

HONORING MARY MAXWELL

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, all levels of government are large and it can be complicated for a citizen to find his or her way. Often the initial contract sets the tone for how that citizen sees government—as helpful or aloof and uncaring.

For many citizens calling Westchester County Government that initial contact was the cheerful and helpful voice of Mary Maxwell, a telephone operator whose friendly demeanor assured the caller that they were entering friendly territory.

She worked initially at Grasslands Hospital in Valhalla after which she moved to the medical unit at White Plains. Subsequently she worked in Yonkers and Mount Vernon before returning to White Plains.

She was universally recognized with the title of “friendly and happy person” by the many who worked with her and were greeted by her when they called.

Mary Maxwell lives in Yonkers where she has been active for many years at the Community Memorial Baptist Church.

Mary Maxwell is that person who puts a human face on a large organization; one who is friendly and helpful to complete strangers for the 35 years she was a telephone operator. Working in a medical organization often means having to deal with people in their sorrow and despair. She has done it and done it well.

She is known as a “mother to many” for her empathy and friendship and those people are gathering to wish her well in her retirement. I want to join with them in celebrating all the good and kind work that Mary Maxwell has done for all of us.

CONGRATULATING THE
CARDEROCK DIVISION OF THE
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER
ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY IN 1998

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Carderock Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center for 100 years of service to the United States. The origin of this facility dates back to the establishment of the U.S. Navy's Experimental Model Basin at the Washington Navy Yard in 1898. The current model facilities were built in Carderock, MD, and dedicated in November 1940. The David Taylor Model Basin, named after its founder, Rear Admiral David Taylor, is one of the largest and foremost test centers in the world. The David Taylor Model Basin was designed and built by the U.S. Navy for reliable construction and testing of ship models. These models are maneuvered under special conditions in large water basins where their performance can be closely examined. The research of these models allows for the accurate prediction of a vessel's performance. Using the sophisticated

equipment at the model basin, scientists and engineers are able to research, develop, and test ship and craft designs for the Navy, Coast Guard, Maritime Administration, and maritime industry.

David Taylor resolved to construct the most modern Naval test facility when he pushed for the original Experimental Model Basin, and later, the Carderock facility. We realize his dreams and goals 100 years later. The model basin continues to be a premier site for Naval design and research. It is recognized around the world for its significant scientific and technical achievements. I am pleased to note that this centennial celebration will kick off on January 30, 1998, with the designation of the David Taylor Model Basin as a national historic mechanical engineering landmark by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. This organization has recognized the contributions that the David Taylor Model Basin has provided in critical support for the development of Naval architecture.

I want to recognize and congratulate the David Taylor Model Basin and the Carderock Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center on the award of the national historic mechanical engineering landmark. Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting the talented and dedicated staff as they are recognized for this award during the centennial anniversary.

HONORING FLORA RICHARDSON
WILHITE OF BAYTOWN, TEXAS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Flora Richardson Wilhite, of Baytown, Texas, for 32 years of outstanding service to the community as director of Sterling Municipal Library. Mrs. Wilhite may be retiring on January 31, 1998, but her contributions to Baytown will endure.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas and a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Flora Wilhite knew early on that she would become a librarian. At age 6, her favorite Christmas present was a date stamp and ink pad, and she had already begun to arrange her books alphabetically by author's name. Those early indications led her to a long and distinguished career of service to Baytown.

After receiving her degree in library science from North Texas State University, Mrs. Wilhite began her career as Engineering Librarian at Lamar University. She then served as a Command Librarian for the U.S. Army in Germany before becoming Director of Sterling Municipal Library in 1965. During her 32 years at Sterling, Mrs. Wilhite oversaw many changes and improvements to the library, including expanded services and renovations to the facility. She began the hugely successful Baytown Bookmobile, delivering library service to underserved areas, nursing homes, and off-site literacy projects. In addition, Sterling's nationally recognized Literacy Volunteers of America adult literacy program is the result of Mrs. Wilhite's dedication to improving lives and encouraging lifelong learning. Flora Wilhite's love of learning, enthusiasm, and list of achievements will be difficult to replace.

Flora Wilhite has shown an unwavering dedication to the Baytown community. She

most recently received Exxon USA's Refiner of the Year for 1977 for her outstanding service to the community. In 1988 she was named Library Director of the Year by the Texas Municipal League Library Directors Association, of which she was a charter member and second president. In addition, she was the first woman elected to the Board of Directors of the Baytown Chamber, and to the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Baytown. She was also named Rotarian of the Year in 1995–95, served on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Baytown, and was honored in 1995 by the Baytown chapter of the American Diabetes Association for her countless civic contributions.

In retirement, Flora will now be able to spend more time with her husband, Ross, in the hobbies and pastimes they enjoy, particularly fly fishing and camping. This is a well-deserved change of pace. We all wish her well as she embarks on her new endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Rosa Wilhite for her 32 years of outstanding service to Baytown. Her contributions to Sterling Municipal Library and all of Baytown will endure for years to come.

THE HUMAN CLONING RESEARCH
PROHIBITION ACT

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, today I will be introducing legislation to prohibit federal funding for the cloning of human beings. My bill also calls for an international ban on human cloning.

I would like to remind my colleagues that it took 273 tries to develop Dolly. But what about the other 272 animals? Most of them were either aborted, destroyed, or maimed. Do we want to do this with humans beings?

There are serious ethical and moral implications involved with cloning of humans. Theologians and ethicists have raised three broad objections. Cloning humans could lead to a new eugenics movement, where even if cloning begins with a benign purpose, it could lead to the establishment of “scientific” categories of superior and inferior people. Cloning is a form of playing God, since it interferes with the natural order of creation. Cloning could have long-term effects that are unknown and harmful. People have a right to their own identity and their own genetic makeup, which should not be replicated.

I, for one, do not think we can just sit idly by when there are people like Dr. Seed out there who look upon human life in much different terms than most Americans. I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort by cosponsoring my legislation.

TRIBUTE TO BET TZEDEK, ELI
BROAD AND THE SHOAH FOUNDATION

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Eli Broad

and Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation for their tremendous contributions to the nonprofit organization, Bet Tzedek "House of Justice" Legal Services of Los Angeles.

Bet Tzedek Legal Services is one of the leading poverty law centers in the country. Thousands of indigent, elderly, and disabled individuals benefit each year from the free legal services provided at Bet Tzedek's headquarters in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles, the Valley Rights Project in North Hollywood, and the thirty-two senior centers throughout the Los Angeles area. Bet Tzedek is open to all who pass through its doors and even makes "house calls" to the ill and frail. Its services are vital and they are not otherwise readily available to those who need them.

Eli Broad has been a constant believer in Bet Tzedek's mission to be a place of refuge and assistance to Los Angeles' most needy residents. As one of the most dedicated supporters of Bet Tzedek, his efforts have allowed this generous organization to continue to operate at full capacity while maintaining its promise of services at no cost to its clientele. We owe Eli Broad a debt of gratitude for his vision, his devotion, and his support of this most worthy cause.

Another devoted supporter of Bet Tzedek is the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. This Foundation effectively teaches racial, ethnic and cultural tolerance through sharing the videotaped accounts of the Holocaust from survivors all over the world. The Foundation has been an important and committed friend to Bet Tzedek over the years.

I am delighted to bring Mr. Broad's and the Shoah Foundation's tireless and selfless work on behalf of Bet Tzedek Legal Services to the attention of my colleagues and ask you to join me in saluting them for their many important contributions.

IN HONOR OF THE DALE CITY
CIVIC ASSOCIATION CITIZEN OF
THE YEAR AWARDS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of outstanding citizens from Dale City in Prince William County in the 11th Congressional District of Virginia. These outstanding individuals have been selected by the Dale City Civic Association in recognition of their many achievements and their dedication to serving their community. These award-winners are people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. They are members of the Dale City community who gave of their time in order to serve others and encourage others to be leaders. These citizens will be recognized on January 31, 1998 by the Dale City Civic Association, one of the largest, most active and accomplished Citizens Associations in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I would like to offer my congratulations to these award recipients.

The Dale City Civic Awards Association was created over thirty years ago. Since that time, it has grown into a strong organization that has encouraged its members to volunteer their time and efforts to make their neighborhood a

better place to live and work. The Association has an outstanding record of service to the community. Their work includes awarding a number of scholarships to college-bound students from Dale City, as well as monitoring development in the region and serving as a sounding board for citizens and businesses.***HD***Citizen of the Year

Kenneth Glufing. Chief Glufing has served the Dale City community in nearly every facet. He has been a volunteer firefighter for nineteen years and has been the Chief of the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department since 1988. He has lead the fire department through a period of tremendous growth in the community, as they had to redesign how they could best serve the needs of the many new residents in the area. In addition, he has served as a Dale City Civic Association Councilman from Evansdale. Chief Glufing has never received any monetary compensation for the many hours he has spent serving the community. During his tenure as the Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, he continues to work countless evenings and weekends overseeing the operations of three fire stations, while maintaining a successful business and spending quality time with his wife and children. Kenneth Glufing exemplifies good citizenship and community leadership.***HD***Young Citizen of the Year

Tashia Bunch. Miss Bunch is an extraordinary young citizen who has already become a strong role model to her peers. Tashia is currently a student at Garfield High School. At Garfield, Tashia formed a civic group named DREAMS which is a student group dedicated to the community and students. The goal of the group is to involve students in their respective communities. In addition, many of the teachers at Garfield have noticed Tashia's unique ability to bridge the gap that often exists between students and adults. She is able to accurately convey the concerns of her fellow students to administrators. Tashia is an invaluable part of the Garfield community, and demonstrates that our next generation is caring, selfless and dedicated.***HD***Community Service Award

Corrine Potvin. Mrs. Potvin is a volunteer who works with the elderly, local service organizations, and the less-fortunate. She gives her time tirelessly to Dale City's senior citizens, organizing monthly bus trips. Additionally, Corrine serves on the Board of Directors of the Prince William Boys and Girl Club. She has directed fundraisers for this organization including their annual car raffle at the Potomac Mills Shopping Center. Her fundraising efforts do not stop there. She also assists the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department in running bingo, and assisting with projects that involve needy families in the area.***HD***The Kathy Feeney Nurse of the Year

Jeanette Finch. Mrs. Finch has served the Dale City Community at Potomac Hospital since 1981. She is clearly dedicated to administering excellent quality care to her patients. In particular, Mrs. Finch has worked diligently to provide assistance to the Medical Oncology staff at Potomac Hospital. Since 1992, she has served as the facilitator for the Potomac Hospital General Support Group which meets twice a month with patients, and their families and friends to assist them in living with cancer. She also has worked to raise money for the American Cancer Society during their annual Relay for Life Walk. The patients and

community at Potomac Hospital have truly benefited from her work.***HD***Police Officer of the Year

Sergeant William Cox. Sergeant Cox has served the citizens of Prince William County for over seventeen years. In addition to serving his community on a daily basis as a police officer, Sergeant Cox has given his time towards assuring the safety of the children in Dale City. He serves on the Prince William County Safe Kids Coalition Committee. Sergeant Cox also works on several other Committees within the Prince William Police Department to highlight the Department services to the community. He is an individual who recognizes that a function of good law enforcement is community participation.***HD***Deputy Sheriff of the Year

Ricki Booth. Master Deputy Booth is an individual who cares deeply about the people he serves. In 1997, Deputy Booth responded to a 911 call in which he found an elderly woman who was being neglected by her husband. He did not forget this woman after handling the preliminary call, but he worked to secure her a safe place in the Woodbridge Nursing Home where she could receive the necessary care. Deputy Booth has demonstrated an unprecedented level of dedication to public service.***HD***Firefighter of the Year

Captain Todd Zavash. Since 1989 Captain Zavash has volunteered for the Dale City Fire Department where he has demonstrated an excellent ability to coordinate Fire and Rescue Services to ensure quick intervention in emergencies. He has been instrumental in the personal and professional growth of over eighty firefighters whom he has supervised at two Battalions. His leadership has allowed the residents of Dale City to know that firefighting personnel are ready to respond to all calls for assistance. Captain Zavash is recognized by his peers as an individual who is always willing to lend a helping hand or a sympathetic ear.***HD***Emergency Medical Technician of the Year

Sergeant Linda Wortham. Sergeant Wortham has only been with the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department since 1995, but she has made a tremendous impact on the Department since her orientation. She has risen to the rank of Sergeant in record time. Sergeant Wortham now serves as a lead E.M.S. provider on her ambulance/medic unit. In addition, she serves as an administrative assistant to the Rescue Chief. Sergeant Wortham has become involved in nearly every aspect of the Department. She serves on the E.M.S. Advisory Committee, coordinates patient care reports, and has been instrumental in developing the In-House Battalion Training Outline. She is truly a remarkable person who has made Dale City a better place to live.***HD***Elementary School Teacher of the Year

Karyl Garn. Mrs. Garn is the school librarian for Kerrydale Elementary School. She has volunteered to work with students in Kerrydale's mentoring program, Big P.L.U.S./Little P.L.U.S., including working with one student who had difficulty believing in her reading and writing skills. This year, Mrs. Garn developed a program for gifted first-graders. She teaches lessons in conducting research to a group of sixteen children. She has also strived to communicate with the parents at Kerrydale. She coordinates the annual Bookfair and is a co-