

American Bone Marrow Awareness Month Act, by urging all Americans to initiate, organize and participate in programs to increase the collective consciousness of African Americans to become bone marrow donors.

Since the inception of the National Marrow Donor Program registry, over 24,000 people have received bone marrow transplants. African Americans make up only eight percent, or 450,000 of the more than six million people currently registered in the National Marrow Donor Program. Worse, African Americans have received a little more than four percent—one out of every 24—of these transplants. While it is possible for an African American patient to get a match for a bone marrow donor from any racial or ethnic group, the most likely match for a transplant is from another African American. All it takes is a single drop of blood to help determine a match.

Madam Speaker, this legislation will encourage all people, but particularly African Americans, to organize a bone marrow registration drive in their community. The collective work under this legislation will promote donor awareness and increase the number of African Americans registered with the National Marrow Donor Program throughout our nation. I urge all Members of Congress to begin the need for awareness, importance and value of bone marrow awareness, and urge its quick adoption by Congress.

MARKING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF
MR. RUDOLF SMITH JUNE 12, 2009

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on June 12, 2009 Nash County, North Carolina native and resident Mr. Rudolf Smith will be celebrating his 100th birthday. To mark this milestone, family and friends will be gathering for a party in his honor.

Mr. Smith was born on June 12, 1909, to sharecroppers, Mr. Willis Smith II and Mrs. Willie M. Smith on Joe Ellison's farm near Dortches in Nash County, North Carolina. He was kept home from school after the fourth grade because he was needed to work the crops.

Working six and a half days a week, Mr. Smith was barely tall enough to keep the plow in the field when he started farming.

Mr. Smith was married to Patty Alston in 1933. Together, they had six children.

Currently, he resides at Knight's Family Care Homes where he enjoys reminiscing about his past, walking, and eating anything he wants. He lives a healthy and fulfilled life.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in wishing Mr. Smith a very happy 100th birthday.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES IN
SOUTHERN AND EASTERN KEN-
TUCKY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I rise with my colleague and fellow Kentuckian, Congressman ED WHITFIELD, to raise awareness about an important issue impacting a number of small businesses in our region of the country.

Scenic Lake Cumberland has been the hub of economic development in our area of southern Kentucky for years. Some 4 million visitors stop by every year to take advantage of the lake's many attractions—world class bass fishing, relaxing atop a custom built houseboat, or boating with family and friends. These visitors pump over \$70 million into our local economy, benefiting a wide array of businesses in the surrounding counties. However, with our nation's economy floundering and the Commonwealth's unemployment rate of nearly 10 percent hovering above the national average, the houseboat and marina industries surrounding Lake Cumberland are hemorrhaging—and so too are our people whose livelihoods rely on the lake as a lifeline.

While the overall economy is part of the problem, business conditions at Lake Cumberland have suffered an even greater share in large part due to a long delayed and deferred federal rehabilitation and construction project at Wolf Creek Dam. An unfortunate consequence of construction at the dam has been the necessity to temporarily lower the pool of the lake from the traditional level of 720 feet to 680 feet. This significant drawdown has had a substantial adverse impact on the ten local concessionaries leasing marina space from the Corps of Engineers. Many marinas have had to incur tremendous expenses to accommodate the lower pool, such as relocation and investments in additional infrastructure, and these unanticipated expenses have significantly disrupted their cash flow. The legislation we've introduced today ensures that the federal government fulfills its obligation to those concessionaries with which it has entered into leasing agreements and provides some relief for these unforeseeable expenses that have the potential to set back the economy of an entire region. These measures include suspending burdensome rental payments until it is safe to restore the lake level, as well as reimbursing marina operators for expenses directly tied to this continued drawdown. Finally, the bill makes whole the surrounding communities that rely heavily on these rental payments.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been tasked and is hard at work with correcting structural issues with the dam to shore up the dam for future generations to enjoy, and Congress has diligently provided vital funds for the continuation of this project. I have no argument with this work or the funding. However, no relief has been made available to those who have tied their livelihoods to this lake and who, through no fault of their own, are enduring a government-induced hardship. The bill introduced today will correct this and provide some measure of relief to the

hardworking small business owners scattered along beautiful Lake Cumberland.

TRIBUTE TO LT COL KENNETH
BOW, USAR RET

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to LT COL Kenneth Bow, USAR RET, in recognition of his 70th birthday this Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Kenneth Bow retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 1993 with the rank of LT COL. He joined the ROTC at Michigan State in 1958. After graduation as an Electrical Engineer, he began his active duty as a Second Lieutenant at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Later, from 1963 to 1965, he was stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. After being honorably discharged, he immediately joined the 578th Research and Development Unit in the USAR in Midland, Michigan.

On active-duty training assignments over his army career, he served in many Mobilization Designee positions, mainly in the Ft. Belvoir Research Development and Engineer Center. His training projects were highly technical and engineering-oriented, such as standardization of controls across an electrical generator family and related self diagnosis; and the impact of chlorofluorocarbon, CFC, regulations on users. In addition, LT COL Bow co-chaired management of selected engineering and financial teams assembled to conceptualize the design of a state-of-the-art, \$100 million automated logistical center/warehouse at Sharpe Army Depot in California.

In his more than twenty-eight years serving the USAR, LT COL Bow was highly decorated with the following awards: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, USAR Achievement Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaves, National Defense Service Medal, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hour-Glass Device.

In 1965, Kenneth Bow joined the Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan, rising to the highest research professional rank of Research Scientist at the time of his retirement in 2007.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize LT COL Kenneth Bow in celebration of his 70th birthday. I hope the year to come will bring him health, happiness, and special times with family and friends. Birthdays are a time to reminisce over good memories and make new ones. I hope that his is special.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 10, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall No. 317.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 317—"yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 1886, the Pakistan Enduring

Assistance and Cooperation Enhancement (PEACE) Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 2410, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FYs 2010 and 2011.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing an important piece of legislation, the Breastfeeding Promotion Act with my colleagues Mrs. CAPPs, Mr. OLVER, Mr. FRANK, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SNYDER, Ms. SCHWARTZ, and Mr. MORAN.

Statistical surveys of families show that over 50 percent of mothers with children less than one year of age are in the labor force. Whereas women with infants and toddlers are a rapidly growing segment of the labor force today, arrangements must be made to allow a mother's expressing of milk if mother and child must separate.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that mothers breastfeed exclusively for six months but continuing for at least the first year of a child's life. Research studies show that children who are not breastfed have higher rates of mortality, meningitis, some types of cancers, asthma and other respiratory illnesses, bacterial and viral infections, diarrhoeal diseases, ear infections, allergies, and obesity. There have also been numerous benefits to mothers shown, including improved bone mineralization, an earlier return to pre-pregnancy weight, and decreased risk of certain cancers.

Our bill will encourage and promote breastfeeding by removing common obstacles to breastfeeding and expressing milk in the workplace that many women face by: (1) amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding in the workplace, (2) providing tax incentives for businesses that establish private lactation areas in the workplace, (3) providing for a performance standard for breast pumps, (4) allowing breastfeeding equipment to be tax deductible for families, and (5) protecting the privacy of breastfeeding mothers.

We urge all of our colleagues to support this important legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WATKINS BROTHERS MEMORIAL CHAPEL

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel, the oldest African-American owned business of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, which I am honored to represent. The Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel will celebrate its centennial milestone beginning this weekend on Saturday, June 13th, when they will have the first

series of events dedicated to the great service this business has bestowed upon Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. I am privileged to have been asked to partake in these celebrations.

The Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel has been an influential and unwavering force since founders John "J.T." and Theron "T.B." Watkins first opened the chapel's doors in spring of 1909. After John's premature death, Theron remained determined to carry on the business and the vision that he and his brother had worked so hard to make a reality. The Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel has now seen five generations of Watkins run the family business. The chapel is known throughout the greater Kansas City metropolitan area for its excellent service and the high level of care and concern it affords both the families and the individuals involved.

The Watkins family has been highly influential in the arena of Kansas City politics. Since the beginning, Theron was very involved in neighborhood development; so much so that there is now an important housing project in Kansas City named in his honor. From 1941 to 1948, Theron sat on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The story of Theron filling up one of his funeral cars with coal and delivering the coal to families in desperate need during the peak of the Great Depression signifies his deep commitment to those around him. His heightened awareness of the needs of others led him to encourage his son, Bruce Watkins, Sr., to pursue a career in service and politics.

Bruce Watkins, Sr. spent most of his adult life relentlessly pursuing the greater good through political service. He was one of the co-founders of Freedom Incorporated, an African-American political organization that worked to increase their community's influence by generating votes for candidates they felt would best empower African-Americans. Bruce Watkins, Sr. was also one of the first two African-Americans elected in 1963 to serve on Kansas City's City Council. In 1979, he became the first African-American councilperson to run for mayor of Kansas City. Though he lost, his progressive views of African-American leadership and political influence endured. His legacy lives on in the form of Bruce Watkins Drive, a 10.2 mile long stretch of highway that connects the southern, suburban part of Kansas City to its northern, urban counterpart.

Throughout the years, the Watkins family has remained active in the Kansas City community. Working alongside the CODA Jazz Fund, the Watkins family provides financial assistance for dignified funeral services to jazz musicians who have passed. Individual members of the family are involved in organizations ranging from the Mutual Musicians Fund to the Boys and Girls Club.

The Watkins family has remained true to their philosophy and goal "to serve humanity, persons of all faiths, under all circumstances, with dignity, respect, and understanding, with attention to he needs and desires of each family."

Considering their tremendous contribution to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and surrounding areas, it is an honor and a privilege to recognize the Watkins Brothers Memorial Chapel and the Watkins family for their one hundred years of excellent service to the Kansas City area. Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating and expressing our gratitude

to this family and their incredible dedication to both their business and their community. The African-American community has long benefited from figures such as Theron Watkins, Bruce Watkins, Sr., and the many other members of the Watkins family. Due to their unyielding persistence, they helped change the reality of African-Americans' political power and influence. The Watkins family is one to revere and respect, and they truly are role models that the Missouri Fifth Congressional District is proud to call our own.

HONORING RICHARD E. MURRAY,
FACHE, FOR HIS SERVICE AS
THE PRESIDENT/CEO OF KENNEDY
MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Richard E. Murray, FACHE. He has played an integral role in New Jersey's First District through his administration of multiple health care systems. Mr. Murray has demonstrated a history of compassion throughout the community and for this he deserves great praise.

Mr. Murray has served as the President/Chief Executive Officer of Kennedy Memorial Health System since 1980. Kennedy Memorial Health System consists of three acute-care hospitals, multiple outpatient clinics and various wellness programs.

Mr. Murray's leadership has led to many advances within the Kennedy Memorial Health System. Since 1998, Kennedy Memorial Hospital has opened a free-standing outpatient Dialysis Center, a Sleep Center, a 10-bed Ronald McDonald House Pediatric Unit, a Cancer Center and Outpatient Medical Imaging Center, an Emergency Department, a Center for Wound Healing, a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a 40-bed Progressive Care Unit, a 12-bed Innovative Hospice Care Center, a Stroke Program, a Maternity Center, a PET/CT Center, a Family Health Services Center, a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Unit, a Surgical Unit, and an Intensive Care Unit.

Aside from the structural upgrades, Mr. Murray has overseen multiple projects that have improved the quality of care within the Kennedy Memorial Health System. These projects include the creation of an "Invensivist Program" to ensure the oversight of health care providers and patient safety, the purchase of the high-tech DaVinci Robot for use in minimally invasive surgical procedures, and the creation of programs for diabetes control and a smoke free environment at all facilities. Without the hard work and exceptional guidance provided by Mr. Murray, none of these things would have been possible.

Mr. Murray has received multiple awards commemorating his service to the South Jersey community. In 2005, he received the New Jersey Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award, presented annually to an individual with more than 15 years of service in health care who "consistently demonstrates strength, integrity, professionalism and a relentless commitment to a hospital or health care system." In 2006, he was honored by