afraid of experiences. Because she was my teacher for two years, she watched me grow up. Both of these years, she encouraged my curiosity for life and my energetic passion for knowledge—it is her influence that has helped me become who I am today.'' The respect and gratitude of her students speaks well of Lola's ability to challenge young minds and encourage them to always put forth their best effort.

Lola Collins' extraordinary work as a teacher has challenged and inspired countless students to move beyond the teenage tendency of superficial study and encourage them to foster deeper thought and connections to the real world. Arguably, no profession is more important because of its daily influence upon the future leaders of our community and our country, and Lola's impact on her students is certainly worthy of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Lola Collins. We thank her for her continuing dedication to teaching and her willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students to strive for success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICHARD TYLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Richard Tyler of Grand Junction, Colorado. Rich bravely battled the Storm King Mountain Fire outside the town of Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1994, but succumbed to the blaze along with thirteen fellow firefighters while working to protect the City. I personally served as a firefighter and understand the risks they face each and every day. Witnessing the awful inferno that fateful July day, I know Rich and his comrades battled the fire with the utmost courage and valor. With the tenth anniversary of the Storm King Fire approaching, I believe it appropriate to recognize the sacrifice Rich and the Storm King Firefighters made on behalf of a grateful community, state and nation.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Rich graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in forestry. He moved to Grand Junction in 1985 where he joined the Western Slope Helitack crew, a specialized group of firefighters who are often the first to respond to a wildland fire. Rich became the crew's foreman, always putting the safety of his crew first. He established the first heli-rappel program in the Rocky Mountain area, and was instrumental in developing the Forest Service's Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide. In 1994, he was recognized for his efforts by the Department of the Interior and received their National Aviation Safety Award. He was a good crew leader and received a great deal of satisfaction from helping others. Above all, he was devoted to his wife and son.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to the life and memory of Firefighter Richard Tyler. Rich was willing to put himself in harm's way for unfamiliar people and places. He made the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved, and I, along with the Glenwood Springs community and the State of Colorado are eternally grateful to this brave man.

CELEBRATING GALESVILLE SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise before you today to honor the historic village of Galesville, Wisconsin. On June 26, 2004, Galesville will be celebrating its 150th anniversary, and activities will include the opening of a capsule that was buried fifty years ago on the town's 100th anniversary.

This quaint community in western Wisconsin overlooks Lake Marinuka and sits among rolling hills, towering cliffs, forests and spring-fed streams. The first settlers of the Galesville area were the Native Americans, who planted their history on the same soil the town of Galesville rests today. The influence of the Native Americans remains strong; this is apparent in the naming of Lake Marinuka, which was named after the legend of Princess Marie Nounko, who was the granddaughter of the Great Chief Decorah, the chief of the Winnebago tribe. Princess Marie's grave lies at the north end of the lake, where she was buried in 1884. In addition, the town of Galesville is blessed with a unique 100 year old bowstring bridge, located alongside the historic McGilvray Road.

Judge George Gale founded Gales College 150 years ago; soon after the town was born. In 1869, Rev. D.O. Van Slyke, circuit-riding preacher and Civil War veteran, believed Galesville was the biblical Garden of Eden because of its breathtaking surroundings. The term ''Garden of Eden,'' is still fitting to those walking the streets of this quiet village.

Galesville's Apple Affair has become a major Trempealeau County event. Since 1983, this annual event takes place on the first Saturday in October as part of Wisconsin's effort to promote the state's apple orchards. The Apple Affair draws many families from throughout the region. From apple pie to caramel apples, this annual celebration is a wonderful time to enjoy the outdoors, as well as get to know the friendly people of Galesville.

The 150th anniversary of Galesville highlights what is good and important about rural America to our country. There are thousands of small rural communities across this Nation that form the backbone of rural life; these communities are the incubators of local commerce, politics, education, recreation, entertainment and faith of rural neighborhoods. The hardworking citizens of small town America are the builders of our great Nation.

I am pleased to congratulate the citizens of Galesville on their sesquicentennial, and believe it is important to recognize their unique contribution to the growth of western Wisconsin. I wish them happiness and prosperity during the next 150 years.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP FREDERICK HILLBORN TALBOT

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bishop Frederick Hillborn Talbot, one of eight legendary leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) who will be retiring at this year's Quadrennial Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bishop Talbot is a graduate of Allen University located in the Sixth Congressional District of South Carolina which I proudly represent in this august body. He also matriculated at Yale Divinity School, Pacific School of Religion, and Columbia Theological Seminary. He completed further postgraduate work at Teachers College, Columbia University, and as a Resident Fellow at Harvard University in the fall of 1989.

Bishop Talbot has served in the 6th, 16th, and 12th Episcopal Districts since being elected the 90th Bishop of the AME Church in 1972. He has also served as the denomination's Ecumenical Officer. Bishop Talbot currently serves in the 13th Episcopal District, which includes the States of Kentucky and Tennessee. He is second in the Church's seniority of Bishops.

In 1996, Bishop Talbot edited the Book of Original Prayers, which served as an official document for the 45th Session of the AME Church's General Conference. He also authored New Eyes for Seeing (1998), Walking Through A Service of Worship in the AME Church (2000), and God's Fearless Prophet (2002). Bishop Talbot has composed several tunes and texts—one of which was included in RISK, the worship book used by the World Council of Churches for its 5th Assembly held in Nairobi, Kenya. Three of his texts are found in the AME Church Hymnal.

Prior to being called to the ministry, Bishop Talbot served in the diplomatic service of his native land, the Government of Guyana. There, he was recipient of the coveted Cacique Crown of Honor (CCH) for meritorious service.

Bishop Talbot is married to Dr. Sylvia Ross Talbot of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Bishop Frederick Hillborn Talbot upon his retirement from the Bishopric. He has provided tremendous leadership for the AME Church and his long history of community leadership and church service will influence many generations for years to come.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF 2004 LEGRAND SMITH OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, education is the key to our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement partially rests in the hands of our teachers. Today, I would like to recognize a teacher