Mr. Speaker, this coming weekend, between November 10 and 13 I and more than 20 of our colleagues in the House will be meeting and participating in the 10th annual Caribbean Multi-national Business Conference sponsored by the New York Carib News in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands where we will be enjoying the hospitality of Carib News publishers Karl and Faye Rodney and Delegate DONNA CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN. Over the last decade the conference has brought together elected officials, civic leaders, entrepreneurs, and executives of major corporations to explore opportunities for growth and expansion in the emerging markets and developing economies of the Caribbean. The conference has significantly contributed to the building of closer working relationships and personal ties between Caribbean leadership and the Members of Congress who have participated. As we approach this year’s conference, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding Caribbean leader, Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, the Prime Minister of St. Kitts-Nevis by placing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the text of a proclamation to be awarded at the conference:

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. DENTZIL L. DOUGLAS, PRIME MINISTER, ST. KITTS-NEVIS

Whereas, It is an established and honorable tradition for elected officials to recognize the outstanding contributions of those persons whose leadership and life’s work have made a substantial difference to the lives of people everywhere, especially in their own countries; and

Whereas, Such committed leaders are like beacons that show the way to a better life for those persons at the lowest rungs of the economic and social ladder and are therefore an Inspiration to people at home and abroad; and

Whereas, Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, a national and Prime Minister of the independent Federation of St. Kitts-Nevis, is surely one such leader and dedicated public servant; and

Whereas, Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, a physician, is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas In the U.S. Virgin Islands for his service to his native land, the wider Caribbean community and developing nations generally, serving as head of Government in St. Kitts-Nevis at a time when the United Nations called the country on the list of the World’s top 50 states where the quality of life is high; is the Caribbean Community, Caricom, lead Prime Minister on health issues, championing the fight against HIV/AIDS infection in the Caribbean; and

Whereas, The Prime Minister has led his country with distinction for the past 10 years while Demonstrating to the world that a small nation can be an international model of development, an example when it comes to adherence to the rule of law and parliamentary democracy; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That we salute and commend Dr. Denzil Douglas for his distinguished an unblemished record of service to humanity and for his leadership on the national and international stages, within Caricom and the countries which belong to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLDING INSTITUTE

HON. HENRY CUELLAR
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 9, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the important contributions of Joseph P. Loftus Jr. who lived in San Antonio, Texas and passed away recently on September 4th, 2005.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Loftus Jr. was a fine American citizen who served in the aviation and space activities division of government for 47 years. He wasn’t always in the spotlight, but he was behind the scenes on the Mercury capsules and the Apollo lunar missions. Because of his efforts, NASA created the Orbital Debris Program Office. He had an international reputation for his expertise on orbital debris research and he was awarded NASA’s Exceptional Service Medal twice and upon his death, the Distinguished Service Medal. When Mr. Loftus retired, NASA lost a smart, dedicated employee whose talents were in many ways.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the time to address the House on this somber but momentous occasion.

HONORING DR. DENTZIL L. DOUGLAS

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OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have had this opportunity to recognize the Holding Institute, an invaluable learning center for many people in Laredo, for their 125 years of ministry and teaching.

HONORING DAME BILLIE ANTOINETTE MILLER

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Whereas, It is a long and honorable tradition for elected Officials to recognize the outstanding contributions of those individuals who have made a substantial difference to the lives of people everywhere, especially in their own countries; and

Whereas, Such committed leaders are like beacons that show the way to a better life for those persons at the lowest rungs of the economic and social ladder and are therefore an Inspiration to people at home and abroad; and

Whereas, Dame Billie Antoinette Miller, a national and Prime Minister of the independent Federation of St. Kitts-Nevis, is surely one such leader and dedicated public servant; and

Whereas, Dame Billie Antoinette Miller, a physician, is being cited and honored at the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference 2005 in St. Thomas In the U.S. Virgin Islands for her service to her native land, the wider Caribbean community and developing nations generally, serving as head of Government in St. Kitts-Nevis at a time when the United Nations placed his country on the list of the World’s top 50 states where the quality of life is high; is the Caribbean Community, Caricom, lead Prime Minister on health issues, championing the fight against HIV/AIDS infection in the Caribbean; and

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