking him for his years of dedication and selfless service and wishing him all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed rollcall votes Nos. 232-235 on June 14, 2004. These were suspension votes on H.J. Res. 97—Renewal of import restrictions on Burma, H. Res. 669—Prostate cancer awareness, H.R. 4323—Rapid Acquisition Authority for Combat Emergencies and H. Res. 653—Recognizing 80th Birthday of President George H.W. Bush. At the time these votes

were called, I was in my congressional district in Pensacola, FL with Vice-President CHENEY for his speaking engagement.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted rollcall vote No. 232, Renewal of import restrictions on Burma—"aye"; rollcall vote No. 233, on Prostate cancer awareness, "aye"; rollcall vote No. 234, on Rapid Acquisition Authority for Combat Emergencies, "aye"; and rollcall vote No. 235, on Recognizing 80th Birthday of President George H.W. Bush, "aye."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY
GRIEVE, INGHAM COUNTY
COMMUNITY NEWS 2004 VOLUNTEER
OF YEAR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Shirley Grieve who is described as "a one-woman champion of causes" in Ingham County, MI. Shirley Grieve's contributions are best described in an article in the Ingham County Community News, written by Editor Rachel Taylor:

MASON, MI.—Shirley Grieve is a one-woman champion of causes.

To find out which one she's campaigning for on any given day, just take a look around her Mason home, where the 67-year-old resident spends time raising money for worthwhile efforts.

Addresses, letters, leaflets and various "thank you" notes litter Grieve's dining room table. The mother of six takes volunteering seriously, committing to fundraising goals and these days, surpassing most of them.

This June, Grieve will be recognized for her commitment, as the Ingham County Community News' 2004 Agnes Corner Volunteer of the Year recipient. The award, now in its fifth year, is given to a member of the community that has made significant volunteer contributions locally.

Grieve fits the bill perfectly. This year alone the list of her efforts includes: Raising \$6,000 for the Capital Area Community Services' (CACS) Walk for Warmth in February, which helps pay heating and electric bills for people in dire need of financial assistance; collecting hundreds of items to send to U.S. troops stationed overseas; organizing a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Mason Kiwanis Golden K Club; and raising over \$7,000 to help fund Angel House in a matter of weeks. The project is headed up by Capital Area Child & Family Services to build mid-Michigan's first emergency shelter and advocacy center for abused children.

I always said, "I'm going to get out and make something of myself," explained Grieve, who grew up in West Virginia as the daughter of a coal miner. "Now, I didn't make something of myself by volunteering."

Grieve said her volunteer efforts started 32 years ago after moving to Mason from Lansing with her husband Richard. She said the rural life style was a shock in many ways and made her desperate to make friends in the community.

"The only thing I had was a dog in the back yard," remembered Grieve. "Then the kids would go to school and I would just have the baby."