

again gaining passage. Today, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill, and I call upon the Senate to swiftly pass this important, bipartisan, legislation and stand with the House in protecting the Upper Mississippi River Basin.

A TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY HWONG

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Shirley Hwong of Monterey Park, California. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our Nation's most distinguished women.

Shirley has lived in Monterey Park with her husband Leo for over 35 years. Shirley served on the Monterey Highlands School Parent-Teacher Association, PTA, for more than 10 years. She held the roles of PTA president and treasurer and did significant fundraising to help teachers and students. She was also involved in the Mark Keppel Alliance at Mark Keppel High School for 4 years and successfully fundraised for the Mark Keppel Band.

Shirley has proven to be invaluable in her ability to raise money for charitable causes. In 2005, she was a chairperson of "City with a Heart" fundraising for Hurricane Katrina relief. They raised more than \$55,000 to help the victims in New Orleans. She has also been quite active in raising money for the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library.

She was on the Monterey Park Community Relations Commission for 8 years. For all 8 years on the commission, she was the chair of the Harmony Festival Ball.

Shirley is currently a commissioner of the Sister Cities Commission and has been a chairperson for the past 2 years. She helped raise money at last year's Sister Cities International Mardi Gras Ball, of which over \$7,000 was donated to the Monterey Park Fire Department for emergency laptops that were much needed. In 2008, she went to the South Korean sister city Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul, Korea with 4 other people from Monterey Park.

Shirley has served 3 terms as vice president of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance of Greater San Gabriel Valley and is currently serving as a board member. Shirley was also active with the Monterey Park Rotary Club for 5 years.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Shirley Hwong. The entire community joins me in thanking Shirley for the meaningful impact she has had on the 29th Congressional District.

A TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY MCINTOSH

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Shirley McIntosh for her years of service in education and to her community.

Shirley McIntosh retired from Catholic Charities in 2008 and looks forward to retiring from the New York City Department of Education in 2010. Shirley was born and raised in New York City in the Sugar Hill area of Manhattan. She is the mother of two daughters, Omoyele and Dara. Shirley's educational preparation includes B.A. in Psychology from Hunter College, and Masters in Reading Instruction from Brooklyn College.

Shirley worked in different capacities in the Builders for Family and Youth Division of Catholic Charities. She received recognition for her service to the developmentally disabled adults that lived in the group homes where she worked for twenty-two years. It was very rewarding to her to be instrumental in providing individuals with opportunities that improved the quality of their lives.

Shirley will retire in June 2010 after 21 years of service with the New York City Department of Education. It has been important to her to not only prepare her students academically, but also encourage them to embrace their culture. A constant in her teaching career has been to make children aware of the contributions of their ancestors and recognize the fortitude demonstrated by them to overcome the many obstacles they encountered. She believes strongly in the importance of children knowing about how their world came to be. During her career she worked in the "Parent Involvement Program" at P.S. 181 and has conducted parent orientations and workshops that provided parents with ideas of activities to engage their child.

Shirley has been an active participant and supporter of school-wide events. She enjoys the creative thought and excitement that is generated through themes. It is an opportunity to express her creativity, strengths and talents. She has voluntarily involved herself in the School Leadership team and Curriculum Committee at P.S. 181.

After retirement, Shirley will continue in the business she and her daughter, Omoyele, have established—a company that provides educational and career workshops for high school students.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Shirley McIntosh.

ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING HELEN PARKER GAY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, March 20, 2010, friends and family will gather to honor Helen Parker Gay, a retired public servant who has had a tremendous impact on North Carolina's First Congressional District. I have great respect and admiration for Helen Gay, and I wish I could be there to pay tribute to this extraordinary woman.

A lifetime resident of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Helen Gay will be celebrating her 90th birthday. She has tirelessly dedicated herself to the community. She worked at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission for 37 years, and served as mayor pro term three times during her 20 years as a member of Rocky Mount's City Council.

In 1962, she was among the people who gathered at Rocky Mount's Booker T. Washington High School to hear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speak. That day Dr. King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech for the first time. As many people know, she not only met Dr. King that day but also cooked his dinner.

She was a board member of the Carolinas Gateway Partnership, a member of the N.C. Energy Policy Council, past president of the N.C. Black Elected Municipal Officials and a former board member of the N.C. League of Municipalities.

She also has served as elder of Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, and has received numerous awards for her efforts, including the State's highest honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

As one of the most respected elected officials this region has ever known, she was well known for her honest nature and a strong desire to provide a voice for the people she represented so well.

While the pending historic vote to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health insurance will keep me from attending the birthday celebration, my thoughts and prayers will be with Helen Parker Gay.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Helen Parker Gay. She is truly a remarkable person deserving of our deepest well wishes for the enormous contributions that she made in the lives of so many people living in eastern North Carolina.

HONORING THE BO-DYN BOBSLED PROJECT

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 22, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Bo-Dyn Bobsled Project of Oxford, Connecticut for the performance of its sleds in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The Bo-Dyn Bobsled Project designed and built the Night Train sled that led the United States Four-Man Bobsled Team to win the Gold Medal for the first time in 62 years.

Even more incredible than helping the U.S. team claim victory is the mission of this remarkable company. The Bo-Dyn Bobsled Project is one of the great Made in America stories of our time. NASCAR veteran Geoff Bodine had a vision of providing the highest quality, American-made bobsleds to our athletes. He wanted to make sure that they were using not only a domestic product, but one that was able to compete internationally and win.

At the time Bo-Dyn was founded, the United States bobsled team purchased and raced used European-made sleds. The members of the team would famously spend much of their time raising money for the sleds and get into physical condition when they weren't doing that. Bo-Dyn changed this by creating an enterprise that funds the research, development, and manufacturing of the sleds. Generous companies like Whelen Manufacturing of Chester make donations that allow the athletes to use the sleds at no charge. Phil Kurze, vice president at Whelen Engineering and president of the Bo-Dyn Bobsled Project,