

Dr. Futch specializes in the history of the papacy, Renaissance and modern European history.

From the many lives he has touched to the University he helped grow and strengthen throughout his tenure at Washington and Lee, Dr. Futch is an icon in the Washington and Lee community and someone who will be missed by students, faculty, and friends alike. No professor had a more profound impact on my love of history and interest in public service than Dr. Futch. I will always be deeply grateful for his guidance in my life. I know I speak on behalf of the alumni who have had the honor to know and learn from Dr. Futch when I say that we wish him many years of happy retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. KIMBERLY  
COUNCIL-HAIGLER

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2008*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Kimberly Council-Haigler of Brooklyn, New York, for the achievements of one who provide selfless contributions to their community.

The daughter of Mr. Benjamin and Rev. Linda Council, she is the oldest of five and the mother of two. In 2003 she gained her license and was ordained at the Berean Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Arlee Griffin Jr. She Received a Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina Central University and a Master of Science in Library Science from Pratt Institute.

Rev. Council is active in her church and professional community overseeing the Young Adult Ministry and Youth Ministry. At the same time she serves as the superintendent of the Young Adult Sunday School Department, an instructor at the Berean Bible Institute and sits on the Board of Directors of Berean's Christian Education Ministry.

Currently she works as a Reference Librarian at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. She is a member of the Law Library Association of Greater New York where she has served on the Board of LLAGNY's Board of Directors, and co-chair of LLAGNY's Student Relations Committee. She is also a member of the American Association of Law Librarians and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority incorporated.

Her service to the community is outstanding and deserves grave recognition.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION AU-  
THORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 12, 2008*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6063) to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes:

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Chairman, I rise today in support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act (H.R. 6063).

This bill authorizes \$20.2 billion for NASA for the 2009 fiscal year which represents a 14 percent increase over the President's request of \$17.6 billion. The President's vision of new manned space missions without requesting adequate funding for the agency has resulted in cuts to other NASA programs, including important earth sciences research. The bill we're considering today addresses the needs of NASA's entire mission and all four of its directorates which encompass space exploration, aeronautics, and other research and technology development programs.

NASA's Ames Research Center is a key component of the vibrant research and innovation community in my Congressional District. With special expertise in supercomputing, networking and intelligent systems, Ames develops technologies critical to NASA's missions. Ames and the other NASA research facilities around the country rely on the funding within the Science Mission Directorate (SMD). The House of Representatives has consistently exceeded the President's budget request and I'm pleased to see this pattern continue today. We have exceeded the Administration's request for all four of the divisions within SMD to ensure that NASA scientists at Ames and across the country have the resources they need.

While this is a good bill, I hope future reauthorizations will revisit the restrictions imposed on NASA's ability to engage in Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) agreements. Just last week Ames Research Center announced it had signed an EUL with Google in a strategic partnership to develop new ideas, technologies, and applications. I hope we can expand this program in the future to provide further opportunities for NASA to develop these fruitful relationships which leverage private sector expertise to use our tax dollars effectively and efficiently.

NASA is a critical component of our nation's research and development infrastructure and I thank the Committee on Science and Technology for their hard work on this bill. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this legislation.

IMPACT OF FLOODING IN IOWA

**HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2008*

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, Iowa, the State I am proud to represent in this great body, is facing one of the worst natural disasters it has ever witnessed. Record flooding has affected hundreds of communities, devastated hundreds of businesses, displaced thousands of our fellow citizens, and has done billions of dollars in damage.

The waters are beginning to recede in some parts of the State, but we are not out of the troubles yet. The level of devastation has not yet been fully realized, and probably won't for some weeks. I saw firsthand the damage done as I toured my district this weekend, and words cannot begin to illustrate just how damaging the floodwaters have been.

I rise today to salute my fellow Iowans, and salute the sense of community that is so

strong in Iowa. In preparation for the floods, there were countless instances where Iowans banded together, from all walks of life, from all ages, to work together to do whatever was necessary to save the communities we all love to call home.

And this is what Iowans will continue to do. We will continue to work together to rebuild our communities and heal the wounds the flood waters opened. We will continue to work together and fight on because our families, our communities, and our State are worth nothing less.

But Madam Speaker, Iowa will need generous Federal assistance to get back on its feet. Iowans will do whatever they can, but the fact is the flooding that has hit Iowa has never been witnessed, ever, and the damage and challenges presenting themselves are simply too much for the State and local governments to handle by themselves. Iowans will do their part, but we must do ours.

Madam Speaker, Iowans continue to display what is best in the American spirit as we continue to face the challenges that are presented to us today, and we will persevere, for as Iowa goes, so goes the Nation.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF RICHARD  
ASHBROOK

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Richard Louis "Dick" Ashbrook—devoted family man, accomplished scientist, peace and social justice activist and humanitarian.

Born in Philadelphia, Dick graduated from Lehigh University with a degree in metallurgical engineering. He earned his master's degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from Case Institute of Technology. In 1961, Dick and his wife, Mary, moved to Brook Park where he worked for NASA's Lewis Research Center doing research on high temperature alloys and ceramics. He was also a consultant with Brush Wellman.

He was active in civil rights and fair housing through the Berea Area Council on Human Relations. He participated in countless peace vigils as a member of the Peace Community Church. He was an early member and long-time manager and roadie of the Cleveland area contra dance band, Mud in Yer Eye, in which he played concertina, bones and other rhythm instruments. He volunteered in the book-mending lab at Oberlin College and was an active member of SPINACH (Senior People Interested in Nutrition and Community Health). He also volunteered at the Second Harvest warehouse.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and remembrance of Dick Ashbrook—an exceptional man, scientist and leader whose life reflected accomplishment, caring and joy. I offer my deepest condolences to his devoted wife, Mary, beloved children, Anne (Tom) Fitzpatrick, Connie (Martha Landowne), Peggy (Darryl Francois), Janet (John Dunn), Ellen (Ann Adams), Nico Ashe (Andrew Poltzer) and eight grandchildren. Dick Ashbrook's legacy, both personally and professionally, will be remembered by family, friends and colleagues.