

And she somehow found time to publish two successful cookbooks.

In 2001, Sylvia said goodbye to her best friend, the love of her life, Herbert Woods. In his memory, the Woods family founded the Sylvia and Herbert Woods Scholarship Fund offering collegiate scholarships to Harlem and local residents. To date, the fund has dispersed 76 scholarships and will continue to live up to its mantra: "a higher level of education should not be a high-end luxury, but a right to all those who seek it".

After the death of her soul mate, Sylvia once again turned to her faith for renewed empowerment. Growing up in a strong Christian home, she came to know God as a young child. She was a firm believer in the notion that no matter what the adversity, God would see you through. It was a value and belief system she passed down to her children and grandchildren. Sylvia was a member of Abyssinian Baptist Church for many years, and later joined Grace Baptist Church as it was more convenient for her to attend there. She was instrumental in the construction of her home church, Jeremiah Methodist, in Hemingway.

In 2007, Sylvia received a Congressional honor acknowledging her immense contribution to American society. She appeared in numerous national and international media outlets and has been saluted by President Bill Clinton, New York Governor Pataki, New York Mayors Ed Koch, David Dinkins and Mike Bloomberg, the New York Stock Exchange, among others. She was also recognized by the NAACP and received numerous awards.

Sylvia's has proudly served Presidents—including the first African American President, Barack Obama—international dignitaries, celebrities, Harlem residents and tourists the world over. It is owned and operated by three generations of the Woods family that remain committed to the work ethic, devotion, and entrepreneurial spirit of its founder. 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of Sylvia's.

A relentless fighter and champion first for her family, community, and minority/female-owned businesses, Sylvia is now reunited with her mother, grandmother, husband Herbert, adopted sister Louise Thomas and half-brother McKinley Preston, all of whom have passed on. She is survived by her four children, Van (Brenda Woods) Bedelia, Kenneth (Sylvia Woods) and Crizette; one step-daughter, Linda Woods; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two special cousins, Christine Cameron and Janie Cooper; one sister-in-law, Evelyn Woods; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and a nation that will forever be indebted to a woman who reminded us to never lose sight of the key ingredient for any success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of this esteemed Harlem institution. May it continue its long run of excellence for another 50 years and more.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. GRANT

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Richard L. Grant, who recently retired as the Vice President and Region Manager of Boise White Paper Alabama Operations on May 31, 2012. Mr. Grant knows the value of

hard work, as well as the importance of loyalty to one's company.

Mr. Grant began his career after graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies at the University of Maine in 1977. After graduation, he began a long journey, ultimately taking him from the East coast to the West and finally down to Alabama.

He began work with Boise as the Pulp Mill Day Supervisor in 1987 in Wallula, Washington. He then became the Power and Utilities Superintendent from 1988 to 1989 at Smurfit Newsprint Corporation in Oregon. In 1989, Mr. Grant moved to the Alabama Operations, where he held a variety of positions from 1989 to 2008 which included: Operations Manager, Production Manager, Paper Machine Superintendent, Recycle General Superintendent, Utilities Superintendent and Region Manager of the Alabama Operations, before being promoted to Vice President in November of 2008.

In addition to being a leader in safety, Mr. Grant has made many outstanding and lasting contributions to Boise and his community. He has been a leader in the development of people's character, mentoring many of the key managers within the Boise Paper family. These contributions to the company will be greatly missed.

Rick has been a tremendous and positive force in his community and the Boise Paper Company. He has set a high standard of leadership that will be difficult to replace.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I would like to extend a job well done, as well as our very best wishes to the Rick and his wife, Sissie, for all their future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 531 I inadvertently voted "aye" when I intended to vote "no" on the Fitzpatrick Amendment to H.R. 4078. I would like the record to reflect this error, and to reiterate my opposition to efforts to undermine the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Sarbanes-Oxley has been an important bill that improves corporate transparency and helps to ensure confidence in our financial markets, and I continue to support this vital legislation.

#### HONORING REV. WILLIAM F. HARRELL

#### HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a Southern Baptist minister in Georgia's Tenth Congressional District, Rev. William F. Harrell. After serving as Senior Pastor of Abilene Baptist Church for the past 31 years, Rev. Harrell, or Brother Bill, as he is lovingly referred to by his church congregation, is entering retirement.

Under his leadership, Abilene Baptist has grown to nearly 2,900 members, and the min-

istry includes a region-wide television program, entitled "Strength for Today." Its building stands as a stunning landmark, and the reputation of its members is a powerful testimony to the greatness of God. The church's success and strength is due, in large part, to Rev. Harrell's faithfulness and care in serving the community of the Central Savannah River Area and first and foremost, our Lord Jesus Christ. He has served a total of 39 years in ministry, holding a number of positions in the Augusta Baptist Association, Georgia Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

For this reason, and on the occasion of his retirement, it is my honor to acknowledge Rev. Bill Harrell, for his outstanding career and significant contributions to Christian ministry. Furthermore, I extend my sincere appreciation to a servant leader in whom I value his friendship and hold in the highest regard. Rev. Harrell is a man who is certain of his calling, consistent in his ministry, and committed to doing the work of the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I applaud the great work of Rev. William Harrell and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement.

#### HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MEN'S GOLF TEAM

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2012*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the University of Alabama's men's golf team which placed runner up to the National Champion Team from the University of Texas, on June 3, 2011. The Crimson Tide's record of accomplishment this season is the best in the history of the University's golf program.

Although the Tide was behind all day, they fought hard to come back. Senior Hunter Hamrick, from Montgomery, was able to put points on the board for the Crimson Tide with a 6 and 5 win. Sophomore Bobby Wyatt, from Mobile, played a dramatic hole with a birdie chip on 18 winning his match 1 up. Sophomore Cory Whitsett tied the final match with a birdie on 17. And, on 18, Texas player Dylan Frittelli needed to sink a 20-foot-putt to beat the Crimson Tide in the final match.

With such an outstanding performance, the Alabama golf team completed their most successful season in the school's history by placing runner-up at the NCAA Championship. The team also won its third SEC Championship, the school's second regional title, as well as finished first in the stroke-play portion of the NCAA Championship over Texas by 10 shots.

The 2012 men's golf team members are Hunter Hamrick, Lee Knox, Tom Lovelady, Trey Mullinax III, Scott Strohmeyer, Justin Thomas, Cory Whitsett, and Bobby Wyatt.

The coaching staff consists of Head Coach Jay Seawell, Assistant Coach Scott Limbaugh, and Team Chaplain Stephan Bunn.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and my colleagues in the Alabama Delegation, I wish to extend personal congratulations to Coach Jay Seawell, the coaching staff, and the men of the University of Alabama Men's Golf Team for their tremendous accomplishment.