

projected further decline of aeronautics research in the out years erodes our workforce by sending a clear signal that funding in the long term is unstable at best, a concern echoed by the NAS reports. Our NASA workforce is the reason for our aeronautics dominance. It is that simple. But the cuts are already causing us to struggle against rising expertise in countries like China as well as an aging scientific and technical workforce at NASA.

This subcommittee and this Congress have spoken unequivocally in the past few years on this issue by keeping aeronautics strong in NASA authorization and appropriations bills. Yet the NASA budget requests have not changed. We are still underfunding the Vision for Space Exploration, forcing the agency to take money from smaller programs like aeronautics, the first A in NASA. In the process, we run the risk of taking away one of NASA's great strengths—diversity. If NASA becomes a one trick pony focused almost exclusively on space exploration, NASA as a whole is vulnerable to political wind shifts.

Our priority should be to correct this. Earlier this year, I attempted to offer a bipartisan amendment to increase funding for aeronautics in the Budget Resolution by \$179 million dollars, which would have left funding flat for FY07. But it was blocked by the Rules Committee. However, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported a bill last week that adds 1 billion dollars to cover the emergency costs associated with the loss of space shuttle Columbia. That would free up money for Aeronautics. It also included a ban on involuntary reductions in force, protecting the most valuable part of NASA, its world-class workforce. The House should support these provisions in conference.

In the long term, my hope is that this subcommittee will continue to defend aeronautics at NASA. I will most certainly do what I can to help.

HONORING OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH AND 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished history of the Our Lady of Victory Parish on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Over the last century, Our Lady of Victory has provided spiritual guidance and quality education to generations of families throughout the Jefferson Park and Portage Park communities on the north side of the City of Chicago.

Our Lady of Victory was originally established on September 10, 1906 as a mission of the Saint Edward's Parish. Reverend Martin M. Lennartz served as this Catholic community's inaugural Pastor. Its first Eucharistic celebrations were held in an unassuming hall located at the corner of Milwaukee and Lawrence Avenues.

It was not until 1907, and the community efforts of Elizabeth Massmann, that the congregation was renamed, "Our Lady of Victory," after her memory and the name of her childhood church located in the state of Ohio.

The cornerstone of Our Lady of Victory's current location was laid on May 22, 1910. The three story structure located at 4444

North Laramie Avenue is now but one of the parish's many buildings.

Today, Our Lady of Victory serves approximately two hundred elementary school aged students. It has served over 3,000 families throughout the Chicagoland area in its one hundred year history.

And on October 8, 2006, parishioners and distinguished leaders of our community will come together to celebrate this momentous anniversary. The Gala Centennial Dinner will take place at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of the north side of Chicago and the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I wish to recognize the Our Lady of Victory Parish and its Centennial celebration. I wish all the best for its clergy, for its families, and for its success in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO DOUG DASH

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Doug Dash, a man who has served his community and his country for nearly 30 years.

Doug is a graduate of West Chester State College. He was a teacher in Pennsauken, NJ and is the proud grandfather of a beautiful four and a half year old girl. During his time serving his community as a letter carrier, Doug has also been the Congressional Liaison for the Cherry Hill Postal Service. Mr. Dash began serving his community as a postal employee after he had already served his country in the armed forces for two years, receiving a Purple Heart after one year in Vietnam. Doug has been serving Cherry Hill and the First Congressional District of New Jersey since 1979.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Doug Dash today for all that he has done for The First Congressional District of New Jersey and our country. Doug's life of service is worthy of admiration, and in addition to being a constituent and colleague, I am proud to call Doug Dash a friend.

HONORING LEWIS EDWARD JORDAN

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 28, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and work of Lewis Edward Jordan. In a time and place when it was a rarity for an African American to operate a business, Lewis broke boundaries in the world of business. He used his acquired wealth to help lift the community as a whole and to instill the same optimism in others that drove him to accomplish so much. He passed away on June 20, 2006.

Lewis was born on September 7, 1914 in Oakville, Maryland. Lewis faced tremendous adversity as a child and teenager, living in southern Maryland after slavery with his

grandparents, who were slaves themselves. As a child he had very little money, and he only received an eighth grade education because the county where he lived, Saint Mary's County, had no high school for African Americans.

As a young adult, Lewis moved to Washington, D.C. He married Catherine Frederick in 1936 and fathered three children, Frederick, Andre, and Monica. It was in Washington, D.C. that his great creativity and vision would help him find success in his various entrepreneurial ventures. He was successful in many different businesses, including a taxicab company, a coal distribution company, mobile markets that served urban communities, a bar and restaurant, and eventually a trucking company. Lewis had the bravery to start these companies at a time in our nation's history when, unfortunately, many thought that a man like Lewis should only work for these companies rather than be the man at the helm, and his courage deserves recognition.

Lewis received many accolades for his work during and after his life. For his work on the decoration of the Blair House, he received a personal commendation by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. In addition, as a testament to his business skill, his trucking company was awarded the contracts for work on the Sam Rayburn Congressional Building as well as many other important Washington D.C. structures. Also, he received a tacit compliment from the business community when his "mobile market" concept for serving groceries to underserved neighborhoods was replicated by many.

Even when engaging in business, Lewis was socially conscious and sought to do business in a humane way. His mobile market business bloomed into all different sorts of philanthropic works. He became known for delivering fresh fruits and vegetables to families of need in northeast Washington, D.C., and in 1996 he started the Frederick and Jordan Families Fund. The fund is administered by the San Francisco Foundation, and focuses specifically on helping African American communities in areas of homelessness, at-risk youth, and food programs.

In his golden years, Lewis stayed busy, serving as chairman of the Frederick and Jordan Families Fund and writing his own book, *From Slave Days to Present Days, the Roots of the Jordan Family*, which is considered to be one of the few works portraying the lives of African Americans in Maryland after slavery.

In addition to his business and philanthropic efforts, Lewis was a loving father. His love and care are reflected in the success of his children. Andre Jordan became the highest-ranking African American federal law enforcement official in the United States; Frederick started a civil engineering and construction management firm, which was the first African American owned firm of that sort on the West Coast; and Monica is the Assistant General Counsel of a federal agency.

For his vision in business, his giving spirit, and his love of family and others, I am humbled to honor Lewis Edward Jordan. On behalf of California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I am proud to add my voice to the countless others who have united in thanks, respect, and praise for this pioneering individual, Lewis Edward Jordan.