

Hillside Pavilion Campus of Learners Center today, a three-level state-of-the-art building. Union City was one of only 25 PHA's in the United States chosen by HUD to launch the program.

This newly-formed community will serve as an example for other housing authorities wishing to provide high-tech training for their residents. On the campus, residents will learn computer skills to allow them to enter the local job market. This, of course, will greatly benefit local business owners who are in need of skilled employees. The Pavilion will also be a community center where residents can share in recreational and cultural activities.

My colleagues, I urge you to promote the Campus of Learners Program and use Union City as a model in your own communities. This program will transform public housing into a place of opportunity.

HONORING REVEREND NATHANIEL
BENGBA LEGAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on May 8 there will be a gathering in New Jersey to honor a very special person, Reverend Nathaniel Bengba Legay, who has won deep respect and admiration of all those he serves as pastor of the historic Clinton Memorial AME Zion church in Newark.

Born on the West Coast of Liberia, Reverend Legay came to America in 1970. He spent time in New York City before moving to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he joined Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church. He devoted his time and talents to serving as Lay Minister, Trustee, Class Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Minister and Business Manager. Answering the call to ministry, Reverend Legay received his Exhorter's License on October 10, 1984 under the pastoral leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Andrew Wesley Mapp. He then received his Local Preacher's License on September 13, 1986 under the pastoral leadership of Reverend George W. Maize III at the Jersey City District Conference. He was admitted to the New Jersey Annual conference on Trial, at the Annual Conference convening at Metropolitan, Jersey City on May 17, 1987. Reverend Legay was ordained Deacon on May 15, 1988 in the New Jersey Conference and ordained Elder in 1989 at the Pee Dee Conference in South Carolina. Reverend Legay worked with the City of Jersey City Redevelopment Agency from 1974 to 1980 and at the Kislak Mortgage Company from 1980 to 1989. He worked full time while pursuing his college degree at Jersey City State College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics in 1977. He entered Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina and received his Master of Divinity Degree in May of 1992.

His first pastoral charge was Drucilla A.M.E. Zion Church, in South Carolina, the City of Chesterfield, where he remained for five years before returning to New Jersey to join New Saint Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, Westwood New Jersey. It was in March of 1995 that Reverend Legay took his place at the Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, where I had the

privilege to speak at the 175th Anniversary Celebration. The church was founded in the year that freedmen left the U.S. to go to Liberia. Early records indicate that Essex County residents were involved in these early trips.

As a young person, although I belonged to another church, I found great joy in attending the Memorial progressive programs. There were athletic activities, including basketball and other sports, as well as social dancing. During that time, I remember that Reverend Nelson and Reverend Hogard pastored the church. Reverend Legay is a Life Member of the NAACP, the Urban League of Hudson County, a founding Board Member of the Greenville Steering Committee, the Board of Examiners and the Program Committee of the New Jersey Annual Conference, A.M.E. Zion Church. Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in sending our congratulations and best wishes to Reverend Legay and his fine family—his wife Gloria Jean Finnie Legay and their son, Nathaniel, Jr.

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD F. WHITE,
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE—
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

HON. THOMAS C. SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual from my community of Akron, Ohio, Judge Harold F. White. On May 1, 1998, Judge White celebrated his 40th anniversary of service as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

At the same time, Judge White, after 40 years of uninterrupted service to the court, also achieved the distinction of being the most senior bankruptcy judge in the United States.

Having grown up during the Depression, Judge Harold White first began working as the manager of a paper route in his early teens, and later worked his way through college. He served four years in the Army during World War II and was decorated with the Purple Heart and four Battle Stars. Using the G.I. Bill, he attended the Akron Law School. He continued to serve in the Army Reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1960. Before his appointment in 1958 to the bankruptcy bench he worked as a county and city prosecutor. He also taught for 30 years as an Adjunct Professor of Law at The University of Akron.

Throughout his 40 years on the bench, Judge White has seen the bankruptcy code undergo profound change and has watched as bankruptcy filings increased to the record levels of today. He has presided over more than 60,000 cases ranging from multimillion dollar corporations such as Sun Rubber, Inc., Terex Corporation, and Revco D.S., Inc. to individual wage earning debtors. Regardless of the situation, Judge White recognizes that financial difficulties can happen to anyone and treats all debtors who appear before him with the same respect and dignity. He is, in fact, most satisfied when the honest debtor gets the "fresh start" contemplated by the bankruptcy code.

Hailing from Connecticut, Judge White prides himself on his conservative New England views and frugal nature. This background

has suited him well in his career as a bankruptcy judge. He is well known in our community for his habit of clipping coupons and sharing information on where to find a bargain. He frequently encourages his staff to learn to appreciate the wisdom of frugality. He has a sign in his office which reads "Totum Pretrim Pro Cista Frumenti Ne Solveris Umquam". Translated from Latin this means, "You should never pay full price for a box of cereal."

Through his work in the bankruptcy court, Judge White has earned the respect and admiration not only of those who have come before his court, but of our entire community. Although he officially retired in January, 1994, he was recalled for service through January, 1997, and remains on the job to this day.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to commend Judge Harold F. White on four decades of service to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and to our nation.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM A. BURGA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the current President of the Ohio AFL-CIO, William A. Burga. Mr. Burga has devoted his life to the cause of the American worker.

Mr. Burga's devotion to the labor movement began when he was a steelworker at Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation in Louisville, Ohio. In Louisville, he organized a local chapter of the United Steelworkers of America. His outstanding leadership skills generated his appointment to the United Steelworkers International Union. Mr. Burga was involved in the Marion area as he served as AFL-CIO president there for two-terms. He also served as Massillon Trades and Labor Council, AFL-CIO, from 1987 until his election to the AFL-CIO presidency of Ohio.

During his tenure in office, Mr. Burga has supported numerous community activities and organized a statewide group against Issue 2, an issue that would have cut benefits for injured workers. Mr. Burga is dedicated to improving the lives of the American worker and we are all grateful for his efforts.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a defender of the American worker, Mr. William A. Burga.

CONGRATULATING KITTY YOUNG
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM
CIVIL SERVICE

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Kitty Young. She is retiring after a distinguished career serving her community of Harker Heights which is in my 11th Texas Congressional District.

Kitty Young was born in Rupert, Arkansas, on August 16, 1919. She worked hard as a wife and mother during her husband Bob Young's military career.

Kitty Young was first elected to the Harker Heights City Council to replace her late husband. She served with distinction in that position for 15 years. She has also served as the mayor pro tem and has assumed mayoral duties of Harker Heights during the illness of the then mayor. Her vision has led to impressive city growth through annexation and through incorporation of a Water Supply District. City beautification and high housing standards have always been of great concern to her.

Besides her service on the City Council, Kitty Young was instrumental in establishing the local public library system, securing construction funds and obtaining grants and books.

Kitty Young is a founding member of the Harker Heights Ladies Service Club, a social and benevolent organization of women who live or work in Harker Heights. Under her guidance the annual "Garage Sale" was founded to benefit city charities, volunteer fire and police activities, and local schools.

For many years Kitty Young has opened her home to fundraisers for the CorBell Chapter of the American Cancer Society and helped raise thousands of dollars for research and patient support. She has also supported the Cancer Society by selling tickets and providing prizes and food.

Kitty Young has served on many boards and committees that aid education, health, police, and youth. An asset to her community, church, and country, she is an example of how a can-do spirit makes our communities great.

Members, please join me in recognizing Kitty Young for her distinguished role in the Harker Heights community.

TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on April 24 we commemorate the massacre of Armenians in Turkey during and after the first World War. In what historians refer to as the first of this century's state-ordered genocides against a minority group, more than 1.5 million people were murdered. We mourn the dead and express our condolences to the descendants of those who perished. We must also reflect upon the meaning and lessons of their suffering and sacrifice.

In the more than eighty years since this unspeakable tragedy, the world has witnessed decades of genocide and ethnic cleansing. Civilian populations, defined by ethnic, racial or religious distinctiveness, have become the objects of persecution and genocide simply because of who they are—Armenian Christians, European Jews, Bosnian Muslims, the Tutsis of Rwanda. The range of victims—geographical, ethnic, religious and political—testifies to the universality of human cruelty and fanaticism. The response of the survivors, however, testifies to the indestructibility and the resilience of the human spirit, even in the face of the most virulent evil.

Like the phoenix of mythology, the Armenian people survived its bleakest days and

arose with renewed vigor. Independent Armenian statehood has been restored to guarantee the security and future of the nation, and serves as a beacon of hope to Armenian people everywhere. It is our fervent hope, Mr. Speaker, that future generations will not have to sacrifice as their ancestors have. It is also our hope that all parties to the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh will build on the now four-year-old cease-fire and renew their efforts through the OSCE process to reach a negotiated settlement. Nothing could honor the memory of the victims of 1915 more than an independent and flourishing Armenia living in peace with all of its neighbors, and moving and impressing the world with both the spiritual and material products of the unbreakable Armenian spirit.

IN HONOR OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 6

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the establishment of the Painters District Council No. 6. This organization has effectively represented employees of the painting, glazing, and allied trades for 100 years. The council represents the ideals of the labor community with the highest standards.

At the turn of the century, as Cleveland began its transition into an industrial hub, the city began to expand at an astounding rate. New buildings rose, and with them rose the need for painters and decorators. The Painters District Council No. 6 that was founded in 1898 met the challenge. Painters, scenic artists, frescoers, and other artisans designed the decor that has graced the exterior and interior of Cleveland architecture for the last one-hundred years. These workers created artistic masterpieces in the Playhouse Square Theaters and the Cleveland Union Terminal. Their union, Painters District Council No. 6 effectively defended these workers' interests and kept their standard of living at the highest level.

Today, the artisans of the council still contribute to Cleveland landmarks such as Jacobs Field and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The Painters District Council No. 6 continues to defend their interests and upholds the tradition this strong labor union set 100 years ago.

My fellow colleagues, join me in commending the Painters District Council No. 6 for their one-hundred years of service to the labor community.

CONGRATULATING HALF HOLLOW HILLS HIGH SCHOOL EAST

HON. RICK LAZIO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday schools from across the country com-

peted in the national finals of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" Program in Washington, D.C. I am proud to announce that the class from Half Hollow Hills, New York ranked among the top ten finalists in this competition.

As part of the rigorous program, students must demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The students must defend their positions on relevant historical and contemporary constitutional issues through oral arguments before a panel of judges.

I commend the students from Hills east for their superior performance in this rigorous competition. The distinguished students on this team—David Abel, Rhea Abraham, Seth Abramowitz, Shriram Bhashyam, Tivona Biegen, Elsie Citrin, Jeff Firman, Jennifer Jenkins, Anne Kuo, Josh Martin, Alex Oren, Dominidor Pascual, Pratiksha Patel, Raquel Reinstein, Melissa Rosenzweig, Becky Rubin, Mike Scheine, Leah Schmelzer, Kathy Schmidt, Meri Shapiro, Ruthie Shek, Chad Silverman, and Lisa Weiser—all deserve heartfelt congratulations for their accomplishment.

I would also like to recognize their teacher, Gloria Sesso, who played a great role in the success of the class.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the "We the People" Program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 75,000 teachers and 26 million students nationwide.

I commend these young constitutional experts for their great achievement. I am proud to represent them here in Congress and to have the opportunity to welcome them to our Nation's Capital.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN NURSES DURING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding group of dedicated health care professionals—the 2.6 million registered nurses in the United States.

These outstanding men and women, who stand at the forefront of modern medicine, will celebrate National Nurses Week, May 6–12, 1998. As far as this Member is concerned, all Americans who have ever been cared for or comforted by a nurse should celebrate during National Nurses Week.

According to the American Nurses Association, National Nurse Week was first observed October 11–16, 1954, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of modern nursing by Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War. National Nurses Day and Week was eventually moved to May to incorporate Florence Nightingale's birthday, which is May 12.

Registered nurses are in many ways the backbone of our health care system. In many states they now safely prescribe medicine and deliver babies. Studies have shown that higher the ratio of nurse-to-patients in a hospital, the lower the patient death rate. In short, registered nurses provide top-quality, cost-effective health care services for their patients.

Mr. Speaker, I salute America's nurses during the week of May 6–12, 1998 and encourage my colleagues to do the same.