

also survived by eleven grandchildren, John Robert Bancroft, Nathaniel Scott Bancroft, Abby Kristine Phillips, April Lauren Phillips, Alyson Kate Phillips, Zachariah Thomas Phillips, Holly Daye Goforth, Kelley Daye Goforth, Bailey Daye Goforth, Chloe Daye Goforth, and Amy Daye Goforth. Dr. Kelley was predeceased by his brother, Clarence Day Kelley, Jr.

We all look forward to the day our faith will become sight and we are united with Christ and reunited with Pastor Kelley.

RECOGNIZING THE KLINGER  
FAMILY

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an accomplished family with nurseries in several of the agriculture hotspots of Florida's 5th District. The entire Klinger family has taken a leadership role in growing the Florida agriculture industry, including fighting for increased relief funding for communities devastated by natural disasters.

The Klingers own and manage the lake Brantley Plant Corporation of Longwood, working as a team to grow their business and give back to their friends and neighbors. The family owned company currently has locations in Lake Brantley, Center Hill and Windermere.

Started by Paul Sr. and his wife Regina in the 1970s, the Klingers today boast three generations working in the family business. Paul's four sons Bill, P.J., Dan, and John run the nursery operations, but still rely on Paul Sr.'s years of experience and advice.

In addition to his active role in the nursery, Bill also served as the 2004 President of the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association. He is involved in politics and is a tireless advocate for the green industry and Florida agriculture.

P.J., who is the Director of Research and Development at the Center Hill operation in Sumter County, has also taken a leadership role in the community and serves on the Extension Advisory Board. He oversees growing practices at all three sites and monitors compliance with Best Management Practices. P.J.'s three sons also work for the family business. Ben is the dispatcher at the Lake Brantley plant, Brad is in sales and Barrett is the Assistant Nursery Manager at Lake Brantley.

Serving as the manager of the Center Hill nursery, Dan is joined by his son Adam, who serves as the Nursery Manager at the Windermere location, and a daughter Ashley who is in customer service.

John manages the Longwood nursery and has three children, Caroline, Katie and Jack, who are eager to join the family business one day as well.

Mr. Speaker, families like the Klingers deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication to Florida's agricultural community. They have dedicated their lives to grow their business, improving the lives of area residents by growing and expanding their plant operations, and bringing quality jobs to the entire region. The Klingers are to be commended for

their work and I wish them the best of luck as they continue operations in the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JERRY HARDEE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a lifelong educator, who has made a tremendous impact on young Chiropractic students. The leadership of Dr. Jerry L. Hardee has prompted South Carolina Chiropractors to honor him with a 2006 Trailblazer Award.

Although his background is education, not Chiropractics, Dr. Hardee's role as President of Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic led to the college's tremendous growth and financial stability. He has officially retired as President of Sherman College, but remains Chancellor in a part-time capacity responsible for fund-raising, public relations and enrollment services.

Jerry Hardee began his career as a teacher in 1960. Ten years later, he took his first administrative job as a principal and Title I Gifted Program Coordinator in the Garfield School District in Maywood, Illinois. Before coming to Sherman College, Dr. Hardee served for a quarter of a century as an executive administrator at three different institutions in the University System of Georgia. He also came out of his first retirement in 1999 to serve as the Director of the Center for Teaching and learning at Albany State University in Georgia.

Dr. Hardee spent 35 years as an education administrator. He holds a doctorate degree in education and a certificate of advanced study in educational administration from Northern Illinois University, a master's degree in science education from Fisk University, and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Clark College.

While president of Sherman College, Dr. Hardee was renowned for his work to attract more African American students to the profession of Chiropractics. He often met with students, faculty and health care profession advisors at Historically Black Colleges and Universities to encourage more minority student interest in a profession dominated by non-black practitioners. His goal is to make the field more accessible to African Americans as a career option.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me as I pay tribute to this trailblazing educator, who believes in promoting Chiropractics in minority communities. His leadership on this issue demonstrates his dedication to the profession and qualifies him for this outstanding recognition by practicing Chiropractors.

LETTER OF CLARIFICATION FROM  
THE BURT LAKE BAND OF OTTAWA  
AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, during hearings held in 1997 by the House Resources Com-

mittee, representatives of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians provided testimony that confused some land rights claims in Northern Michigan.

These statements were not approved by the Burt Lake Band's Tribal Council. As a result Mr. Curtis Chambers, Chairman of the Burt Lake Band, has written an open letter to members of Congress, to correct the record on this issue.

Without objection, I request that the following letter from the Chairman of the Burt Lake Band be included into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE BURT LAKE BAND OF  
OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS, INC.,  
*Brutus, Michigan, October 25, 2006.*

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS: During June 24, 1997, hearings held before the House Natural Resources Committee, the individuals who were charged with presenting the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' formal position on the Michigan Indian Lands Claims Settlement Act, P.L. 105-143, made some statements which require correction. Those statements suggested that the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians was and is claiming rights in lands in Michigan's Emmet and Charlevoix Counties, Beaver Island, High Island and Garden Island. Unfortunately, those statements were made without the prior approval of the Burt Lake Band's Tribal Council and they were and are factually inaccurate.

During those same hearings, those same Burt Lake representatives also presented the House Resources Committee with a map which they suggested was an accurate representation of the Burt Lake Band's aboriginal territory. That map was not an accurate representation of that territory and it should never had been presented for that purpose.

To complete this clarification, the Burt Lake Band would like to note that its research has confirmed that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians did, in fact, received allotments in southwestern Cheboygan County, Michigan and that the Burt Lake Band respects the Little Traverse Band's right to assert any and all rights which stem from the award of those allotments.

Because the historical records of the United States Congress are often used by law makers, attorneys and historians, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in seeing that this letter is printed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives to make the above stated corrections.

Cordially,

CURTIS CHAMBERS,  
Chairman.

RECOGNIZES JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON, JR. OF BROOKSVILLE,  
FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph E. Johnston, Jr., the winner of the 2006 Great Brooksvillian of the Year Award. The Award is presented annually to a current or former resident who has made a significant impact on the city of Brooksville.

Mr. Johnston has a long record of service to the city and to the entire community. Born in