

assistance to anyone in need, without regard to his own sacrifice. Major Barnes served as a father figure, guide and mentor to numerous young military recruits, and was like an uncle to the children of close friends. For many years, Major Barnes sponsored a child from Indonesia, sending money and letters of encouragement on a regular basis. Recently, Major Barnes was part of a successful effort to save the life a severely injured child in Afghanistan.

His compassion, unwavering integrity and professional excellence are documented in the numerous military commendations he received, including the California Medal of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Award, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Award.

Major Barnes is survived by his mother, Grace Barnes-Filo; his father, Harold Barnes; his sisters, Therese Rose Barnes, Jennifer Barnes, and Julie Keating; And, his nephew Timothy and niece, McKenzie. I also extend my condolences to his extended family members and many close friends.

Madam Speaker, and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Major Rocco Martin Barnes, whose heroic actions, kindness, generous spirit and love for those closest to him will be remembered always. Major Barnes was a courageous United States soldier, and an exceptional human being. His life, gone too soon, was framed by his great love for family, friends and country. The significant sacrifice, service, courage that defined the life of Major Barnes will be honored and remembered by the entire Cleveland community, and our Country.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING BILL RUEGSEGGER FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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Whereas, Bill Ruegsegger was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Bill Ruegsegger always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Bill Ruegsegger on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

TRIBUTE TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA R.C. CHURCH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an out-

standing religious institution, St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church in Paterson, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of dedicated service to its parishioners, and by extension, the greater community.

It is only fitting that St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church Parish be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for the spiritual home it has provided to American families, especially those just embarking on their path to the American dream, and the dedication to the entire community that helps keep this deeply rooted parish family growing towards the future.

On December 8, 1909, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Salesian Father John Focacci, founding pastor, celebrated the first Mass in a small wooden building on Beech Street, Paterson. The parish was then called Saint Anthony of Padua Mission Church. From this humble beginning, Saint Anthony's ministered to the needs of a growing Italian immigrant population in the Sandy Hill section. Over the years, Saint Anthony's developed into a modern ecclesiastical and educational complex, the result of many sacrifices, hard work and dedication of its loyal parishioners.

Marking its 100th anniversary, Saint Anthony's finds itself once again tending to the spiritual and material needs of immigrants, this time from the Caribbean and Central and South America, seeking to realize the American Dream, parish services now echo English, Italian, and Hispanic voices, and trilingual choirs enrich the festive liturgies.

The parish has built its tradition by giving its parishioners spiritual roots in their neighborhood, providing a deep sense of community to those who have grown in the Church, receiving their sacraments there, as well as welcoming newcomers to the surrounding area. The St. Bonaventure's parish family has expanded throughout the years to include many parishioners who have moved out of the neighborhood, but return with their families to worship at the parish. I am certain that St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church will continue to thrive and enrich not only those who worship there but so many others in need throughout the area.

The Salesian Fathers have withdrawn from the parish after more than a century of service. St. Anthony School closed its doors after 85 years as an educational Mecca to the neighborhood. Diocesan clergy now serve for the first time. Maintaining the parish's physical plant, especially the beauty of the House of God, is a constant financial concern. Despite these challenges, Saint Anthony's continues undeterred in its mission, facing the uncertain future with hope and confidence in the parish and their faith. St. Anthony's remains a living monument to those who came before and those who are still here.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of wonderful, thriving communities like St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church Parish.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join all of the parishioners and clergy of St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church Parish, all those whose faith has been enriched throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church Parish to the church community and beyond.

HALL OF FAMER HAL MCCOY LEAVES THE PRESS BOX

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, as the Cincinnati Reds wind down their 2009 season, many in Dayton and southwest Ohio are feeling a sense of loss for the departure of the Reds' best known sports writer, Hal McCoy, who retires next week.

To call Hal McCoy an institution in sports journalism is somehow not giving him due credit. Hal McCoy is the Reds to the readers of the Dayton Daily News. He's been on the Reds' beat for 37 years—longer than any other sports reporter following a single team.

His "Real McCoy" blog on the Dayton Daily News site notes "McCoy has covered more than 7,000 major-league baseball games, written close to 18,000 baseball stories and eaten enough hot dogs to give Babe Ruth indigestion."

An honors graduate from Kent State University's School of Journalism, Hal McCoy has 43 Ohio and national writing awards. Most appropriately, he is also a member of the writer's wing of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

Hal McCoy's retirement comes as the Dayton Daily News ceases its special reporting on the Cincinnati Reds due to budget limitations. As McCoy put it, "I'll finish the season covering the Reds and baseball, the last hurrah, then say my final goodbyes. They're putting me out to pasture. I only wish it was center field."

While he notes retirement is not something he looks forward to, Hal McCoy admits he may still do some writing for the Dayton Daily News. We hope so. Good luck and thanks for everything, Hal.

HONORING STANLEY L. STRAUGHTER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my friend Stanley L. Straughter, Chairman of the Mayor's Commission on African and Caribbean Immigrant Affairs. Throughout his thirty year career, Stanley has been dedicated to the cause of international development and the betterment of those living in his community.

Having lived and worked in various places around the world, including Africa, Asia, Russia, and the Caribbean, Stanley has a long history of working with foreign nations to promote economic development. Stanley has worked with foreign governments on transparency and financial issues, trade policy, and foreign direct investment. Among his many roles, Stanley serves as an advisor to the World Conference of Mayors, as Senior Finance Advisor to Niger and Togo, and as a Senior Advisor to the African Development Bank.

In addition to Stanley's exceptional work in international development, he is also a committed member of other groups and organizations. Stanley is a member of various national

and international organizations, such as African American Unity Caucus, the Foundation for Hospice in Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Global Interdependence Center. Stanley is also a member of organizations founded to improve his local community. He is a member of the Housing Association of Delaware County, the Philadelphia Revitalization and Education Program, and the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

In recognition of Stanley's hard work, he will be presented with the Outstanding Community Leader Award at the Laborers' Local 332 Friends of Labor Committee's Annual Black Tie Charity Dinner.

Stanley's impressive career proves a long-standing commitment to the cause of international development. His extensive work showcases his dedication to the improvement of the international community, as well as his local community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR
THOMAS LONGO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mayor Thomas Longo, as he retires from his position of Mayor of Garfield Heights, Ohio. For 25 years, Mayor Longo served his constituents with dedication, vision and sincere concern for the people of Garfield Heights, Ohio.

In 2006, after 23 years, Mayor Longo was officially recognized as the longest-serving mayor in Garfield Heights history. He is also recognized as the third-longest serving mayor in Cuyahoga County.

Before being elected mayor, Mayor Longo worked for nearly 20 years as a marketing executive with the former Ohio Bell Telephone Company. In 1975, he was elected to serve on the Garfield Heights City Council, representing the city's 4th Ward. In 1983, Mayor Longo left Ohio Bell upon his election as mayor of Garfield Heights, and successfully retained his seat in every successive election.

In conjunction with his service as the Mayor of Garfield Heights, Mr. Longo holds a seat on the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District board of trustees. He also serves as vice president of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Throughout his career, Mayor Longo's vision and tenacity has become a reality, reflecting in several civic milestones that continue to benefit residents of all ages. Some of Mayor Longo's most noteworthy achievements include the building of the Garfield Heights Civic Center, Recreation Center, and Service Department garage, as well as the addition of a new fire station. Moreover, Mayor Longo's genuine love of the people of Garfield Heights is evidenced by his compassionate leadership and consistent willingness to reach out and assist families or individuals in need.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Mayor Tom Longo, as he retires from the role of Mayor of Garfield Heights, reflecting 25 years of loyal and dedicated service to the city and residents of Garfield Heights, Ohio. I wish Mayor Longo, and his entire family, an abundance of health and happiness as he journeys onward from here.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
BOBBY HALL FOR WINNING THE
BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASE-
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Bobby Hall showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and Whereas, Bobby Hall was a supportive team player; and

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Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Bobby Hall on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR CLEO O.
ALBURY, JR.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Pastor Cleo O. Albury Jr., a beloved community leader, public servant and religious leader in my district. Pastor Albury was the pastor at Bible Missionary Baptist Church of Miami, Florida.

Pastor Albury, a Miami, Florida native, was an honor graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, attended Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University and graduated from the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension. Moreover, Pastor Albury was one of the first African-American Floridians to solo an aircraft in the United States Air Force.

Having dedicated his life to the church community, Pastor Albury began his pastoral career as pastor of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church from 1969 to 1973, and followed as pastor and charter member of the Bible Baptist Church until 1999.

As pastor of Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Albury organized a \$2 million dollar facility development program for the church and the community; instituted a food bank to combat hunger in Miami-Dade County; and created a contingency fund for the unemployed and needy in Miami-Dade County through the church. Pastor Albury's other community and religious involvement included: former member of Evangelism Task Force for Southern Baptist Convention, former board member of Direct Action and Research Training Center, D.A.R.T., former board member of People United to Lead the Struggle of Equality, P.U.L.S.E., and he led the 1983 missionary teaching and ministry program for the churches in Ghana, West Africa.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Pastor Cleo O. Albury Jr. Pastor Albury's life was a triumph, and he was blessed with a loving family who

took pleasure in every aspect of his life and his interests. I commend him for his dedication to both Bible Missionary Baptist Church and the Baptist community as a whole. He will be missed by all who knew him, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF DR.
MACK KING CARTER AS SENIOR
PASTOR OF NEW MOUNT OLIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH IN FORT LAU-
DERDALE, FLORIDA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Dr. Mack King Carter, Senior Pastor of New Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on the occasion of his retirement. New Mount Olive, founded in 1918, was extremely fortunate to receive Dr. Carter as copastor in August 1981. Dr. Carter has led the congregation since November 1982.

Dr. Carter, a native of Ocala, Florida, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Florida in 1970, a Master of Divinity degree in 1976 and a Doctorate of Ministry degree in 1978, both from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done additional studies at Florida Memorial College and has received honorary doctorate degrees from Florida Memorial and Bethune Cookman College.

Dr. Carter is considered one of America's great African American "pulpiters." His travels have taken him throughout the United States and abroad, preaching, teaching and lecturing. A talented educator and popular speaker, his classes at the National Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education are filled to capacity with preachers and lay persons who come to hear one of God's master teachers. The consummate theologian, he is considered a "preacher's preacher."

During his long career, Dr. Carter served three churches in Ocala, Florida and one in Prospect, Kentucky before coming to New Mount Olive. A great writer in addition to his other talents, he has authored four books: A Catechism for Baptists, To Calvary and Beyond, A Quest for Freedom and Interpreting the Will of God.

In his younger days, Dr. Carter was a huge fan of the New York Yankees. Everyone in the New Mount Olive family and visitors through the years fondly recall his greeting, "We're deliciously proud to have you." Since 1973, he has been the devoted husband of Patricia A. Thomas Carter and is the proud father of two wonderful daughters, Annalisa Robinson-Melton and Pamela Latrice Johnson. He is also the doting grandfather of Britton N. Robinson and Carter Nathaniel Johnson.

Madam Speaker, it has been a great joy for me and this congregation to have Dr. Carter as a friend, supporter, comforter and mentor. I wish him the very best on his retirement.