

REWARDING YOUTH MENTORSHIP
IN THE NEW YEAR

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend anyone who dedicates his or her time to mentoring this country's impressionable youth—in any capacity, in all capacities. There is no greater gift than the selfless giving of one's time and energies to the emotional, scholastic, and moral development of another. We can all trace back in our histories that one person or group of people who set us on the straight and narrow, from whom we drew inspiration, motivation, and a sense of purpose.

For far too long, wayward youth have had few role models to emulate, few adults to guide them in an otherwise confusing, self-deprecating, and turbulent moment in their lives. For far too long, the corrosive influence of drugs, domestic abuse, academic failure, and delinquency have instilled in our youth a hopelessness that permeates far into their adolescence and even adulthood. These honorable many, who have taken the charge of leading these youngsters to the road of successes, deserve our praise and our respect, and I am thrilled to support naming this month of January "National Mentoring Month" in an attempt to do just that.

Three million youngsters are currently benefitting from a mentoring relationship, but that just isn't enough. Five times as many kids are in urgent need of guidance, and it is up to us to demonstrably reward mentors for their vows of time, commitment, and effort. A mentorship is not a task taken up lightly or without the resolve to work diligently, generously, and openly—but it provides its participants such innumerable, intrinsic rewards that it becomes a challenge, and pleasure, certainly worthy of fulfilling.

May mentors across this great Nation feel proud of the work they are doing, and may others take note of their tremendous example and develop a mentoring relationship of their own.

THE ST. PETERSBURG TIMES
CELEBRATES 125 YEARS OF PUBLISHING EXCELLENCE

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, The St. Petersburg Times, my hometown newspaper, began its 125th year of publishing this month.

Starting from humble beginnings in the back of a Dunedin, Florida drugstore, 3 people—a doctor, dentist and printer—turned out 480 copies of the newspaper's first edition. Today, The Times is Florida's most read newspaper.

Following my remarks, I will include for the benefit of my colleagues, a column by Paul Tash, the Editor, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The St. Petersburg Times, commemorating the newspaper's growth and plans to celebrate its history over the next year.

Madam Speaker, The St. Petersburg Times has dutifully recorded the history of our com-

munity these past 125 years, and as Paul Tash writes, "sharing in the success, suffering in the setbacks." Please join me in thanking all those past and present employees of The Times who have brought the news to our doorstep, in good times and bad, and even during the most trying of times.

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OUR COMMON HISTORY: TAMPA BAY AND ITS
TIMES

(By Paul Tash, Editor, Chairman, CEO)

This year the St. Petersburg Times turns 125 years old. To mark the occasion, we are starting a weekly feature of local history, drawn from the newspaper's own pages. In their origins, neither the newspaper nor its community amounted to much.

The Times started out as a weekly in July of 1884. In the back room of a drugstore in Dunedin, three men—a doctor, a dentist and a printer—teamed up to produce the first edition. The total circulation was 480 copies. As my colleague Rob Hooker once wrote, "Their paper was like the community—small, humble and faced with an uncertain future."

Over the years, however, the frontier villages scattered around Tampa Bay grew together into a vibrant, dynamic metropolitan region, and the Times grew with it.

Today it is Florida's favorite newspaper, with the largest circulation in the state. Nelson Poynter, a generous and far-sighted owner, protected its independence, and three decades after he died, the Times remains rooted in this community, not part of a chain or conglomerate.

There have been rough patches along the way. Back in the 1930s—the last time a real estate boom collapsed into depression—St. Petersburg city government defaulted on millions of dollars in bond payments, and the public schools started charging tuition. On the outskirts of town, a sign went up warning visitors, "Do Not Come Here Seeking Work."

Those hard times also hit the Times. Advertising dropped by two-thirds. Since they had no cash, merchants paid their bills with vouchers, which the newspaper parceled out to employees as pay. At one point, the news staff dropped to 15 people, and the paper itself dwindled to eight pages.

But over the long term, the trend lines have kept climbing. Compare just two scenes.

During the World Series in 1924, a crowd gathered outside the Times' offices while an editor with a megaphone called out the play-by-play, coming by telegraph into the newsroom. Eighty-four years later and just a few blocks away, 40,000 fans gathered to watch the town's own team playing in the World Series.

For a century and a quarter, the St. Petersburg Times has recorded the unfolding story of our region, sharing in its success, suffering in the setbacks. Now we celebrate our common history by offering these slices of it. And even in this difficult stretch, we are betting that Tampa Bay's best days lie ahead. That is one of history's lessons.

IN HONOR OF GERTRUDE PINTZ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Gertrude Pintz, upon the recent celebration of her 100th birthday.

Gertrude Pintz was born on December 29th, 1908 in Austria-Hungary. She has been blessed over her lifetime with strength, joy, her family and friends. She is known for seeing only the good in others and beauty in life. Mrs. Pintz lives every day with a grateful heart, warm smile and positive outlook.

Mrs. Pintz married the love of her life, Sebastian, and together they raised 3 sons—Sebastian, Adam and the late Henry. She remains close with her sons, 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. As the matriarch of her family, Mrs. Pintz hosted the family's annual Thanksgiving dinner at her Cleveland home, continuing this tradition until the age of 88. In her early seventies, following the passing of her beloved husband, Mrs. Pintz embarked on pursuing her artistic talents. She enrolled in a four year art school, where she studied oil painting. To this day, her artwork adorns the homes of numerous family members and friends.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Mrs. Gertrude Pintz upon the joyous occasion of her 100th birthday. Her love of family, love of life and youthful soul all serve as an inspirational example for all of us to follow. I wish Mrs. Pintz an abundance of peace, health and happiness today, and throughout the years to come.

JIM RICE'S ELECTION TO THE
BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Rice of Andover, MA for his election into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Regarded as one of the most dominant hitters to have played the game, Rice was a 1978 American League Most Valuable Player and an eight-time All Star. With a .298 career batting average, Rice hit 382 home runs and 1,451 RBIs during his 16 years in Major League Baseball. Having spent his entire career in Boston, Rice becomes the fourth Hall of Fame player to have spent his entire career with the Red Sox.

Rice has also been an active member of his community, contributing his time and effort to several charitable organizations in Massachusetts. In 1979 he was named an honorary chairman of the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and care at the Dana-Farber Institute in Boston. He was also recognized by the Jimmy Fund in 1992 with the Jimmy Award, which honors individuals who have shown "exceptional devotion" to cancer research. Some of his other charitable activities include working with the Neurofibromatosis Foundation of New England and raising money for toy drives for local homeless children.

Since retiring in 1989, Rice has continued his commitment to the Red Sox, working as a hitting coach and instructor. Rice also serves as a popular studio analyst on the Red Sox pre- and post-game shows for NESN.

Rice and his wife, Corine, have lived in Andover since 1975 with their two children, Carissa and Chancey.

I congratulate him for his election to the Baseball Hall of Fame and for his notable achievements throughout his career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, rollcall vote No. 30 was a suspension vote on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 31—A resolution expressing support for designation of January 28, 2009, as “National Data Privacy Day.” If present, I would have voted rollcall vote No. 30—“yea.”

Rollcall vote no. 31 was a suspension vote on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 84—A resolution honoring the heroic actions of the pilot, crew, and rescuers of US Airways Flight 1549. If present, I would have voted rollcall vote No. 31—“yea.”

THE CONGRESSIONAL ANTI-SLAVERY CHAMPION OF 2008

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to read into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD remarks made by Dorchen Leidholdt, Director of Center for Battered Women's Legal Services at Sanctuary for Families, regarding my selection as the Congressional Anti-Slavery Champion of 2008:

On behalf of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, an international NGO fighting human trafficking since 1988, and Sanctuary for Families, a New York City-based provider of services to victims of domestic violence, I am delighted to join other leaders of the New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition in saluting Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, the Congressional Anti-Slavery Champion of 2008. Congresswoman Maloney's enduring and dedicated advocacy on behalf of victims of human trafficking is unparalleled in the halls of Congress. Over and over she has demonstrated her profound understanding of the harm of human trafficking, gleaned primarily from her compassion, respectful attention to the testimony of survivors, and her acute awareness of what it takes to stop this horrific crime and severe human rights violation.

Thanks to Congresswoman Maloney's visionary leadership, it is widely recognized that stopping trafficking requires both strong measures to curtail the demand for prostitution and well-crafted criminal provisions that enable prosecutors to put traffickers out of business—permanently.

Ken Franzblau has focused on the critically important role Congresswoman Maloney has played in the drafting and passage of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, which enhances protections to victims while strengthening the ability of prosecutors to hold traffickers accountable. Thanks to Congresswoman Maloney's inspiring leadership, the 2008 Reauthorization continues the important advances made by the previous two Reauthorizations.

While we celebrate the achievements of the 2008 Reauthorization, our task of strengthening our federal anti-trafficking law is not over; critically important work remains to be done in two important areas. Through her exemplary work in the House of Representatives, in the draft that she shepherded there

to close to unanimous approval, Congresswoman Maloney, has pointed the way to two critically important goals that lie ahead. First, the obstacles of proving force, fraud, or coercion, while eased under specific circumstances by the 2008 Reauthorization, continue to stymie the effective prosecution of many sex traffickers. Going forward we must ensure that sex traffickers are never provided a loophole, because their trafficking was not provably ‘severe.’

Second, sex tour operators fuel the demand for sex trafficking worldwide by sending plane loads of affluent American men to the poorest countries in the world to buy the bodies of women and girls in prostitution. While Congresswoman Maloney succeeded in including such a provision in New York State's landmark anti-trafficking law (the strongest state anti-trafficking law in the nation), and saw to it that the House draft reauthorization contained it, the compromise that resulted in the 2008 Reauthorization does not include a provision criminalizing sex tour operators.

We must ensure that the next TVPA Reauthorization criminalizes sex trafficking *per se* and makes it a federal crime to operate a sex tour business. With Congresswoman Maloney leading the campaign, I am confident that we will accomplish these two remaining goals.

Congresswoman Maloney, on behalf of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women and Sanctuary for Families, our congratulations on receiving this well-deserved recognition and our heartfelt thanks for your invaluable leadership in the battle to end human trafficking.

IN MEMORY OF ROGER BONE

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life and achievements of Roger Bone, a former North Carolina legislator and a good friend to me and to all of Nash County. He died on January 25, 2009, after battling cancer for many months. He will be sorely missed.

Roger and I shared parallel lives in many ways. He grew up on a tobacco farm, like I did, and like me was first elected to the state legislature in 1978. It was a pleasure to have him as a friend and partner in my early legislative career.

He quickly rose through the General Assembly to become chairman of the House Banks and Thrift Institutions Committee, where he served with distinction until 1981. In 1987, he started his own lobbying business, Bone and Associates, which has been among the most influential firms in North Carolina. Last year, the N.C. Center for Public Policy recognized him as the number one lobbyist in the state, and he was also one of the most well-liked. People knew they could trust Roger, and his influence was a credit to his honesty, hard work, and easy humor.

Last June, Roger received the Order of the Long Lead Pine, the highest honor our state gives to our native sons and daughters. I can think of no one who is more deserving of North Carolina's respect and admiration.

Roger's family shared his love of Nash County and commitment to public service with his family. His lovely wife Reba was an ele-

mentary and middle school principal, and his son, Fred, was his partner in Bone and Associates. In addition to his wife and son, he is survived by two grandsons, Jacob and Caleb; his father, Winslow; and two brothers and a sister.

It was my honor to be asked to offer the following eulogy at the funeral of this great man.

It is an honor to take part in this memorial service for my good friend Roger. I wish I could be there today with you to honor and remember Roger. However, today in the House of Representatives we are taking a critical vote to help our economy recover from its current downturn, and I will be thinking of Roger as I take today's votes. I will be thinking of his love of politics and legislation, and his many years in the arena, and I know he would understand, and Reba and his family understand, but I still wish I could be with you.

There is not a person here who doesn't know how Roger Bone loved Nash County and loved serving his community in the legislature. He was not only a student of politics, but he was a practitioner all his life. I remember that when he gave Reba her engagement ring, they didn't celebrate with dinner, they went to watch the General Assembly, so you know that politics was really in his bones.

As most of you know, he was ranked the top lobbyist in North Carolina last year, and he was so successful because he truly cared about people. In his work, he made friends, not enemies; knowing that those who were not with him today could be his partner tomorrow. Roger was a good friend to me, as he was to many of you. He could be calm in the midst of a storm. No matter what—the commotion of business, the furor of political debate—he was always steady, always smiling, always a reliable partner and friend.

I count it a distinct blessing that we were freshman members of the General Assembly together and I will never forget that year. In 1979, we were part of a group of ‘Liston's Boys’: Roger, myself, Martin Lancaster, Paul Pulley, and others. As roommates at the Brownstone Hotel, Roger and I spent many late hours talking about our new roles and the politics of the House. My fondest memories were the early mornings. Even though we both grew up on a farm, Roger never appreciated my getting up early in the morning to go running. As I was heading out, my stirring would wake up Roger while he was still trying to finish his sleep. Then, I would wake him up again when I got back.

However, the work ethic he gained from farm life served him well in the General Assembly and in the rest of his life. His positive attitude contributed to his success in everything he did. Everyone who knew him liked him, and everyone who worked with him liked him as well. It says a lot about him that he could always laugh at himself, and in the toughest of times if you can laugh you'll be alright.

While this is a sad day for all of us, it would be wise of us to remember the words of the great artist, Leonardo da Vinci, who said on the death of a friend, “As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well used brings a happy death.” Roger used his life well, and Nash County, and the State of North Carolina are better due to his efforts. I am better because I knew him, as are we all. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this remembrance.