

a \$450,000 grant collaborating in Entertainment and Media with five community colleges and their associated high schools.

The school's dedication to the arts includes its Honor Band's selection to participate at the inauguration of President Kennedy, the only marching band from North America to perform at the Expo '88 ceremonies in Australia, and has performed at various west coast events including the Tournament of Roses.

Mr. Speaker, Capuchino High School has had a long history of achievements and I am absolutely delighted that our community is dedicated to the success of our children. Capuchino High School is one of the real gems in my district and with the help of Measure D and Electronic Arts, Capuchino will be able to keep up with the constantly changing environment that faces our children when they leave school. I would like to thank all those who are responsible for these much needed improvements and am looking forward to seeing them for myself firsthand.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN ADAMINI

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Stephen Adamini, a Representative in the Michigan House of Representatives from the 109th District. The 109th District is comprised of four Upper Peninsula counties: Alger, Luce, Marquette and Schoolcraft.

First elected to the House in 2000, Stephen Adamini will be concluding his service in that body at the end of this year. The people of the 109th Representative District have been well represented by Stephen and he will be missed.

Whether the issue was timber or roads, Stephen was always ready to jump into the political and legislative arena, and he was a tireless worker for the "Yoopers," those residents of Michigan that live in the state's Upper Peninsula. As Steve has recognized, while there are many common issues in communities across our state, each region also has unique needs and concerns of its own. Steve recognized the unique qualities of his district and he worked hard in our state capital to find creative solutions on both sides of the Mackinac Bridge.

Stephen was also known for his work in Lansing in the area of health care. He served as Minority Vice Chair of that Committee in addition to serving on the Judiciary and Transportation Committees. Among the bills, that he authored Steve's legislative skills helped tackle thorny issues surrounding the privacy of medical records.

Even prior to going to Lansing, Stephen dedicated much of his life to public service and community involvement. Whether it was serving on the Executive Committee of the Gwinn Area Chamber of Commerce, Chairing the Marquette County Airport Board, serving on the Marquette County Re-Appportionment Commission or his work on the Michigan Transportation Commission, Steve has always strived to improve and serve his community and the entire Upper Peninsula.

In the Michigan State House of Representatives, Stephen has represented Marquette, the

largest city in the Upper Peninsula. His distinguished record in Lansing has endeared him to his constituents in Michigan. Stephen and I have always enjoyed a special relationship personally and professionally. I look forward to his continued involvement in the communities of Alger, Luce, Marquette and Schoolcraft and I applaud him for his years of service to Michigan, to the Upper Peninsula and to the people of Michigan's 109th legislative district.

It is leaders like Stephen Adamini who make our system of democracy great at all levels—State as well as Federal. On this occasion, I offer my best wishes to Stephen's wife, Linda, his two children Corrine and Stephen Jr., and his grandchildren; Alexandra, Marki, and Ryan. All of them have a great deal to be proud of in Stephen's life and career. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in saluting Stephen Adamini for his record of public service both in Lansing and at home in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF G. LUZ A. JAMES, ESQUIRE, TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to G. Luz A. James, Esquire, affectionately known as "Luz James", a Native Son of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands and an individual who distinguished himself by living a life of service to the people and community of the U.S. Virgin Islands and to our Nation.

Luz James served the Virgin Islands community as an educator in the field of Mathematics and Science and was so effective that many of his students found ease in understanding the difficult subjects and some later became teachers because of exposure to his style. Among his numerous honors and recognitions was the conferring of the rank of Honorary Policeman by one of our last appointed governors, Walter A. Gordon. He worked in the Virgin Islands Public Works Department; was a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor; the Assistant Executive Director of the Virgin Islands Urban Renewal Program, which started developing and renovating depressed areas of the islands at the beginning of the economic boom in the 1960's and the Special Assistant to Governor Ralph M. Paiewonsky in the Office of Public Relations. He was also elected as the first President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for St. Croix.

Luz was also elected as a Senator in the 12th Legislature of the Virgin Islands, continuing a political tradition that began with his father, who served on the Municipal Council. His brother, Randall, served four terms as a Senator; his oldest son, Luz II served two terms in the Legislature before being elected Lt. Governor for the first term of our present Governor's Administration. One of his nieces ran for a seat in the Legislature and a nephew is presently seeking re-election for a second term.

Luz was also the first Scoutmaster and Founder of Boy Scout Troop 151, under the

sponsorship of the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, the church in which he was baptized and had a long and involved relationship with throughout his life. He served the church in many positions and was the church's Sacristan at the time of his death. His education began at the school associated with the church, St. Mary's, under the tutelage of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Sisters helped kindle his love of the church, and his deep spirituality. Luz was known for his generosity and kindness and he would visit some of the Sisters that had taught him during his childhood. His family has been a member of the Holy Cross Church for more than a century.

Luz James also had a distinguished military career that began as a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon his graduation from Howard University in 1950 and served a tour of duty years later as an Artillery Officer at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was credited with the formation of the U.S. Army Reserve Units in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Governor Melvin H. Evans appointed him as the first Adjutant General of the Virgin Islands, which gained him the distinction of being the first African-American to serve as an Adjutant General in the in Army National Guard of the United States. At the time of his untimely passing, he and the National Guard were in the process of preparing a pinning ceremony for his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General, during a ceremony that was being planned for next month.

Luz James entered Law School in his mid forties, graduated, became a member of the Virgin Islands Bar Association and had one of the busiest practices on the island of St. Croix. He was also a member of the National and the American Bar Associations. This accomplishment, returning to get his Juris Doctorate degree, was one that inspired three other members of his family to enter the legal field and vividly impressed his youngest son, a medical doctor that an education and desire for self improvement can continue throughout a person's lifetime. In addition to helping many members of his considerable extended family, Luz assisted many Virgin Islanders to pursue and continue their formal educations.

Luz James became a disc jockey during the 1950's, which began his love affair with the broadcasting industry. He and one of his brothers, Randall, a medical doctor, had popular shows on one of the local stations. He later formed Family Broadcasting, Inc., when he acquired WSTX AM and FM, the fulfillment of a dream, which allowed him to revive the show, "Crucian Confusion", a program he originally aired during his first days on the air.

One of his greatest attributes was his willingness to help any person in need, sometimes to his detriment and he would part with his last dollar, without any hesitation, if it would benefit someone else. He served on practically every civic group formed on St. Croix and has been recognized and cited for outstanding contributions to the community from such groups as the Hospital Auxiliary, Parent Teacher Association, the A.M.E. Church, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., the Crucian Forty Plus Baseball Club, the V.I. Midwives Association and the V.I. PAC, a New York based group comprised of Virgin Islanders.

Born on the island of St. Croix, Luz James was the youngest of four brothers that all

made significant contributions to the Virgin Islands and to the Nation. He was the last surviving of the brothers and his death on September 17, 2006, ended an illustrious chapter in Virgin Islands history of outstanding community involvement and achievement by one particular generation of a family.

On behalf of the 109th Congress of the United States of America, I salute G. Luz A. James, Esquire, for his dedicated service to his home and community of the Virgin Islands and to his country. I thank his wife Asta and children Barbara, Gerard Luz II, Emmeth and Kelsey, their children and grandchildren, for being the supporting base that permitted him to be shared with a community that is beginning to comprehend his many contributions and the extent of the community's loss.

CHILD INTERSTATE ABORTION
NOTIFICATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to S. 403, the Child Custody Protection Act.

I support encouraging—not requiring—parental notification for minors seeking contraceptive services. This legislation proposes a variety of new mandates on women, families, and doctors.

For example, the bill forces doctors to learn and enforce 49 other states' laws, under the threat of fines and prison sentences. In many cases, it forces young women to comply with two states' parental-involvement mandates. It also requires a doctor to notify a young woman's parents in person, in another state, before abortion services can be provided.

Finally, in some cases, even if a parent travels with his or her daughter to obtain abortion care, the doctor must still give "notice" to the parent and wait 24 hours before providing the care. In such cases, this requirement acts as a built-in mandatory delay—which makes it more difficult logistically, more expensive, and more burdensome all around for the family. It may even endanger the young woman's health.

Not only does S. 403 include these negative provisions, it also could be found unconstitutional for three reasons. First, it contains no health exception.

Second, in some cases, it offers young women no judicial bypass. Judicial bypass is required by the Supreme Court and allows another responsible adult to consent instead of a parent.

Finally, it forces states to enforce other states' laws by forcing individuals to carry their home state laws with them when they travel.

Every parent hopes that a child confronting a crisis will seek the advice and counsel of those who care for her most and know her best. In fact, even in the absence of laws mandating parental involvement, many young women do turn to their parents when they are considering an abortion. One study found that 61 percent of parents in states without mandatory parental consent or notice laws knew of their daughter's pregnancy.

In a perfect world, all children would have open, clear communication with their parents.

Unfortunately, this is not the case in every family. I believe this legislation would dissuade young women from turning to other trusted adults, such as an aunt or older sibling, in a time of need.

While this bill might be well intentioned, it is a deeply flawed attempt to curb young women's access to private, confidential health services under the guise of protecting parental rights.

I would like to see abortion remain safe and legal, yet rare. Whatever one's views on abortion, I believe we all can recognize the importance of preventing unintended pregnancies. When women are unable to control the number and timing of births, they will increasingly rely on abortion. Making criminals of advisors, however, is simply not the way to accomplish this goal.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO RICH BROWN

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rich Brown, a Representative in the Michigan House of Representatives from the 110th District. The 110th District includes the counties of Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton, Keewenaw, Baraga, Iron and part of Marquette County.

Elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2000, Rich Brown has been term limited and his service in the Michigan House will therefore end this year. In this case, I believe the term limits law in my home state has deprived the people of Michigan continued service from an exemplary state Representative.

Even prior to going to Lansing, Rich dedicated much of his life to public service and to serving the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) community. Beginning as a broadcaster at WUUN Radio in Marquette before becoming news director at WUPM Radio in Ironwood, Michigan, Rich covered the local issues that matter to the local communities of the U.P. Later, he worked as a reporter for the Ironwood Daily Globe, before beginning public service as Gogebic County Clerk. It was in 1984, that Rich was elected Gogebic County Clerk and Register of Deeds. During his tenure as a County Clerk he received wide acclaim for his public service efforts. He was named Michigan County Clerk of the year in 1992. Rich served as Gogebic County Clerk for 16 years until his election to the Michigan House of Representatives.

In Lansing, Rich has been a tireless champion of "Yoopers," residents of Michigan that live in the state's Upper Peninsula. Rich served on the powerful Appropriations Committee. From that powerful committee, he ensured that the unique transportation needs of northern Michigan were met by bringing state money above the bridge.

Rich's district encompasses much of the "Copper Country," an area rich in history and natural beauty. Rich has been a worthy emissary from this area, representing the area's unique culture and values in Lansing with distinguished pride. The Upper Peninsula faces

different issues than issues faced by downstate residents. Rich has recognized those differences and exhibited hard work in our state capital to find creative solutions on both sides of the Mackinac Bridge.

In the Michigan State House of Representatives, Rich has been a stalwart advocate for his constituents. I look forward to his continued involvement in the communities in the Upper Peninsula western end of the Copper Country. I applaud him for his years of service to Michigan, to the Upper Peninsula and to the people of Michigan's 110th legislative district.

While known for his political prowess, Rich was well known throughout the Upper Peninsula as the energetic, entertaining and talented director of Marty's Goldenaires Senior Drum and Bugle Corps from Bessemer. Rich's band has delighted crowds in Michigan and Wisconsin and always draws the loudest, most sincere appreciation of all the drum and bugle corps that are participating in a parade, concert or festival. Under Rich's direction, Marty's Goldenaires are simply "The Best!"

Finally, let me offer my best wishes to Rich's wife, Ann Marie, his two children, Ryan and Emily. All of them have a great deal to be proud of in Rich's life and career. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the U.S. House of Representatives join me in saluting Rich Brown for his dedicated service to the state of Michigan, the people of the Copper Country and Michigan's 110th House District.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE CHARLES
"BUDDY" SIZEMORE

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is not every day that a fallen soldier is laid to rest 56 years after he was killed in action. But such is the case of Private Charles "Buddy" Sizemore.

As a young graduate of Rushville High School in Rushville, Indiana in 1948, Buddy was drafted into the U.S. Army where he was assigned to Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

Mr. Speaker, it was on October 19, 1950 that the men of the 1st Cavalry, hitching rides with the 70th Tank Division, took the North Korean capital of Pyongyang at great cost. But the advance of the 8th Army resumed despite a shortage of supplies, including winter clothing. Some riflemen had as few as 16 rounds of ammunition.

On November 1, about seventy miles north of Pyongyang, two Chinese divisions attacked and almost completely destroyed the U.S. 8th Cavalry Regiment and the 1st Cavalry Division. Soon thereafter, six Soviet-supplied armies from Manchuria attacked on all fronts. On November 2, 1950, just six weeks after he had left his Rushville home for Korea, Private Buddy Sizemore and his entire battalion were lost.

Fifty-six years later, after much negotiating between the United States and North Korea, forensic teams from the United Nations and the Pentagon have identified his remains, and on October 14th, there will be a full military funeral at the First Baptist Church in Rushville, Indiana for Private Charles "Buddy" Sizemore.

Mr. Speaker, the Bible tells us if you owe debts, pay debts; if honor, then honor; if respect, then respect. I rise humbly today to pay