

The catalyst for Washington's transformation has been school principal, Kaye Burnside. Kaye's personal commitment and perseverance are responsible for Washington's dramatic turnaround. She has worked to assemble a team of teachers, educational professionals and community volunteers who mirror her passion and creativity, and who have created a place alive with learning.

Under Kaye's leadership, many educational partnerships have been forged, including Break the Cycle, a project with the University of California which provides after-school math tutors for approximately 90 students, and Project SEED, a program which introduces elementary students to algebra and other higher math. Washington has been designated a science magnet school and in keeping with their school mascot—the dolphin—a core marine science curriculum has been developed which runs as a theme throughout the many facets of school life. Kaye's efforts have also resulted in recognition from the Annenberg Foundation which has named Washington as an Annenberg Leadership School and provided support for Washington's contract with Early Childhood Resources to provide peer coaching of classroom teachers.

Recognizing that technological literacy is an important element of any student's future success, Kaye has strived to ensure that Washington students are fully versed in utilization and application of informational technology. Kaye recruited the talent which has brought to Washington a state-of-the-art computer learning center and integrated technology into the broader school curriculum. Development of the "Kid's Page" is just one example of this successful integration, with Washington students undertaking a project which challenged their hands-on computer skills while simultaneously asking them to research and explore various aspects of representational government and the legislative process.

Kaye has always envisioned that Washington would be more than just a school. She has built a true community center, a place in which neighbors feel a sense of pride and ownership. Washington has become the focus of the Many Hands Foundation, an exemplary community partnership which has brought together parents, business leaders and a cadre of volunteers in support of educational excellence. The Many Hands Foundation provides three business sponsors for each of Washington's classrooms. Many Hands also sponsors the Spirit of Excellence program, a program which rewards academic achievement with scholarships to summer Science Camp and purchase of a home computer.

The Many Hands Foundation, believing that Kaye has developed something truly special at Washington Elementary, will soon be awarding Kaye a grant enabling her to document the story of Washington's transformation. Washington is a model for replication in communities throughout our country, and I am personally honored to have been involved with its success. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing the tremendous contributions of Kaye Burnside and the Washington School community in the education of our young people.

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ARREST OF FOUR FROM CUBAN DOMESTIC DISSIDENCE WORKING GROUP

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, one year ago today, on July 16, 1997, Rene Gomez Manzano, Marta Beatriz Roque, Felix Bonne Carcases, and Vladimiro Roca of the Domestic Dissidence Working Group were arrested in Cuba. These four brave dissidents authored a document titled "The Nation Belongs to Everyone," which offered their views on the social and economic situation in the country and on a peaceful transition of democracy. The document was issued as a response to the official declaration of the 5th Cuban Communist Party Congress.

The Castro Regime has not even had the courage to publicly charge these four prisoners of conscience, although Amnesty International believes they have been secretly charged with disseminating "enemy propaganda."

Last January, a Congressional Staff Delegation brought back a photograph of a courageous soul at Pope John Paul's Mass in Havana holding a sign aloft bearing the words "The Nation Belongs to Everyone." these four brave dissidents have not been forgotten in Cuba. It is our duty to remember them here. The Clinton Administration has made a number of unilateral concessions to the Castro regime in recent months. President Clinton should have eschewed this empty rhetoric and these unrequited concessions and instead demanded the release of these political prisoners.

The Miami Herald reported today that imprisoned dissident Vladimiro Roca in an open letter to the foreign press and diplomatic corps, asked Wednesday for a "fair and public trial" for himself and the three other dissident leaders. He said "We wish to draw public attention to our situation and to demand a fair and public trial, in the presence of the foreign press and any diplomats accredited in Cuba who may wish to attend, in proceedings both transparent and aboveboard."

Mr. Speaker, I believe that our European and Canadian and Latin American friends and allies have a special responsibility to act to secure the release of these four dissidents. Shortly before they were arrested, the dissidents held a briefing for foreign diplomats.

Two of the dissidents, Marta Beatriz Roque and Felix Bonne, described in a recorded July 7 conversation just days before they were arrested how only the United States Interests Section attended their briefing. Asked why other countries' embassies failed to attend, Roque replied: "Well, we think because of pressures." Felix Bonne added "We're hurt by the countries that did not attend . . . We're grateful to [U.S. Principal Officer Michael] Kozak and U.S. Human Rights Officer Tim Brown."

On August 12th, 1997, Armando Correa reported in The Miami Herald 19 years old Idiana Durate's experience sharing a small, unventilated cell with Marta Beatriz Roque and three prostitutes.

Duarte said that she and her companions tried to keep the cell clean even though they

were given water only twice a week. She was quoted as tearfully recalling: "We had to use something that wasn't even a bathroom, with no privacy and with overwhelming human waste. At one point I became desperate in the terrible heat and I was only able to find refuge in Marta Beatriz."

Duarte said "In that cell, next to Marta Beatriz [Roque] I learned what it's like to be a dissident, what it's like for a woman who has to struggle for her ideals." Roque, 52, was like a mother to her, Duarte said. "She told me: 'Be strong; don't pay attention to these torturers.'"

Roque's behavior during questioning by Interior Ministry officials impressed Duarte. "Every time my turn came up, I suffered," Duarte said. "But Marta talked back to them, raked them over with a courage I've never seen in a woman."

Shortly before being released, Duarte learned that Cuban government prosecutors had asked for 20 years' imprisonment for Roque. "They want to frighten me," Duarte quoted Roque as saying. "But if I have to serve them I will, because I'm fighting for a just cause."

Marta Beatriz Roque and Vladimiro Roca have suffered serious health problems during their imprisonment. Marta Beatriz Roque has now reportedly been moved to a cell with hardened, violent criminals and is subjected to constant threats.

Accordingly, I invite our colleagues to join in an appeal to the Cuban Government to release these four dissidents.

HONORING DON A. HORN

### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Don A. Horn for his outstanding contributions to the community and his thirty years of service on behalf of working Americans as Secretary-Treasurer of the Harris County, Texas, AFL-CIO Executive Board. Don Horn retired in 1995 and will be honored at a belated, but well-deserved retirement party on July 22, 1998, when his enduring contributions will be remembered.

A graduate of the University of Houston, Don Horn became a union member in 1945 when he joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Houston. Don served Local 716 as a member of the Executive Board, President, and Business Representative. In 1965, the Harris County AFL-CIO Executive Board elected Don as Secretary-Treasurer, a position he held until his retirement in 1995. During these 30 years, he also served on the Texas AFL-CIO Executive Board as a Trustee. In all these endeavors, Don Horn has provided a strong voice of clarity, wisdom, and constant dedication on behalf of working people. He has fought to protect the rights of working people and ensure fair compensation and sound benefits such as health care and a secure retirement. He has also been active in the political process, working to ensure that the concerns of working people are heard and addressed.

Don Horn also served on countless community organizations, providing a voice for organized labor on community affairs.

Ensuring accessible and affordable health care was a special concern for Don. He served ten years on the Harris County Hospital Board and was a leader in extending Neighborhood Health Centers to all parts of Harris County, bringing health care to low-income people in their own neighborhoods. Don also served on the Texas State Health Board as a Consumer Representative. One of his major accomplishments was to help spur a statewide reexamination of nursing home practices.

Don also served for years on the United Way Board of Trustees and as a Boy Scout Leader. He spent his vacations at campgrounds for Scouts. Another organization that benefited from his participation is the Public Forum, a think tank at the University of Houston.

Retirement has not ended Don Horn's commitment and activism, as he is still active in recruiting union retirees for the Harris County AFL-CIO.

Don has been blessed with a devoted wife, Ruth, and three children, Melvin, George, and Sharon. He has one granddaughter, Ashley, with another granddaughter expected. He is an elder of the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Don A. Horn for his thirty years of service to organized labor and Harris County. His contributions to the labor movement and our community will not be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO REV. WILBERT  
SPIVEY

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 1998*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, this weekend will witness a tribute to Rev. Wilbert Spivey. Rev. Spivey is being honored for his many years of service to his church community as well as the community at large.

Rev. Spivey is a life-long resident of Montclair, New Jersey. I am honored to serve a portion of Montclair as its Representative in this esteemed body. Rev. Spivey has a wonderful zeal for life and all it entails in making life more comfortable—physically and spiritually. Rev. Spivey has served the St. Paul Baptist Church for more than 40 years in various capacities including Youth Ministry Director, Sunday School Teacher, a member of the Music Ministry (Male Chorus and Gospel Chorus), Wednesday Evening Bible School Instructor and Noontime Bible study teacher. Currently, Rev. Spivey is the Minister to Senior Adults.

Although quite active in the church, Rev. Spivey has taken his commitment to the Montclair community just as seriously. He has served as a past President of the Glenfield PTA. In 1995, he retired from his position as an x-ray technician with the East Orange Veterans Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, the Bible speaks of there being a season for everything. Rev. Spivey has spent his life living to his full potential and working to make sure that others have the same opportunity. I am sure my colleagues will join me as I extend my best wishes to him and his family—his wife, the former Sylvia McCormick; their three children, Michael,

Deborah and Lori; and their two grandchildren, Joya and Tommy; and, of course, his church family at St. Paul Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. V. DuWayne Battle.

HONORING ELTA CEOLE SPEIGHT  
OF PASADENA, TX

**HON. KEN BENTSEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 1998*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Elta Ceole Speight of Pasadena, Texas, for her many contributions to the community, including 30 years of service as political director for the Harris County AFL-CIO Council. One of only three women to hold that position with the Council, she has been a leader on many fronts, including rights and opportunities for women, organized labor, and education.

Ceole Speight is best known for her outstanding contributions as a dedicated leader in the labor movement in Texas. Born in Louisiana, she moved to Texas after marrying her husband, Joe Speight, a former labor organizer, and quickly became involved in organized labor herself. She volunteered for the Women's Auxiliary Division of the Harris County AFL-CIO and became one of the organization's most dependable and hardest-working volunteers, recruiting friends and neighbors as well as her four children, Jean, Kenny, Calvin, and Glenn, when extra volunteers were needed. On July 1, 1968, Ceole Speight became the Harris County AFL-CIO's Women's Activities Director. Ceole is also a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union and of the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

Ceole Speight has also been deeply committed to providing a quality education to all children. She served in all the elected positions of the Parent Teachers Association during her children's school years. In 1997 and 1998, the Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Fund named a scholarship after her to recognize her concern for and generous contribution to education.

In all her endeavors, Ceole Speight has been a pioneer for women. A member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, she has worked to ensure that the concerns of working women are not forgotten. Her leadership culminated in her appointment by former Texas Governor Mark White to serve on the Governor's Commission for Women.

Ceole Speight is also deeply committed to making our Nation's political process work for all Americans, as reflected in her efforts to encourage her fellow citizens to register and vote. She is a deputy voter registrar for Harris County and offers classes of instruction for voter registrars. She has also been active in politics at the precinct level and as a member of the League of Women Voters. She continues to serve as a member of the Texas State Democratic Executive Committee.

Ceole Speight has been a leader in many respects, but most of all through her own example. She has been a resource and inspiration for many young Texans. In 1991, the Texas Legislature passed a well-deserved resolution recognizing her many contributions. I join in congratulating and thanking Ceole Speight for all that she has done for organized

labor, education, women, and our community as a whole. Her contributions will endure for years to come.

THE NO SECOND CHANCES FOR  
MURDERERS, RAPISTS, OR CHILD  
MOLESTERS ACT OF 1998

**HON. MATT SALMON**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 16, 1998*

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, more than 14,000 murders, rapes, and sexual assaults on children are committed each year by individuals who have been released into our neighborhoods after serving a prison sentence for rape, murder, or child molestation. Think about it: every one of these crimes is preventable. These perpetrators were behind bars, convicted of heinous crimes, yet were released to prey on the population again. This is unconscionable, indefensible, and must stop. I am committed to seeing that it stops, which is why today I am introducing the "No Second Chances For Murderers, Rapists, or Child Molesters Act." The legislation will encourage States to keep the most violent offenders off of the streets.

Public safety demands that we keep these people behind bars. Second chances may be fine for a petty thief. However, I don't believe that individuals who have murdered, raped, or molested a child, should have the opportunity to repeat their criminal behavior.

We can prevent the repeat carnage if we simply have the will to keep these offenders in prison for life. It may be stating the obvious, but the fact is that last year, not a single murderer, rapist, or child molester in prison victimized an innocent person in the community. Unfortunately, all too many who were released went on to commit these brutal crimes again.

Among the crimes committed by released recidivists were these senseless tragedies:

In 1997, Arthur J. Bomar Jr. was charged in Pennsylvania with the rape and murder of George Mason University star athlete, Aimee Willard. Bomar had been paroled in 1990 from a Nevada prison, following an eleven year stint in prison for murder. Even in prison he had a record of violence. Bomar is also being investigated for involvement in at least two other homicides that followed his release.

Laurence Singleton raped and physically mutilated Mary Vincent in California. She showed extraordinary courage and perseverance by surviving the attack and working for his conviction. He was sent to jail, where he should have stayed. Yet because of weaknesses in our criminal justice system, he was later released, and he murdered Roxanne Hayes in Florida. Again in large measure because of Ms. Vincent's efforts, Singleton was recently sentenced to death in Florida.

Robert Simon killed his girlfriend for refusing to engage in sexual relations with his motorcycle gang. For this crime, Simon spent 12 years in a Pennsylvania prison. Eleven weeks after he was paroled, he was arrested for killing a New Jersey police officer, Ippolito "Lee" Gonzalez. A New Jersey jury would later sentence Simon to death for this crime. The judge who had sentenced Simon in Pennsylvania on his first murder conviction, had written to the state parole board that Simon "should never