

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MS. DIANE ABBOTT, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, UNITED KINGDOM

Whereas, It is an established and honorable tradition for elected officials to recognize the outstanding contributions of those persons whose leadership and life's work have made a substantial difference to the lives of people everywhere, especially in their own countries; and

Whereas, Such committed leaders are often pioneers, who blaze a trail, becoming a role model for others to emulate, especially the young and the less fortunate in society.

Whereas, Diane Abbott, the first Black woman ever elected to the British House of Commons has earned her place on the scroll of outstanding women of achievement and is certainly one such pioneer.

Whereas, Diane Abbott, the daughter of Jamaican Immigrant parents and an honors graduate of Britain's prestigious Cambridge University, has represented a working class, multi-ethnic District In London since she was first elected to the House of Commons in 1987.

Whereas, Diane Abbott is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for service to her country, the Caribbean community and the developing world generally.

Whereas, Diane Abbott, a member of the Treasury Committee of the International Monetary Fund helped to raise the consciousness of the International community about the damage which the debt crisis was having on governments and people of the Caribbean, Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That we salute and commend Ms. Diane Abbott for her distinguished an unblemished record of service to humanity and for her leadership on the national and international stages in the United Kingdom, the Caribbean as elsewhere.

RECOGNIZING THE 87TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, on November 11, I will proudly join thousands of Polish Americans living in Chicago in celebrating the 87th anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Poland.

Until Poland was recognized again as a sovereign nation, it struggled against tyranny, just as the United States did against colonial rule before our own independence was achieved. From the end of the 18th century until World War I, Poles were forced to live under the despotic rule of the Russian czars and Prussian and Austrian emperors. During the war, the Polish territory suffered under the heavy hand of Russian, German, and Austrian occupation. However, during World War I, Poles were gradually able to self-govern at local levels and established institutions, laying the groundwork for eventual independence.

Meanwhile, President Woodrow Wilson made the restoration of Polish independence one of his 14 conditions for peace. President Wilson was a friend of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, a famous Polish artist, composer, statesman and great patriot. As World War I drew to a close, Polish culture began to flourish again

and self-governance was finally achieved when the first Polish government was established.

After 123 years of partitions and uprisings, Poland's dream of independence was realized when it became a sovereign state again on November 11, 1918, the same day as the Armistice ending World War I. With its long and rich history and traditions, Poland regained its rightful place among free and independent nations. Eighty-seven years later, we continue to celebrate Poland's independence.

I am proud to represent more than 111,000 people of Polish descent who live in the Fifth Congressional District on Chicago's northwest side. We must continue to build upon a strong record of cultural and economic ties between our two nations. We are grateful to Poland for its friendship and commitment to democratic ideals of liberty, human rights, and most recently, its commitment of resources and troops who stood shoulder to shoulder with the U.S. Armed Forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Poland continues to be our staunch ally and steadfast friend in Europe in our fight against terrorism.

On this day, I am proud to join the people of my district, as well as those of Polish descent around the globe, in celebrating the 87th Anniversary of Poland's independence.

HONORING THE HON. GORDON "BUTCH" STEWART

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, this coming weekend, between November 10 and 13, I and more than 20 of our colleagues in the House will be meeting and participating in the 10th annual Caribbean Multi-national Business Conference sponsored by the New York Carib News in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands where we will be enjoying the hospitality of Carib News publishers Karl and Faye Rodney and Delegate DONNA CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN. Over the last decade the conference has brought together elected officials, civic leaders, entrepreneurs, and executives of major corporations to explore opportunities for growth and expansion in the emerging markets and developing economies of the Caribbean. The conference has significantly contributed to the building of closer working relationships and personal ties between Caribbean leadership and the Members of Congress who have participated. As we approach this year's conference, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding Caribbean leader, Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart, Renowned Jamaican and Caribbean Business leader and Entrepreneur by placing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the text of a proclamation to be awarded at the conference:

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HON. GORDON "BUTCH" STEWART

Whereas, It is an established and honorable tradition for elected officials to recognize the outstanding contributions of those persons whose groundbreaking leadership and life's work have helped to transform the private sector as a key engine of economic growth while upgrading people's standard of living, especially in their own countries;

Whereas, Such successful business leaders have earned their places in history the old-fashion way, working hard, taking risks, blazing profitable commercial trails, thus setting examples for others to follow;

Whereas, The Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart, a national of Jamaica who is Chairman of Sandals Resorts International, sits at the pinnacle one of the largest corporate conglomerates in the Caribbean;

Whereas, The Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart, until recently Chairman of Air Jamaica, has been widely recognized and honored throughout the Caribbean, North America and Europe for his business innovation, entrepreneurship and success.

Whereas, Two of most cherished awards are his country's highest national honors, the Order of Jamaica and Commander of the Order of Distinction.

Whereas, The Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands for service to his country, the Caribbean community and the global business community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we salute and commend the Hon. Gordon "Butch" Stewart for his outstanding, distinguished an unblemished record of service to business and humanity and for his leadership on the national and international stages in Jamaica, the Caribbean, North America and Europe.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. TAYLOR

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to commend John E. Taylor for his dedicated service to the National Archives. Mr. Taylor has worked for the National Archives since 1946. Throughout those years, Mr. Taylor has been acclaimed by researchers worldwide for his extraordinary grasp of history and ability to locate pertinent documents.

Mr. Taylor specializes in World War II documents and records of the Office of Strategic Services. Mr. Taylor's colleagues praise him as one of the most knowledgeable and generous archivists, known for his sound advice and resourceful assistance to authors, scholars and historians.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Taylor has been honored by groups all over the world. In 1997 Mr. Taylor was honored by the Japanese Embassy for helping Japanese historians and journalists for the previous 40 years. In 2003 the American Jewish Historical Society awarded Mr. Taylor its first "Distinguished Archivist Award" for his lifetime of work as an archivist. He has also received numerous honors from the National Archives itself. The National Archives has a special John E. Taylor Collection of books on espionage and intelligence which largely consists of works with which Mr. Taylor provided critical assistance.

Mr. Taylor is truly an invaluable resource. His service at the National Archives is legendary. I applaud his outstanding achievements and dedication to his work, and this landmark achievement of 60 years of service.