

spectacular line up of exciting events, outdoor activities, concerts, and fun for the entire family. Themed "The Legacy Continues", the culturally-rich affair swung into gear on Wednesday, July 13, as Mayor Bloomberg and the city of New York paid tribute to HARLEM WEEK, with a special private celebration and concert at Gracie Mansion. The festive affair will include a special harmonious presentation from the hit musical, "Three Mo' Tenors", along with soulful, rhythmic selections from Ron Anderson and the Harlem Jazz & Music Festival All Stars.

On Sunday, July 31st, HARLEM WEEK salutes the grand village of Harlem during its "Great Day in Harlem" celebration at Ulysses S. Grant National Memorial Park, 122nd Street and Riverside Drive. This all-day, three-part affair opens with the "Family Unity Day Cultural Festival" at 1:00 p.m., featuring family-oriented outdoor activities including theatrical excerpts, dance performances, story-telling, spoken word, and more. The celebration continues with the Harlem Jazz & Music Festival's fashion extravaganza, featuring the latest, cutting-edge creations and accessories from emerging and leading urban designers. Runway activities begin at 5:00 p.m. The festive day will end with the annual Concert Under the Stars. The Harlem Jazz & Music Festival and WBLS FM invites the entire family to join them for this enchanting moonlit night of great music as Meli'sa Morgan, Layla Hathaway, Freddie Jackson, the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater and other surprise guests pay homage to Harlem's legacy. This spectacular affair, sponsored by Time Warner and Citibank, runs from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

From August 2nd-6th, EBONY Magazine, in concert with HARLEM WEEK, presents Hollywood in Harlem. This annual four day affair, which celebrates the accomplishments and history of African-Americans in cinema, will take place at various venues in the Harlem community. On each evening, there will be a VIP reception, film screenings, and award presentations. With this event, EBONY continues a 60 year tradition of giving recognition to African-American actors, actresses, and filmmakers.

On August 20th and 21st, HARLEM WEEK invites everyone to come to uptown New York and take part in one of the city's most exciting weekends, beginning on Saturday, August 20th, with the annual "Uptown Saturday Nite" music festival. This all-day celebration consists of a plethora of exciting events as attendees take to the streets throughout Harlem, enjoying outdoor cultural arts, crafts, exotic foods and live entertainment from a variety of stages along West 135th Street (between Malcolm X Blvd and St. Nicholas Avenue). The annual "Flava" fashion show burst onto the stage on Uptown Saturday Nite, and concert acts will be provided by stations Power 105, WKTU-FM, and Lite FM. Also taking place on August 20th is The Children's Festival which features such activities as a petting zoos, story-tellers, and interactive arts, all with a strong emphasis on education and achievement, sponsored by Washington Mutual, The New York Post, and WWRL 1600.

Sunday, August 21st, is HARLEM DAY and the good times continue to roll. The entertainment stages and the Children's Festival remain on 135th Street along with the addition of several exiting events: The Children's Festival adds a fashion show featuring the hottest back-to-school fashions; The 16th Annual Upper Manhattan Auto Show includes a display of cars from antiques to 2005 preview models; students and families discover college options and how to pay for them at The National Historic Black College Fair & Expo; and The NYC Health Fair &

Expo features free health information and screenings. Music and other entertainment will be courtesy of Kiss-FM, Hot 97, & CD 101.9.

On August 30th, the National Black Sports & Entertainment Hall of Fame Induction Gala will be held, honoring both live and posthumous luminaries in the fields of sports and entertainment. This year's inductees in the area of entertainment include Donald Byrd, Iman, Kenny Gamble & Leon Huff, Phylicia Rashad, Ray Baretto, Bonnie Raitt, Frankie Crocker, Marian Anderson, Alvin Ailey, Pearl Bailey, Symphony Sid, and Tito Rodriguez. In the area of sports, inductees include John Chaney, Fritz Pollard, Rafer Johnson, Lou Carnesecca, Zina Garrison, Jack Johnson, Elston Howard, Johnny Sample and Al Maguire. Vignette tribute for various inductees will air on WNBC-4 throughout the summer.

If HARLEM WEEK only accomplished giving people a sense of pride and enjoyment, that alone would be a worthy feat; however, HARLEM WEEK does that while also addressing other community needs. With the support of sponsors and elected officials, HARLEM WEEK, Inc. has been a proponent for advancing education by giving grants to educational organizations, plus scholarships to thousands of students who have worked diligently inside the classroom and outside in the community. The relationship between those parties and HARLEM WEEK has not only garnered higher enrollment, but also provided internships and careers for students. Scholarships and grants are presented at virtually every HARLEM WEEK, Harlem Jazz & Music Festival, and National Black Sports & Entertainment Hall of Fame event. HARLEM WEEK also hosts events focused on economic development and on the welfare of Senior Citizens. Perhaps this is why mayors, governors, senators, members of congress, foreign leaders, and other inspirational figures, have opted to address HARLEM WEEK audiences over the years.

The HARLEM WEEK's 31st Anniversary is a great celebration of accomplishment through unity. Those unable to attend can still partake in the festivities by listening to live radio broadcasts on stations throughout the New York City area.

HARLEM WEEK invites you to come discover the treasures of a proud community. Discover Harlem. For further information about the excitement and culture that is HARLEM WEEK, log on to www.HarlemDiscover.com

INTRODUCTION OF THE CURES CAN BE FOUND ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Cures Can Be Found Act. This legislation promotes medical research by providing a tax credit for investments and donations to promote adult and umbilical cord blood stem cell research, and provides a \$2,000 tax credit to new parents for the donation of umbilical cord blood that can be used to extract stem cells.

Mr. Speaker, stem cell research has the potential to revolutionize medicine. Stem cells could hold the keys to curing many diseases afflicting millions of Americans, such as diabetes and Alzheimer's. Umbilical cord blood stem cells have already been used to treat 67 diseases, including sickle cell disease, leukemia, and osteoporosis. Umbilical cord blood

stem cells have also proven useful in treating spinal cord injuries and certain neurological disorders. Adult stem cells have shown promise in treating a wide variety of diseases ranging from brain, breast, testicular, and other types of cancers to multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, heart damage, and rheumatoid arthritis.

By providing tax incentives for adult and umbilical cord blood stem cell research, the Cures Can Be Found Act will ensure greater resources are devoted to this valuable research. The tax credit for donations of umbilical cord blood will ensure that medical science has a continuous supply of stem cells. Thus, this bill will help scientists discover new cures using stem cells and, hopefully, make routine the use of stem cells to treat formally incurable diseases.

By encouraging private medical research, the Cures Can Be Found Act enhances a tradition of private medical research that is responsible for many medical breakthroughs. For example, Jonas Salk, discoverer of the polio vaccine, did not receive one dollar from the federal government for his efforts. I urge my colleagues to help the American people support the efforts of future Jonas Salks by cosponsoring the Cures Can Be Found Act.

HONORING NATHAN ZIPPER ON THE COMPLETION OF HIS INTERNSHIP

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions Nathan Zipper made while interning in my Washington, DC, office. Nathan, a fellow Middle Tennessean, was a wonderful addition to the office and a great servant to the constituents of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

Nathan soon will begin his junior year at the University of Knoxville, where he is majoring in sports management and a member of Phi Alpha Delta.

During his internship, Nathan was a tremendous help to me and my staff as he assisted us in various projects. He attended briefings, addressed constituent concerns and endeared himself to visitors as he guided them through the U.S. Capitol.

I hope Nathan enjoyed his fast-paced internship as much as my staff and I appreciated his hard work and eager attitude. I wish him all the best in the future.

95 YEARS OF SERVICE AND EMPOWERMENT: THE LEGACY OF THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE CONTINUES

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues and the country an important conference and series of events being held in Washington this week. On Wednesday, July 27, the National Urban League will celebrate its 95th anniversary with

a conference-summit on the challenges and advances in the empowerment of our communities to change the daily lives of Americans.

With a broad and exemplary series of panels and discussion sessions, the Urban League will continue its legendary service in support of raising awareness of the limited job opportunities, challenging health care costs, increasing economic and social disparities, and disappointing gaps in educational equality. The Urban League will not only highlight and question the challenges and limitations faced by communities across the county, but they will also propose and examine solutions for those communities.

For almost a century now, the Urban League has championed and advanced solutions to the crippling disparities that exist within our communities. They have long been involved with the struggle for equality and opportunity that faces the Black community, in particular, but economically disadvantaged groups nationwide.

In reaction to the Supreme Court's 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision approving segregation in the United States, Black Americans were quickly relegated to the most menial jobs, the poorest conditions of housing and health care, and the least access to quality education. Individuals, such as Mrs. Ruth Standish Brown and Dr. George Edmund Haynes, led the effort to adopt and prepare Black Americans for their economic struggles in urban America. Their efforts led the Committee on Urban Conditions, the Committee for the Improvement of Industrial Conditions Among Negroes, and the National League for the Protection of Colored Women to form the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, later shortened to the National Urban League.

Since that merger of groups and interests, the National Urban League has been at the forefront of fighting for equal opportunities and treatment of Americans in this country. They have pursued public and private strategies designed to provide training, assistance, development and awareness programs about the struggles for equal treatment and opportunity. Working with Whites, Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians, the National Urban League has been a champion of the economic welfare of the disadvantaged.

Today, the League continues that legacy of championship for economic justice. They continue to provide useful information to policy-makers in their evaluation and development of programs to aid the poor. They continue to inform the community of mechanisms to overcome the challenges that lay before them. They continue to be an advocate for the poor, an information-provider for the decision-makers, and a champion of justice and equality for the Nation, and they do all of this at the local community level through its chapters in communities around the Nation.

This week, led by its president, Marc Morial, who is providing superb leadership to the Urban League in the tradition of the great Whitney Young, the League continues its legacy and consciousness-building. I hope my colleagues will be reminded of the importance of this group to our economic development. As they conference in the Nation's Capital, I hope we would reach out and listen to the proposals and solutions the League provides. I hope we would provide them a voice for and an ear to their causes.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following article written by Zenitha Prince of the Afro-American concerning this week's meeting. I welcome the attendees and conferees of this year's conference to their Nation's Capital, Washington, DC.

URBAN LEAGUE CELEBRATES 95 YEARS

JULY 23, 2005—About 15,000 people are expected to join the National Urban League in "Celebrating 95 Years of Empowering Communities and Changing Lives" during its annual conference, which will convene at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., from July 27 to 31.

"As we celebrate 95 years of direct service to communities across the nation, we expect the annual conference in Washington, D.C., to be the largest gathering of the Urban League Movement," said Marc H. Morial, National Urban League president and CEO, in a prepared statement.

The annual conference will feature innovative and interactive plenary sessions and events that present some of the Nation's most illustrious and influential leaders. It also gives us a chance to discuss and find ways to help one another in closing the tremendous gaps that exist in health, education and economics. The annual conference helps bring people together around issues of concern to our community and the Nation.

Among the featured speakers are U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.); hip-hop historian and author Kevin Powell; author, activist and comedian Dick Gregory; and Rainbow Coalition/PUSH founder and president the Rev. Jesse Jackson. The conference will also feature performances by India.Arie, Brian McKnight, Doug E. Fresh and Chuck Brown.

Most notably, however, the 2005 conference will feature a new Influencer Summit geared towards engaging, connecting and building young professionals. The list of speakers includes (The Apprentice) star Kwame Jackson, who plans to discuss how he parlayed his reality television experience into opportunities that include a new company, Legacy Holdings, which is even now brokering a \$3.8 billion deal to build a real estate development called Rosewood, just miles outside of the District of Columbia, and a lucrative career on the international speakers' circuit.

"I wouldn't be on this phone or have any notoriety if I had stayed on my job [with Wall Street firm Goldman Sachs]," said the 30-year-old D.C. native. Modestly deflecting any praise about his achievements, Jackson advised young entrepreneurs that corporate America is a tough environment for a young Black person, and that it takes tenacity and vision to attain success. "Being an entrepreneur is for people who enjoy getting their teeth kicked," Jackson said. "You have to be the kind of person that will get up and ask for more."

The Influencer Summit will also examine the changing civil rights landscape and the young Black professional's role in it.

"I think we're the up-and-coming leaders. Any civil rights movement from here on out will be carried out by us," said Larry Meadows Jr., president of the Washington National Urban League Young Professionals.

Both Jackson and Meadows agreed that the Black community is moving into the "second generation" of the civil rights struggle, which involves the fight for economic parity.

"We've grown by leaps and bounds, but if you look at it economically, we've not gone very far," Meadows said. "We have a lot of successful individuals, and that creates the perception that we're OK. But overall, we're still struggling."

For more information about the 2005 National Urban League Annual Conference, go

to www.nul.org; and for more information about Kwame Jackson, check out his Web site, www.kwamejackson.com.

PAUL KASTEN POST OFFICE BUILDING

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Government Reform Committee and this body for joining me in recognizing one of my constituents, Paul Kasten, an employee of the U.S. Postal Service for the past 57 years.

Before his retirement this spring, at the age of 86, Paul Kasten had spent the last half-century serving eastern Montana. He began his postal career in 1947 riding a saddle horse to the farming community of Watkins.

In 1959, many of the rural routes consolidated expanding Mr. Kasten's route to 93 miles. Despite the immense distances, he would deliver regular mail to 30 families three times a week. His dedication and faithfulness earn him praise above which he will acknowledge. In addition to his mail deliveries, Paul would also deliver groceries, supplies, and anything that was needed by his rural customers. He was and is a valued and dedicated member of those communities.

Paul Kasten is a tribute to the entire U.S. Postal Service and I urge your support for his distinguished career. In honor of all his years of faithful service please join me in recognizing Mr. Kasten's achievements by designating the Brockway Post Office as the "Paul Kasten Post Office Building." Thank you.

HONORING KASSI SCOTT ON THE COMPLETION OF HER INTERNSHIP

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions Kassi Scott made while interning in my Washington, DC, office. Kassi, a native of Moss, Tennessee, was a wonderful addition to the office and a great servant to the constituents of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

Kassi soon will begin her junior year at Tennessee Tech University, where she is a political science major and president of the College Democrats.

Kassi has gained a wealth of congressional experience. She interned in my Cookeville, Tennessee, office prior to her internship in Washington. While in our Nation's capital, she attended briefings, addressed constituent concerns and served as a friendly and informative tour guide of the U.S. Capitol.

I hope Kassi enjoyed her internship as much as my staff and I have enjoyed her presence in the office. I wish her all the best in the future.