

manager of the Republican Congressional Baseball team, I am especially proud of the honor that Harvey Haddix brought to baseball and our part of the state. The dedication of a historical marker on what would have been his 80th birthday is a fitting tribute to a ballplayer whose name will always be part of the storied history of our national pastime.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANKIE MUSE
FREEMAN A CIVIL RIGHTS AT-
TORNEY AND COMMISSIONER
FOR AMERICA'S PRESIDENTS

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frankie Muse Freeman, a lawyer from Missouri who has fought a long and historic battle in defense of civil and human rights for all Americans. Her dedication and service to our nation as a civil rights attorney and Commissioner of Civil Rights for a long line of American Presidents, aptly earns her a place in the Missouri Walk of Fame and the privilege of being honored today before Congress.

Dr. Freeman has been engaged in the practice of law since June 1949. In addition to being an outstanding attorney, she has held four presidential appointments. President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated her as the first woman to serve as a Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter subsequently reappointed her. She served as a Commissioner for 16 years, and later as Inspector General for the Community Services Administration during the Carter Administration. President Carter, in thanking her for her service to the Civil Rights Commission, stated that "You have insisted that this nation must follow policies and reflect an unequivocal commitment to the goal of equal opportunity for all, in all walks of life. . . . You are one of our Nation's truly great leaders in the field of civil rights."

Committed to justice, Dr. Freeman joined 15 Federal officials in forming a bipartisan Citizens Commission on Civil Rights to monitor the Federal Government's enforcement of laws barring discrimination. She has extensive experience in the areas of housing, civil and probate law, and in civil rights. She has represented individuals, major corporations, not-for-profit organizations, and state and municipal agencies. A landmark in her career occurred in 1954 when she argued and won the case challenging racial segregation in public housing in St. Louis.

She strives to empower others to always be prepared and be active participants in today's society. Leading by example, Dr. Freeman has devoted many hours to the Howard University Board of Trustees, National Council on Aging, National Council of Negro Women, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Board of Directors of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Board of the United Way of Greater Saint Louis, Board of the Greater St. Louis Chapter of the United Nations Association and the Trustee Board of Washington Tabernacle Baptist Church. She is also a past president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Freeman is among my heroes and I am proud to salute her for her

many lasting contributions to both our local St. Louis community and to our nation. Her outstanding leadership and sincere commitment to justice makes her more than worthy of receiving our recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Frankie Freeman.

ON HURRICANE KATRINA AND THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RE-
SPONSE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note that failure of leadership and gross incompetence of key officials has led to thousands of unnecessary deaths. To then take this tragedy and attempt to blame the victims, or suggest that they're taking advantage of the situation, is beneath contempt.

The catastrophe on the Gulf Coast shows how vulnerable this country is because of unaccountable, ineffective leadership; a weakened, over-stretched government; and rising poverty and economic dislocation.

The only way to make good of the horrors of this hurricane and the bungled response is to heed the lessons offered:

Some jobs require more than good intentions and the President's trust. It is inexcusable that people with no emergency management experience fill top positions at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Four years after 9/11, we are no better equipped to save lives in an emergency. Our domestic infrastructure and readiness have paid a severe price in favor of fighting two wars while cutting taxes.

We cannot rely solely on local governments and charities. A strong, well-funded federal government is critical.

If government fails, millions of impoverished Americans are as vulnerable to natural disasters as people in the poorest countries of the world. The horrific photographs of the aftermath of the hurricane make that point all too clear. Meeting all Americans' health care, education, job training, and housing needs should be at the top of our agenda every day, not just in response to a disaster.

I hope that the crisis of conscience brought by coverage of this hurricane will convince everyone in Congress and around the country to do their part to change the reckless policies that have exacerbated this disaster.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE SAYVILLE FIRE
DEPARTMENT

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my sincere congratulations to the Sayville Fire Department in celebration of their 100th Anniversary.

The Sayville Fire Department was formed in 1905 with the merger of three independent fire companies. Two of those original companies,

the Sayville Hook & Ladder Company No 1, formed in 1878 and the Resolute Hose Company No 1, formed in 1891 are still active today.

The first firehouse, built in 1878, still stands and is used today as a private home. The present Fire Headquarters for the Department was built in 1938 and enlarged in 1994. If you were to visit the Sayville Fire Headquarters, you'd find original hook & ladder trucks and hose reels from the 1800s on display.

Today, the Sayville Fire Department proudly protects 16,000 people living in an area of 4.5 square miles. It operates out of two stations and protects a primarily residential area. Approximately 120 firefighters volunteer their time for the department.

While there have been many developments since 1905, the mission still remains the same. The brave men and women of the Sayville Fire Department are proudly serving their community by saving lives and protecting property.

IN HONOR OF ELIZABETH
TERWILLIGER'S 96TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Terwilliger on the occasion of her 96th birthday. Known as Mrs. T, her philosophy is to teach children to love nature because people take care of what they love.

Fifty years ago, Mrs. T settled in Marin County, California and sought to teach her own children to love nature. Her inquisitive and thoughtful approach to teaching with a new understanding of seeing nature soon led to more children joining their excursions.

Anyone who has been on one of her excursions will remember her contagious joy and enthusiasm for all the plants and animals of Marin.

The Elizabeth Terwilliger Nature Foundation was founded in 1975, and is now part of the nonprofit environmental education organization WildCare. WildCare and Terwilliger Nature Guides continue Mrs. T's work and reach over 40,000 children and adults annually.

Mrs. T did not stop at teaching others to love nature, she actively engaged in protecting it as well. She helped to save the Richardson Bay Preserve, develop bicycle paths, and build a footbridge at Muir Beach. Inducted into the Marin Women's Hall of Fame, designated a "Rara Avis" by the San Francisco Enquirer and Chronicle, starring in several films and her own newspaper column is just a sampling of her numerous achievements.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Elizabeth Terwilliger, whose love of nature and desire to teach others to share that love leaves a legacy that is part of the fabric of our community. Mrs. T's commitment has touched so many lives in her 96 years, and those lives will continue to educate future generations about nature and protection of the environment.