

Brathwaite-Burke; and famed attorneys Charles Earl Lloyd, and the late Thomas G. Neusom.

All of the honorees have made exemplary contributions to the legal profession as well as to the citizens of Los Angeles and this nation. That is why I am especially proud to publicly commend and recognize each of them before the House today.

Judge Gilbert C. Alston, a graduate of the University of Southern California (USC) Law School, spent his early career working in the Los Angeles District Attorney's office, and in private practice with his law partner H. Ronald Hauptman. He was appointed the first Commissioner of the Pasadena Municipal Court in 1971, and six months later was appointed by then-Governor Ronald Reagan to the Los Angeles Municipal Court. In 1977 Governor Jerry Brown, Jr. agreed to transfer Judge Alston to the Pasadena Judicial District, where he became Pasadena's first African American judge. Judge Alston is perhaps best known in judicial circles for his ruling allowing the use of cameras in the courtroom. Judge Alston was elevated to the Pasadena Superior Court in 1980, a position he held until his retirement.

Judge Dion Morrow, a native Angeleno, graduated from Loyola Law School on June 1, 1957, and was admitted to the California State Bar on December 18, 1957. His early career was spent in private practice with fellow distinguished Los Angeles attorneys Xenophan F. Lang, Robert Hall, James Gordon, and David Cunningham. Judge Morrow joined the Los Angeles City Attorney's office in 1975, serving as Assistant City Attorney and Senior Special Counsel to City Attorney Burton Pines. He was the first African American to hold such a position. He was appointed to the Compton Municipal Court by Governor Brown on October 17, 1975. A little over two years later, he was elevated to the Los Angeles Superior Court, where he spent the next 18 years presiding over complex criminal and civil cases. Dion retired from the bench on October 23, 1995, but continues to serve the legal community as a private arbitrator, mediator, settlement judge and discovery referee. Judge Morrow is past president of the Langston Bar Association.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke certainly requires little introduction. She has been recognized by *Time* magazine as one of "America's 200 Future Leaders," and was selected "Woman of the Year" by both the *Los Angeles Times* and her alma mater UCLA, which two years ago awarded her its "1996 Alumni of the Year" award. As my predecessor in the California State Assembly and the United States Congress, she is a distinguished public official who has received numerous honors and commendations for an illustrious career spanning more than three decades. Yvonne represented California's then-28th Congressional District from 1972–1976. She is a former member of the University of California Board of Regents, and is currently a member of several boards, including the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where she has been a forceful and influential advocate for an improved transportation system for Los Angeles residents. Yvonne received her Juris Doctor degree from USC and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1956. She has championed equal opportunity for displaced homemakers, and au-

thored legislation benefitting California's disadvantaged youth, nursing home residents, and orphanages. Yvonne Brathwaite-Burke has earned her place in the Hall of Fame.

Attorney Charles Earl Lloyd received his Juris Doctor degree from USC in 1961 and was admitted to the California State Bar in January 1962. After serving two years as a prosecuting attorney in the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, in 1964 he entered private practice under the firm of Berman, Lloyd and Goldstein. A year later, he became the senior partner in the firm of Lloyd, Bradley (Tom Bradley would go on to serve five consecutive terms as the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles) Burrell, and Nelson. He is recognized as one of the premier criminal attorneys in the nation, and has also represented many entertainers and professional sportsmen, including the entertainer Dr. William (Bill) Cosby; legendary boxer Sonny Liston; and former Houston Oilers lineman Ernie Ladd. Charles was the first African American to serve as a City of Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner. He is an outstanding attorney and a mentor to many young aspiring attorneys throughout the nation.

Thomas G. Neusom, who will be inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame, was admitted to the California State Bar in 1950 and for a brief time thereafter practiced law with legendary Los Angeles attorneys Crispus A. Wright and Carl A. Earles. Tom served two terms as NAACP president, during which he successfully litigated and won the integration of the Los Angeles Fire Department. He also served as the co-counsel on the suit which led to the integration of the Los Angeles Police Department. He was a lawyer's lawyer—a man of tremendous integrity and a commitment to helping the downtrodden.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me in applauding the excellence of these five distinguished individuals. It is a special honor to highlight just a few of their outstanding accomplishments, and it is with a tremendous sense of pride that I salute and congratulate each of them as they are inducted into the John M. Langston Bar Association Hall of Fame.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 24, 1998, I was unavoidably detained on official business and missed the following rollcall votes: No. 459 and No. 460.

On rollcall vote No. 459, had I been present I would have voted "no"; on rollcall vote No. 460, had I been present I would have voted "yea."

#### IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my best wishes to the community of

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. For more than a century, this parish has served as a spiritual refuge, opening its doors to any soul in search of peace.

In the spring of 1873, led by Father Patrick F. Quigley, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland established a mission in the village of Brooklyn, Ohio. The community's first mass was held at the local public school, but by 1874, it celebrated the blessing of the cornerstone of its first church, the Sacred Heart of Mary Mission. As the parish flourished, the Cleveland Diocese elevated the community to parochial status in 1894, appointing Father Michael Becker as its first pastor and opening the Sacred Heart of Mary School.

Unfortunately, in 1907, an accident caused a fire that destroyed the church and the school. While rebuilding took place, the parish continued to celebrate mass in the town hall. By August 15, 1909 the new church was finished with a new pastor, Father Luke Rath. During the next eight years, the parish population grew, causing the community to expand their church with a new sister's house, mission house, and portable school buildings to serve 385 students. Father Rath presided over the dedication ceremony, where the community changed its name to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

The current church was dedicated in 1930, a beautiful building which includes a soaring bell tower modeled after that of Sancto Spiritu Church in Florence, Italy. Although it struggled during the Great Depression, the parish maintained a social life, sponsoring a variety of plays, operettas, and card parties. The community also added a bowling alley, a cafeteria, and a new school addition.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and its current pastor Father Leroy Moreeuw, CPPS as they celebrate in commemoration of 150 years in service to God. Throughout its long history, the parish has undergone many changes, but the spirit and dedication of its members have remained constant. As the Cleveland Diocese celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish remains a beacon of solace and friendship for its members and the residents of Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

#### TRIBUTE TO EBRI

##### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Employee Benefit Research Institute on their 20th Anniversary. The Employee Benefit Research Institute, or EBRI as it is more commonly known, is the only nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to original public policy research and education on economic security and employee benefits. For the last 20 years, they have been instrumental in promoting knowledge and understanding among the media and policymakers of employee benefits. I believe their greatest service has been in advancing the public's understanding of employee benefits and their effect on the nation's economy. Their commitment to disseminating the facts has earned EBRI reown

as the preeminent public policy research organization on issues affecting workers and their benefits.

EBRI has provided me with invaluable objective research, data, and analysis. The Institute is guided by the tenet that policy initiatives cannot "... be successful unless they are founded on sound, objective, relevant information." The information produced by EBRI covers health, retirement, among other economic issues, is thorough and comprehensive.

One of the most important reference materials to come out of EBRI is the Retirement Confidence Survey (RCS). The RCS is an important indicator of societal attitudes toward retirement planning and savings. While the House considers legislative measures, I find the issue briefs and research documents to be a valuable research and information tool.

As increased attention is paid by policymakers, media, and the benefits community to the unique challenges facing minority groups, I think they are to be especially commended for including the RCS Minority Special Report. This report examines the attitudes of minority groups about preparing for retirement. Such an important effort shines a much-needed spotlight on an issue that is critical to the economic health and well-being of the African American community that is long overdue.

I know many members who are interested in these issues rely on EBRI to provide credible comprehensive data and analysis and use it to make informed decisions about policy initiatives and approaches.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dallas Salisbury and EBRI continued success as they pursue their quest for the facts.

#### HONORING JUDGE PHILIP PASTORE ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today marks the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Honorable Philip Pastore, a life-long New Haven resident who has served both the City of New Haven and the State of Connecticut with distinction throughout his law career.

Judge Pastore has dedicated his life to making our justice system work. In both his personal and professional life, he has earned a reputation for his fairness, integrity, and commitment to upholding and respecting the law. These qualities are demonstrated in the many judicial cases he has tried, presided over, and rendered judgments on for more than half a century. Judge Pastore retired only three years ago, leaving a legacy which included positions as a Democratic state representative and a Superior Court judge.

It is fascinating to listen to Judge Pastore's stories of the century of history he witnessed, along with the remarkable changes and tremendous progress to the judicial system. Although he no longer practices professionally, he continues to keep up-to-date on current case law, and his wife still reads the Connecticut Law Journal to him. Many seek his advice, knowing his counsel is offered with wisdom, justice and compassion. Plaques cover the walls of his home to honor the services he has

donated to the community. Indeed, his long career has left an indelible mark on the residents of Connecticut, and especially his close friends from the Wooster Street neighborhood. It is difficult to find someone whose commitment to excellence equals his own.

I join with his wife, Margaret, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren to honor Philip Pastore on his 100th birthday. Best wishes for continued fulfillment and happiness. Happy Birthday!

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CRANBURY FIRE COMPANY

#### HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cranbury Fire Company as they celebrate 100 years of service to their community.

It is my privilege and honor to recognize this group of men and women who have protected the citizens of Cranbury and surrounding towns for the past century.

Since its formation in September 1898, members of the Cranbury Fire Company have placed their lives in harm's way in order to protect their fellow citizens.

We have relied on their selfless sacrifices and have always felt a strong sense of security knowing that they will respond to us when our lives, homes and neighborhoods are in peril.

Many times, we tend to take their services for granted and often do not acknowledge them for their hard work.

I hope that all Americans will reflect on the dedication of our firefighters whenever we pass by their town's firehouse or see a truck responding to an emergency call. We all must recognize the daily sacrifice of these brave men and women.

I extend my deepest appreciation and thanks to the Cranbury Fire Company for their efforts during the past century. It is my great pleasure to be able to recognize their work. Congratulations to all who have served in the company, those who presently serve and those who will carry on the Cranbury Fire Company's tradition of service into the new millennium.

#### A LIFETIME OF SERVICE—A TRIBUTE TO REV. ROBERT L. BROWN OF ALBION, MICHIGAN

#### HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for his many years of service to the community and to his church as educator, counsellor, and administrator that I am proud to salute Rev. Robert L. Brown.

Rev. Brown served as pastor at the Gethsemane Temple Church of God in Christ for 11 years. Bishop Earl J. Wright appointed him Superintendent of the Albion District in 1985, overseeing several churches in the Albion

area. He chairs the Elder's Council in the jurisdiction and is the Chairman of the Second Jurisdiction of Southwest Michigan Church of God in Christ, Inc.

As pastor of Grace Temple Church of God in Christ in Albion, Michigan, Rev. Brown has inspired many to become personally involved in doing God's work and making more gentle man's life on Earth. Led by his preaching and example, they in turn light the lives of even more people, even reaching as faraway as Port au Prince, Haiti—where their missionary ministry has built a church and a school to help others discover God's love.

He married missionary Lillie B. Kemp in December 1948 and they'll be celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. The Browns have five adult children and fifteen grandchildren.

In honoring Rev. Brown today, we honor the principles of virtue, moral courage, and sacrifice which he and others in the spirit of peace and the spirit of Christ have long espoused. As an inspiration, strength, and a blessing to those whose lives are touched by his, he helps others understand the place of faith in their lives and discover how to love God and one's fellow man.

Therefore, the Congress of the United States is proud to join with his lovely wife, fine family and his many admirers in extending highest praise and congratulations to Rev. Robert L. Brown.

#### NATIONAL BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF MEDICARE

#### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 1998*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following testimony.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to the National Commission. Your work will have a profound impact on the health care of millions of Americans, and I encourage you to seek broad input from Medicare beneficiaries and providers around the country.

Medicare is one of our great success stories; it provides quality health insurance to 38 million Americans at a low administrative cost. Today Medicare is serving as a model provider of consumer protections. In the future, it can be the foundation for increased access to health care for all Americans.

Three months ago, I sponsored two town hall meetings on the future of Medicare in my home district of San Francisco. Hundreds of individuals came to share their thoughts and concerns about Medicare, and to talk about the important role the program plays in their lives.

The consensus in the San Francisco Bay Area was clearly for Medicare for all. Medicare must be preserved, improved and expanded for future generations. People who came to these meetings urged elected officials to protect the long term financial health of the program. But they also shared their visions of what Medicare can be—a more comprehensive program that better meets the needs of beneficiaries, and provides health insurance to many of those who have difficulty purchasing private insurance.

To design a Medicare program that improves services as well as meets the financial bottom line, we need to listen to people who are benefiting from Medicare now, and to