

Before being called to the ministry, Rev. Kisner educated young people as a professor at Boston State College, Boston University and Palm Beach Atlantic College. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University's School of Ministry. He has demonstrated his love for his fellow man by serving as Assistant Director of Social Services in the Boston, Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare and, later, as the Assistant Director of Medical Care for that agency.

Rev. Kisner's love for the law led him to become a Prosecutor and Law Director for the city of East Cleveland, Ohio and an Associate and Partner in two Cleveland area law firms. In Washington, DC, he joined one of that city's prominent firms and eventually opened his own practice. While in Washington, Gerald Kisner served as Director of the Office of Private Sector Development, again demonstrating his love for humanity. Still in Washington, his legal experience served him well as Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Moving to Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Kisner became Executive Director of the English Avenue Community Development Corporation, continuing his service to government and people in need. Since November 1995, he has been pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in West Palm Beach. Over the course of his career, he has received many prestigious awards, including the Bishop Wilfred Wood Award from Howard University, the Dr. Martin Luther King Service Award from the Urban League of Palm Beach County and a Spiritual Enlightenment Award. In 1999, he was inducted into the Board of Preachers of Martin Luther King International Chapel at Morehouse College.

Madam Speaker, Gerald Kisner is a remarkable human being and a person who sets a fine example for us all to follow. I am fortunate to count him as a friend and I am pleased to join his family, many friends and colleagues and all who love and respect him in honoring him today.

IN HONOR OF THE WAIT NO MORE
ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE
PROGRAM

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor "Wait No More", an adoption and foster care awareness program that is a part of Focus on the Family and displays exceptional service to our nation's children.

Focus on the Family has long believed that all children deserve to know the joys of a permanent, loving family. At its very core, Wait No More believes in the value of all human life, and this guiding principle led to the creation of the Wait No More program.

The goal of Wait No More is to raise awareness of, and recruit families for, waiting children in foster care. Its mission is straight forward—"Finding Families for Waiting Kids". While the need for orphan care and adoption exists all around the world, Wait No More focuses on the needs right here in our own communities.

Wait No More held its first recruitment event in November of 2008 in Colorado Springs, a

community within my district in Colorado. That one event has since blossomed into numerous other recruiting events around the country, drawing over 4,300 people from Los Angeles, California to Cincinnati, Ohio, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

To date, over 2,400 families have benefited from Wait No More through its services of adoptive and foster family recruitment, post-placement support, and local foster care agency engagement. Of those, more than 1,100 families have initiated the process of adoption from foster care.

Furthermore, based in no small part to the efforts of Wait No More, the number of children who are waiting for placement in Colorado has dropped from over 800 to less than 400.

By the end of today, 850 children will have entered the foster care system, many of whom have suffered from abuse or neglect. By week's end, 4,250 children will find themselves on the beginning of their journey through the foster care system. However, due to the extraordinary efforts of the dedicated individuals at Wait No More and Focus on the Family, new families across the country are now waiting with open arms to welcome these children home.

I consider it a great privilege to represent the district that is home to Wait No More. I rise today to show my gratitude to Wait No More for its efforts in bringing hope to children and families both in Colorado and across the nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY
ANITA NEWHOUSE SMITH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Dorothy Anita Newhouse Smith who will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 27th.

Ms. Smith was born in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Grace and Boudin Newhouse, immigrants from Holland. In 1917, before World War I, her family bought a farm in Brecksville, Ohio and she spent her childhood raising vegetables for their truck farming operation and graduating as Salutatorian of her high school class. She began working at Union Carbide where she met her husband Charles Smith of Alabama.

Dot and Charles eloped on May 27, 1939. In 1942, they had their first child, Charlie, and in 1945, Cheryl. In 1946, they moved to Union Springs, Alabama. Dot devoted her life to her husband and children and served as a volunteer for PTA, Union Spring Elementary School room mother, Boy and Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher and Civil Air Patrol leader after the war ended.

Her husband died at the age of 74, and Ms. Smith eventually moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Jim Cunningham, in Franklin, Alabama. She lived there until 2001 when she moved to Monarch Estates in Auburn.

Ms. Smith has lived through wars, the Great Depression and seen so many historic events as they have taken place. Her son, Charlie,

and grandson, Todd, passed away years ago. Her daughter Cheryl, her granddaughters, Leigh Reed and Heather Hodges and her six great-grandchildren, Casey and Tyler Ellison, Trey and Anne Carter Reed and Michael and Hunter Hodges, visit regularly and still enjoy her stories of growing up in Ohio and the family stories of relatives in Holland.

I wish Ms. Smith a very happy birthday and many more.

HONORING ASHBEL T. ("A.T.")
WALL, II

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ashbel T. "A.T." Wall, II for his stewardship in Rhode Island's Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program—Priority to Veterans. His contributions have been vital to the success of this program. His work with this important issue is simply unmatched.

Rhode Island's Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program—Priority to Veterans addresses the needs of individuals with mental illness such as post traumatic stress disorder and trauma related disorders involved in the justice system. In recognition of the dramatically higher prevalence of trauma related disorders among veterans, this program prioritizes eligibility for veterans.

Director Wall was appointed director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections in March 2000. Prior to his appointment he served in the capacity of Assistant Director of Administration since 1987. He was Interim Director from October 1999—February 2000. Director Wall is the first native Rhode Islander and first employee from within departmental ranks to lead the agency in 22 years.

As director, Wall oversees a comprehensive correctional agency encompassing every aspect of Rhode Island's adult correctional system: jails, prisons, probation, parole, transitional housing and home confinement. He is responsible for setting policy direction and supervising all operations for a department that manages about 3500 pretrial and sentenced inmates in eight institutions and 27,000 offenders on probation, parole and community confinement. The budget totals approximately \$160 million and its staff complement is 1,600.

In addition to his departmental duties, Director Wall serves on numerous state and national commissions on a wide range of topics including institutional security, prison overcrowding, racial disparity and probation and parole. He is a member of state's Information Resources Management Board, which sets policy for the state's management information systems development.

He has also served as an expert witness for the Federal District Court in the areas of correctional administration and inmate management (security issues, classification and gangs) for major litigation on conditions of confinement in Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's correctional institutions (1994–1999).

Director Wall has been instrumental in advancing Rhode Island's correctional institutions. I wish him all the best as he continues his important work on behalf our nation's heroes, our veterans. He will continue to carry