

Globalization was supposed to be great for everyone. Nafta was supposed to be a boon. Increased productivity was supposed to be the ultimate tool—the sine qua non—for raising the standard of living for all.

Instead, wealth and power in the United States has become ever more dangerously concentrated, leaving an entire generation of essentially powerless workers largely at the mercy of employers.

A remark by Louis Brandeis comes to mind: “We can have democracy in this country, or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. But we can’t have both.”

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HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE OF MILLARD OAKLEY

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**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2005*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding support that Livingston, Tennessee, resident Millard Oakley has shown his community and the education of its children. In fact, Millard is being honored by Volunteer State Community College as its Friend of the Year this weekend for his unprecedented support of the college and higher education.

Millard is a lifelong resident of Livingston who prospered after receiving a first-rate education in the community’s public school systems and at nearby Tennessee Technological University and Cumberland University School of Law. A successful attorney and businessman who remembers his humble beginnings, Millard recently made a significant contribution for capital improvements at the Livingston campus of Vol State. He also established the Oakley First National Foundation, which awards full scholarships to Overton County students attending Vol State, Tennessee Technological University or the Tennessee Technology Center.

Millard’s life is a prime example of what a good education and the proper motivation can do for a country boy raised in the rural hills of Tennessee. He has served in the Tennessee General Assembly, as the state’s Insurance Commissioner, in the state’s Constitutional Convention, as the Overton County Attorney and as the general counsel of the U.S. House of Representative’s Select Committee on Small Business. He presently serves on the board of directors of the First National Banks of Tennessee in Livingston, Cookeville and Crossville, and of Thomas Nelson Publishers, the world’s largest Bible-publishing company.

I cannot count the times I have sought Millard’s advice on a wide range of issues. He has always given me his honest opinion and wise counsel, and I sincerely thank him for that. Millard is a true friend to me, his community and the Overton County students who benefit from his generosity. Once again, I congratulate Millard for his unselfish devotion to his community and to those who seek a better life through education.

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSWOMAN  
ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON ON  
THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED  
ACT OF 2005

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2005*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the first comprehensive clean-up plan for the Anacostia River. It has been called the “forgotten river,” “a neighborhood river,” “the dirtiest river in America” and an especially appropriate name would be the congressional river. The current original cosponsors include Representatives JIM MORAN, TOM DAVIS, CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, ROBERT BRADY, ED MARKEY, ALBERT WYNN, and RAUL GRIJALVA and I expect additional regional members who signed on when I originally introduced the bill during the last Congress to do so again. The Anacostia River flows within 2,000 yards of the Capitol Dome. For years the Anacostia River and region have been associated with blight and despair. Like many cities across America in the past few years that have developed their waterfronts, the District of Columbia government has decided to end the underutilization of the riverfront by creating the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative, dedicated to developing the Anacostia waterfront. However before development and hope can be brought to this area of the city, the river must be cleaned up. If the river is cleaned, it could be a very important economic development asset for the entire region. With a cleaned up river, visions of restaurants, parks, office buildings and pedestrian walkways will become a reality.

The bill introduced today would amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a program within the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) known as the “Anacostia Watershed Restoration Initiative.” This initiative would create an “Anacostia Watershed Council,” composed of the EPA Administrator, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Governor of Maryland, the Governor of Virginia and the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George’s County. The primary responsibility of the council would be to develop an action plan for the restoration, protection, and enhancement of the environmental integrity and social and economic benefits of the Anacostia watershed. Several federal agencies, such as the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Transportation, the EPA, and Army Corps of Engineers would be involved in the development and implementation of the action plan. This bill also calls for \$3 million for each of 10 years to be authorized for use by the EPA, and \$1 million for each of 10 years would be authorized for the other agencies. The strong Federal involvement in the bill reflects not only the location of the river, but also that Federal facilities represent the major source of its pollution.

This vital piece of legislation also would amend the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to authorize \$150 million to repair and upgrade the District’s inadequate combined sewer overflow system, a critical part of cleaning up the river. The District’s combined sewer system was designed and constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers 160 years ago. The sewer system services Federal

downtown DC, including the Capitol complex. As such, the Federal Government is directly responsible for the sewage and pollution that drains into the Anacostia River on a daily basis. I had secured a \$35 million authorization in last Congress’s WRDA bill in 2003, but the Senate never acted. This year I have requested \$150 million, even though this amount is not enough to help the District address the combined sewer overflow problem. However, this authorization will be a major step toward correcting a serious problem.

This bill also will be the first step in bringing real hope to a region often referred to as “east of the river”. With this bill, this once neglected region of our Nation’s capital will become a thriving gathering place for tourists and residents of this region. 60 Minutes recently captured the story of the young people who are cleaning up the Anacostia River in a moving segment entitled “Endangered Species.” These young members of the Earth Conservation Corps (ECC) are working not only to clean up the river but to “empower our endangered youth to reclaim the Anacostia River, their communities, and their lives.” With the Anacostia River as their classroom, the ECC has been able to achieve positive strides, both environmentally and socially. There is more we can do to support and expand their efforts and help Anacostia to become the jewel of the District of Columbia.

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IN HONOR OF JOSÉ C. CAYÓN  
DIÉGUEZ

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 19, 2005*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor José C. Cayón Diéguez, an accomplished Cuban-American journalist who has dedicated his career to reporting on and promoting issues important to the Hispanic community. Mr. Cayón Diéguez is the founder of *El Tiempo de Nuevo York*, New Jersey and Miami.

Launched in 1963, this weekly newspaper offers stories and insight into the lives of Hispanics throughout the United States. Mr. Cayón Diéguez has served as the director and guiding force behind this New York-based publication for the past 33 years. During that time, he has proven himself to be an outstanding leader and a strong voice within the Hispanic community. As the manager and contributing editor of the paper, Mr. Cayón Diéguez has become a spokesman for the causes important to community organizations such as the Puerto Rican Parade Committee, the Puerto Rican Folklore Festival, the Columbian Civic Center, and the Dominican Cultural Civic Center, among others. In addition to his work with *El Tiempo de Nuevo York*, New Jersey and Miami, he was also the editor for the first Hispanic Guide to New Jersey and New York.

Mr. Cayón Diéguez is an active member of the community, who volunteers his time and takes on leadership roles in a multitude of organizations. In the past he has served as treasurer of the National Federation of Hispanic Owned Newspapers, vice-president of the Hispanic Media Council, director of art and columnist for the *Diario Hispanoamericano*,