

God in Christ, under the leadership of the late Bishop Frank Clemmons. The family remained there for 5 years until 1937, when they moved to a little mission in Brownsville, Brooklyn under the pastorate of the late Bishop Frank Edward Cook. Aubrey was reared and nurtured in the church, and he received Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age. He was baptized and filled with the precious Holy Ghost at the Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ.

Bishop-Designate Aubrey Baker, Jr. matriculated through the New York City Public School system, receiving his higher education at Long Island and New York Universities. He furthered his religious education at Shelton Bible College and the O.M. Kelly Religious Institute. In 1958, Bishop-Designate Aubrey Baker married Mildred Josephine Butler, and they were blessed with two beloved children: Aubrette and Renwick.

As a loyal and faithful servant of the Lord, the late Bishop O.M. Kelly ordained Aubrey Baker, Jr. in 1959 at the Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ in Brooklyn, NY. Continuing his faithful service, Bishop-Designate Baker, Jr., served as District Secretary Brooklyn No. 1, Assistant Financial State Secretary assisting the late Elder S.A. White, and State Y.P.W.W. President of ENY jurisdiction.

In May 1973, Bishop-Designate Aubrey Baker, Jr., was appointed to the Keystone Church of God in Christ and, in August 1977 under the leadership of the late Bishop O.M. Kelly, he merged Keystone and Zion Temple Church of God in Christ. His service in the jurisdiction included serving as Assistant Superintendent to the late Bishop F.D. Washington in the Brooklyn Hill District. Thereafter, he succeeded the late Bishop F.D. Washington as the Superintendent. Under the leadership of the late Bishop F.D. Washington, he served as a member of the Finance Board.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop-Designate Aubrey Baker, Jr. is a man of God and a true servant of the people. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY'S STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2000

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding a matter of great importance to my district and the entire State of New Jersey. My home state is confronted with an array of complex challenges related to the environment and economic development. However, one issue in particular, the over development of land, had become especially concerning because of the impact it is having on our watersheds and floodplains, as well as its resulting impact on economic activity.

As many of my colleagues already know, this past August vast parts of northern New Jersey were devastated by flooding caused by severe rainfall. The resulting natural disaster threatened countless homes, bridges and roads, not to mention the health, safety and welfare of area residents. The total figure for

damages in Sussex and Morris Counties has been estimated at over \$50 million, and area residents are still fighting to restore some degree of normalcy to their lives.

While the threat of future floods continues to plague the region, one New Jersey institution is taking concrete steps to prevent another catastrophe. The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) has been studying the challenges posed by flooding and stormwater flows for some time, and is interested in forming a multi-agency federal partnership to continue this important research.

NJIT is one of our state's premier research institutions and is uniquely equipped to carry out this critical stormwater research. The university has a long and distinguished tradition of responding to difficult public-policy challenges such as environmental emissions standards, aircraft noise, traffic congestion and alternative energy. More broadly, NJIT has demonstrated an institutional ability to direct its intellectual resources to the examination of problems beyond academia, and its commitment to research allows it to serve as a resource for unbiased technological information and analysis.

An excellent opportunity for NJIT to partner with the federal government and solve the difficult problem of flood control has presented itself in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). At my request, the final version of this important legislation includes a provision directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and implement a stormwater flood control project in New Jersey and report back to Congress within three years on its progress. While the Corps of Engineers is familiar with this problem at the national level, it does not have the firsthand knowledge and experience in New Jersey that NJIT has accrued in its 119 years of service to the people of my district and state. Including NJIT's expertise and experience in this research effort is a logical step and would greatly benefit the Army Corps, as well as significantly improve the project's chances of success.

Therefore, I urge the New York District of the Corps of Engineers to work closely with my office and NJIT to ensure the universities full participation in this study. By working together, we can create a nexus between the considerable flood control expertise of the Army Corps and NJIT, and finally solve this difficult problem for the people of New Jersey. I hope my colleagues will support my efforts in this regard.

SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF CHANNEL ONE TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT DEMOCRACY

HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2000

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, at a time in which we hear so much about what's wrong with our children and young adults, it is easy forget all of the positive things taking place. The truth is that most of our children are doing well—they are growing up in loving homes, they are receiving a high-quality education, and they are becoming tomorrow's leaders. And while it is right to point out instances

where we can improve, I believe it is equally important to call attention to positive developments.

In that vein, today I would like to commend the Channel One Network and the 900,000 young adults who participated in Channel One's "OneVote", the largest online vote ever. "OneVote" allowed students in Channel One middle and high schools across the country to cast online ballots for President, for Governor, and for Senate in states where statewide races are taking place. The students also were polled on important national issues. Each student was assigned a special registration number so that only registered students could vote and that no student could vote more than once.

Now I know my colleagues are skeptics—and will think I enjoyed this poll solely because Governor Bush defeated Vice President GORE in a landslide. That's not true, although it did make me feel better about our future.

Seriously, the simple truth is that this vote should be celebrated no matter who won or lost. Channel One's "OneVote" undoubtedly gave many young Americans their first taste of democracy on a national scale. Students in one small school in rural Tennessee were able to see how their votes compared not just with their friends across the hallway, but with kids across the country, from California to Missouri to Maine.

Young adults also were encouraged to think about important issues facing our country, including education, world affairs, and integrity in government. They were urged to think about how these issues impact their lives and the lives of those around them. More than just a quick poll, OneVote is part of Channel One News' ongoing process of education and involvement for millions of teens.

Mr. Speaker, these activities should be recognized and encouraged. Staying informed, thinking about concerns greater than one's self interest, and participating in our nation's decision-making process are excellent habits for our young adults to develop.

There is a great deal of cynicism in our country about whether our government really does the work of the people. Recent history shows that this cynicism has led to lower and lower voter turnout at elections. This is a shame, Mr. Speaker, because the only way to make sure the government does the people's work is if the people stay informed and actively engaged in the affairs of government.

The power of the people to control this country's future can take many shapes and forms—from writing letters to the editor to serving in office. But the greatest power comes from perhaps the simplest of acts: voting. When all the campaigning speeches are over and the television ads are gone, each and every American gets their say when they step into the voting booth and pull the lever. We need to constantly remind our fellow citizens, especially those in the next generation, that voting is both an important right and responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, the Channel One Network's "OneVote" gave hundreds of thousands of young Americans an important first lesson in democracy—and I would like to recognize Channel One and the thousands of participating schools and their students for this outstanding success.