

thoughts and prayers go out to Bill Kling, Ceil's life partner for the past 11 years, as well as all of Ceil's family and loved ones during this trying time. I will personally miss her very much.

THE NEW YORK FUND

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, the last 2 days we have seen some extraordinary things on this floor. There was a bill, well intentioned, to help those not only first responders, but anybody who may have suffered from inhaling what happened on 9/11.

September 12 was an amazing day when people came together all over the country, and we were Americans together. Our hearts went out to the New Yorkers, and in fact people stood in line in my hometown for hours to give blood. We gave generously, we continue to give. And never mind that there's no concern about first responders around the country, we'll continue to want to help New Yorkers.

But when the pay-for is going to cost thousands and thousands of jobs around this country to pay for that fund, have a little sympathy. People shouldn't have to lose their jobs to pay for the New York fund. We will continue to be generous. Don't ask for us to continue to give up jobs to do so.

HONORING BISHOP WALLACE EDWARD LOCKETT

(Mr. AL GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, June 30, 2010 will mark a significant date in the history of our country. On that date, in Mobile, Alabama, the Honorable W. Edward Lockett became the 57th Bishop of the CME Church.

Bishop Lockett has been a longtime stalwart in the Houston area. He has demonstrated what being one's keeper is all about. He has been his brother's keeper. And I am honored to say that I have had a flag flown over the Capitol of the United States of America to celebrate this great historic occasion for the CME Church for many of my constituents.

I will close with this: Bishop Lockett, we thank you for what you have done not only for the Houston community, but for what you have done in the United States of America. I hope and pray that you will continue to do God's work.

It is my honor to recognize and pay tribute to Bishop Wallace Edward Lockett of Houston, Texas on his election as the 57th Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church at their 36th Quadrennial Session and the 37th General Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on June 30, 2010 in Mobile, Alabama.

The CME is a 139-year old historically African American Christian denomination with

more than 1.2 million members across the United States. CME also has missions and sister churches in Haiti, Jamaica, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan/Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.

The quintessential public servant, Bishop Lockett has been a strong advocate for those without a voice, strengthening the family and working to better the condition of those in need, both here at home and abroad.

A pioneer in Houston's economic development community-based corporation, Bishop Lockett previously presided over the Board of Directors of a successful community-based development corporation, Sunnyside-Up, Incorporated, specializing in substantial rehabilitation of both single and multi-family housing.

Under his leadership the organization managed an inventory of more than one hundred homes in the organization's signature "lease-purchase program." Additionally, over 600 units of multi-family housing were purchased, rehabilitated and joint managed.

For the past four years, Bishop Lockett and his business partner, Dr. Gideon Adjei (a native Ghanaian), have been involved in developing Crystal Horizon Investment (Ghana) Ltd. This project supports the development and security of 35,000 acres of land for farming, affordable housing, health care facilities, and schools in the Volta River area known as Ocosenbou of West Africa.

Prior to his recent election, Bishop Lockett served as the pastor of the 1,500-member CME Metropolitan Church in Houston for over 25 years.

During his tenure, more than 45 ministries have been developed, including a charter school middle for males. Bishop Lockett was also instrumental in leading Metropolitan CME Church in directing the construction of a new 49,000 square foot building which houses many of its ministries.

While actively involved in church, community, and for profit enterprises, Bishop Lockett also finds time for civic and political involvement. He serves on the Texas College Board of Trustees, (Tyler, Texas). He has served as a member of the Ministers Advisory Council to each mayor of Houston since 1985. Past positions held include President of the Texas State Legal Services Support Center (Austin, Texas), Board Member of the Deep East Texas Council of Government (DETCOG), and President of the Lufkin Branch of the NAACP, Lufkin, Texas.

Bishop Lockett also served his country honorably as a member of the United States Air Force working as a team member with the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile System.

Bishop Lockett attended Florida A&M University, Ohio University State University, and holds a Masters Degree in Business Management and International Marketing from the University of Phoenix. He is a candidate for Master of Theological Studies at Trinity Theological Seminary.

Lockett is married to Lillie B. and is the father of three children, Dwayne Demetrius, Vernon Dale and Nicole Tonita. He is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren.

A faithful shepherd and servant, Houston and Texas will miss Bishop Lockett. It is truly an honor to pay tribute to Rev. Lockett's distinguished life and a privilege to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States House of Representatives.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Bishop Wallace Edward Lockett as the 57th C.M.E Bishop and Presiding Prelate for the Fifth Episcopal District overseeing Alabama and Florida in the 140-year history of the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. AL GREEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. AL GREEN of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

WIKILEAKS DOCUMENTS ADD TO MOUNTING EVIDENCE AGAINST AFGHAN WAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, the documents released to the news media this past weekend by WikiLeaks add to the mounting evidence that the war in Afghanistan remains fiscally unsustainable and morally unjustifiable. The New York Times puts it bluntly. They say, "The documents illustrate why, after the United States has spent almost \$300 billion on the war in Afghanistan, the Taliban are stronger than at any time since 2001."

Madam Speaker, I don't know how we can possibly reach any other conclusion: This war is not worth the huge investment in blood and treasure which the American people have been asked to make for nearly a decade.

WikiLeaks uncovers much that has been missing from the official accounts of the situation on the ground in Afghanistan. To give just one important example, they reveal that the Taliban gained access to sophisticated heat-seeking missiles, which they used to kill U.S. and NATO troops.

Afghan security forces do not enjoy any trust or legitimacy in the eyes of Afghan citizens. They are not just incapable, according to specific WikiLeaks reports, they are often brutally cruel and corrupt. Petty bribery; a police chief selling ammunition on the black market; commanders stealing their underlings' salaries—this is just the least of it, Madam Speaker. In one account, a police commander takes advantage of a teenage girl and then shoots his own bodyguard when the bodyguard refuses to open fire on a civilian complaining about the rape. Most shockingly of all, perhaps, is the revelation that the Government of