

A TRIBUTE TO TRUDY HAYES-SARGEANT

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Trudy Hayes-Sargeant, a dedicated citizen of New York. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding woman and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her impressive service.

A native of the island of Trinidad & Tobago, Trudy Hayes-Sargeant is proud to call New York her home. She serves as a Clinical Technician Assistant with Forest Research Institute and is the CEO/Owner of her own construction firm—Trucomm Construction.

Quoting Maya Angelou, "If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded," Mrs. Hayes-Sargeant dedicates her time to several organizations such as the Canarsie Lions, The American Breast Cancer Society, Pleasantville Senior Sec. Old Boyz, East New York Diagnostic & Treatment Center and the East New York Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Hayes-Sargeant received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington, D.C. in Computer Information and System Science and holds several Microsoft certifications. She is the loving mother of one son, Jarrell.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the work of Trudy Hayes-Sargeant. Her deep commitment to community makes her most worthy of our recognition today.

IN RECOGNITION OF DENTON
POLICE DETECTIVE DANNY
FLETCHER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Denton Police Detective Danny Fletcher for his valiant efforts in saving a family trapped in their burning car. He was recently awarded the Meritorious Conduct Bar for his heroism by the Denton City Police Department in the 26th District of Texas.

Detective Fletcher witnessed the family get into the auto accident as he was driving home from work on June 13, 2006. He responded without hesitation and called for the help of emergency services. He then heroically approached the flaming vehicle and pulled out three young children, aged 4, 2, and 2 months, trapped in the backseat of the car. He continued to assist the family to safety, while smoke and fire entered the car, and the vehicle's tires began to explode.

Detective Fletcher was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Bar by the Denton Police Department for his role in saving the lives of the three children. His calm and rational thinking is to be applauded. This award is the second highest honor an individual can receive in the Denton Police Department.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Detective Fletcher for his display of active heroism during the car accident. His service to our community both

on and off duty is inspiring. Detective Danny Fletcher is an asset to the Denton City Police Department and the Denton community, and I am honored to represent him in Washington, DC.

A TRIBUTE TO WADE H. STEVENS,
JR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of Philadelphia's most important leaders, my friend, Wade Stevens. Mr. Stevens is the Business Manager of the Laborer's International Union's District Council of the Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia and Vicinity. In this capacity he has been a tireless contributor to the betterment of Philadelphia's workers.

Mr. Stevens, who has served most of his life as a union activist, is celebrating his 10th year as a Business Manager. He joined Laborer's Local 135 in Norristown, PA in 1971, and served in varying capacities as a Delegate, Sergeant of Arms, and Judge of Elections. He still maintains his membership having transferred to Laborers' Local 332 in Philadelphia.

Mr. Stevens became a part of the Laborers' District Council as a Field Representative in 1989, and as a part of his duties was a Building Trades Committee Representative. In 1996, Mr. Stevens was elected to his current passion as the Business Manager of the Laborers' District Council. He worked in conjunction with local business managers, delegates, and management to create unprecedented services and benefits for Council members. In 2001 Mr. Stevens was appointed to the Tax Review Board of Philadelphia by Mayor John Street.

Mr. Stevens is also active in his community having sat on the Board of the All-Star Labor Classic Committee, raising thousands of dollars for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and a sponsor of the Norristown Bandits Midget Football Team. Mr. Stevens is proudly married to Cora Stevens and has been blessed with three sons and three grandchildren. I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate Mr. Wade H. Stevens, Jr. for his 10th year as the Business Manager of the Laborers' International Union North America Laborers' District Council of the Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

TRIBUTE TO 93RD STREET COMMUNITY
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the 93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 45th church anniversary celebration, from Monday, October 16 until Sunday, October 22, 2006. Pastor Carl Johnson led his congregation in celebrating the milestone in

the history of this beloved church, which has become a citadel of faith in Miami's Miami-Dade County community.

Pastor Larry Lovett II of the Antioch Baptist Church of Brownsville and Pastor Jeffrey Mack of the Second Canaan Baptist Church joined Pastor Johnson on the climax services on October 22 with the theme: "Coming Out of the Comfort Zone." Indeed, it is fitting and proper to give praise to Almighty God for blessing this church with its longevity of service to its members and to all those who seek comfort and solace in its sanctuary.

In 1961, a group of dedicated Christians committed themselves to laying down the foundation of this church. Reverend Alonzo Anderson sought a place of worship that was located on Northwest 22nd Avenue and 76th Street. In 1968, he sought a larger place of worship, which was subsequently named the 93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church—a name that has continued on to this day. In March 1971, the church was duly incorporated. The congregation suffered a great loss with the passing of Reverend Anderson on November 22, 1992.

In January 1993, Minister Carl Johnson was appointed pastor of the church. This visionary pastor became God's shepherd par excellence, as he guided and well-served the congregation, which grew from 200 congregants to its current 3,000 members. He has led his church with a good mixture of old-time religion and civic responsibility that continues to strengthen church members and our entire community.

In the year 2000, God led Reverend Johnson into the challenge of the Millennium Revival, to help bring churches together. Through his creative efforts and hard work, the faith-action service that now defines the 93rd Street Community Baptist Church has truly persevered in showing its congregation the truth that emanates from the study of Holy Scripture.

As a servant of God and as a deeply spiritual leader immersed in scriptural commitment, Pastor Carl Johnson has earned our deepest respect and commendation. This is the legacy with which he now guides the church, and we now congratulate his pastoral ministry and extend our heartfelt congratulation on the 45th church anniversary celebration of the 93rd Street Community Missionary Baptist Church.

HONORING NATIONAL FAMILY
WEEK, NOVEMBER 19-25, 2006

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to Honor National Family Week. National Family Week takes place November 19th through November 25th. This event is sponsored by the Alliance for Children and Families. The Alliance for Children and Families represents an impressive group of advocates who have a tremendous effect on our children and families. National Family Week reflects a commitment to ensuring healthy, stable communities—communities where families that have the resources, affordable housing and the social networks they need to thrive

and where children have the quality education, child care, and the health care they need to grow into our leaders of tomorrow.

The Alliance for Children and Families represents several vital organizations in Chicago. There are fifteen Alliance members who work in the heart of Chicago. Included in this group of advocates are: Casa Central; Centers for New Horizons, Inc.; Chicago Children's Advocacy Center; Child Care Association of Illinois; Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois; ChildServ; Generations of Success; Jane Addams Hull House; Jewish Child and Family Services; Kids Hope United; Lawrence Hall Youth Services; Methodist Youth Services, Inc.; Metropolitan Family Services; and Salvation Army Family Services. I am grateful for each of them and all the wonderful work that they do. Specifically I would like to recognize the Jane Addams Hull House, which recently received a \$3 million dollar grant from the Department of Education for its Early Reading First program. This grant illustrates the outstanding work that the three-hundred member organizations of the Alliance for Children and Families do for our citizens. I recognize and understand the importance of groups like the Jane Addams Hull House that provide important services to communities. I also want to recognize the efforts of the numerous other organizations in the Seventh District of Illinois that are not members of the Alliance but who are committed to the betterment of child welfare and well-being. These organizations work hard to teach our children, advocate on behalf of families everywhere, and provide necessary services to help strengthen communities.

As George Bernard Shaw once said, "Perhaps the greatest social service that can be rendered by anybody to this country and to mankind is to bring up a family." The Alliance for Children and Family and their three hundred members help families and communities successfully achieve the greatest social service by providing the tools necessary to ensure healthy and stable communities. It is my great honor to recognize National Family Week, the Alliance for Children and Families, and all that they do to ensure the success of our nation's children and families.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMBASSADOR
JOHN R. MILLER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the work of one of the leaders of the modern-day abolitionist movement, Ambassador John R. Miller, who has announced he will step down as Director of the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

He will be greatly missed.

As Ambassador Miller has often reminded us, trafficking in persons is modern-day slavery. With that conviction, he has led his office, and the whole of U.S. government, on a mission to settle for nothing short of the abolition of this terrible international crime.

Under Ambassador Miller's leadership, the U.S. government has grown in its commitment—both at home and abroad—against modern-day slavery. His work has helped

spotlight the issue of slavery around the world, through the annual Secretary of State's Trafficking in Persons Report, diplomatic engagement, speeches and multiple prosecution, protection, and prevention programs around the world.

Earlier this year, New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof praised the U.S. commitment to abolishing modern-day slavery, noting:

[T]he heaviest lifting has been done by the State Department's tiny office on trafficking—for my money, one of the most effective units in the U.S. government. The office, led by a former Republican congressman, John Miller . . . puts out an annual report that shames and bullies foreign governments into taking action against forced labor of all kinds.

The 2006 Trafficking in Persons Report is the most comprehensive worldwide report on the efforts of governments to combat severe forms of trafficking in persons. Along with previous editions, its findings have raised global awareness and compelled countries to take effective actions to counter human trafficking. Under Ambassador Miller's direction, the Report has steadily increased its country assessment total each year—from 124 governments reviewed in 2003 to 158 countries assessed in the 2006 TIP Report.

During that time, Ambassador Miller also oversaw crucial refinements to the Report, elevating the annual compendium to a level of sophistication rarely enjoyed by a publication of its kind: the Trafficking in Persons Report has become the gold standard on which governments and the media are able to weigh progress on the global effort to fight human trafficking.

Annual release of the report has also generated increasing media coverage, helping raise global consciousness of the existence and widespread problem of modern-day slavery. Release of the 2006 Report, for example, produced widespread coverage by national and international print, broadcast, and Internet media, reaching, for the second year in a row, more than 400 million people across the globe. Media coverage was particularly intense in many of the Tier 3 and Tier 2 Watch List countries, such as Saudi Arabia and India. Today, the TIP Report is the essential reference for global benchmarks that challenge all governments to join the 21st century abolitionist movement. The annual Trafficking in Persons Report serves as the primary diplomatic tool through which the U.S. Government encourages partnership and increased determination in the fight against forced labor, sexual exploitation, and modern-day slavery.

"In our judgment," declared Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director of the Protection Project, "this report constitutes the primary reference and main source of information on efforts made by foreign governments to combat trafficking in persons."

Armed with the report, Ambassador Miller has engaged with governments from Japan to Jamaica, from Belize to Bangladesh, to bring about improved law enforcement, victim protection, and prevention of this odious crime. Worldwide, Ambassador Miller's diplomatic leadership helped spur new or improved anti-human trafficking legislation in 41 countries in 2005, along with the establishment of dozens of new survivor shelters. That effort paid huge dividends: anti-trafficking convictions worldwide increased from several hundred, before Ambassador Miller arrived at the State Depart-

ment, to over 4,700 in 2005. Last year's figure—an increase from about 3,000 the year before—was especially dramatic among countries in Africa (from 29 TIP convictions in 2004 to 58 in 2005) and East Asia and Pacific nations (from 348 TIP convictions in 2004 to 2,347 in 2005).

Specifically, Ambassador Miller's diplomatic efforts helped persuade Japan to vastly reduce the number of TIP-exploitable "entertainment visas" Japan issued for young women from the Philippines—to fewer than 5,000, from a high of 80,000 a year. In addition, Ambassador Miller has carefully honed the report's system of tier rankings to cultivate global anti-TIP efforts. This year, for example, Malawi rose from Tier 2 to Tier 1 on the TIP Report, while Ecuador rose from Tier 3 to Tier 2.

Over the last 2 years, Ambassador Miller helped enhance the U.S. government's anti-trafficking efforts to include a greater focus against child sex tourism (CST), a crime in which people travel from their own country to developing countries, such as Laos or Cambodia, looking for anonymity and the availability of children in prostitution. Ambassador Miller's leadership against CST has netted success, as Time magazine recently observed:

Those working to protect children in Cambodia agree that the police force has recently shown a far stronger commitment to targeting pedophiles. But it's not just law and order that is doing the trick. A new political will to root them out is the result of diplomatic incentives and pressures, both the carrots of international donors and the stick of the U.S. State Department, say child protection workers. . . . But the stick came in 2005 when the U.S. State Department, fed up with the impunity enjoyed by traffickers here, relegated Cambodia to its lowest tier three rating on its global trafficking report. Cambodia was lumped in with Burma, Cuba and North Korea, and Washington threatened sanctions against Phnom Penh for its inability to comply with 'minimum standards' to combat human trafficking and convict officials involved.

In part because of Ambassador Miller's efforts, since 2003 over 30 American pedophiles have been extradited back to the U.S. and sent to jail.

With Ambassador Miller's prodding, the United States last December became an official party to the U.N. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, also known as the Palermo Protocol. The Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Protocol, which supplements the U.N. Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime, is an important multilateral component of the worldwide effort to combat modern-day slavery. It seeks to prevent trafficking, protect victims, and promote anti-trafficking cooperation among nations.

As chairman of the interagency Senior Policy Operating Group, Ambassador Miller has improved coordination among U.S. agencies, helping to make the panel a decision-making body whose participants have furthered the U.S. effort against trafficking in person both at home and abroad. For example, the Department of Justice (DOJ), in 2005 charged 116 individuals with human trafficking, almost doubling the number charged in FY 2004. Approximately 80 percent of those defendants were charged under the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000. Forty-five traffickers were convicted, of which 35