

Martin De Porres School, Uhuru Sassa Shule, the Dwayne Braithwaite School, J.H.S 35 and Boys and Girls High School. Growing up, he was fortunate enough to have been exposed to community affairs at an early age. Rev. Taharka attended P.T.A. meetings, school board meetings, community board meetings, rallies, voter registration drives, political campaign meetings and even protests. Exposed to all of these events, Rev. Taharka understood that there was something significant about serving the community.

In 2002 after working on numerous political campaigns, Rev. Taharka started Urban Consulting Group Inc., a political consulting firm that targeted urban communities throughout the state of N.Y. Through his commitment and dedication Taharka successfully orchestrated the election of five African American Judges to the Kings County Civil Court over the course of three consecutive election cycles.

In 2006 Rev. Taharka Robinson took a leave of absence from political consulting to pursue ministerial studies. After completing his studies and acquiring the required certification, Rev. Taharka Robinson started Victory Consulting Group Inc. a full service consulting firm that handles every phase of a campaign, from strategy, management, community outreach, polling, to media and field coordination. Since 2003, Rev. Taharka Robinson has worked to help promote equity in the Kings County Court System. Through his work, serving as a Judge in Kings County is a more attainable goal for people of color.

Taharka has demonstrated his commitment to public service through interaction with community faith based and political organizations. Rev. Taharka convenes an annual Clergy Luncheon that is focused on highlighting the needs of the most fragile people in our communities. Rev. Taharka is the founder of The Brooklyn Anti Violence Coalition an organization that deals with the issue of crime and violence in the community. Rev. Taharka Robinson's life vision is to promote leadership within the community, create mentoring opportunities for young men and women and continue the legacy of his mother.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Taharka Robinson for his commitment to serving others and continued dedication to the community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on November 16, 2012, and missed rollcall vote 608. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 608.

CELEBRATING DICK BOYSEN'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SPOKANE GUILDS' SCHOOL AND NEUROMUSCULAR CENTER

#### HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dick Boysen's 35th anniversary serving as the Executive Director of the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center.

On November 21, 1977, Dick Boysen set out to make a difference in the lives of children with disabilities in Eastern Washington. Believing in the worth of every individual, Dick looked forward to helping Spokane's most vulnerable population. Thirty five years later, his focus remains the same—nurture the full potential of families and their children, from birth to three, with disabilities.

Dick arrived at the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center with a passion for making a difference in the lives of children with developmental and physical disabilities and a vision to make the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center program the best in the country. To that end, over the last 35 years, Dick has tirelessly worked to ensure this dream became a reality. Under Boysen's leadership, the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center has become not only one of the most comprehensive and respected programs in Washington State but has gained national acclaim.

Founded in 1960, the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center has grown from a part-time, volunteer staffed respite center for children with developmental disabilities, to a full-time, quality center with a professional staff of certified teachers and therapists serving children who experience developmental delays. Today, the Spokane Guilds' School & Neuromuscular Center serves 200 children in Spokane County who experience developmental delays or disabilities.

Not only am I encouraged by Dick's tireless effort to advocate and improve the quality of life for children with disabilities in Spokane, but in the past 2 years, he has received the Sacred Heart Children's Hospital's "Advocate of the Year" award and was given a Founder's Award by the Early Childhood Development Association of Washington because of his great work with the organization and around the State.

So today, I want to congratulate Dick Boysen on his 35th Anniversary as Executive Director of Spokane Guilds' School and Neuromuscular Center.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes in the House of Representatives on November 15, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 606 for H. Res. 808, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall No. 607 for Senate Amendment to H.R. 2453, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

102.7 FM "THE GOAT'S" 18TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved radio station, 102.7 FM KYGT, which turns eighteen on February 4, 2013. The station, which is fondly known as "The Goat," started with an antique phonograph and a dream. Over the years, this humble station has transformed itself into the voice of Clear Creek and a local institution.

This community owned radio station's mission is clear: "Broadcast entertainment, news and information, both over the airwaves and via the Internet, to the residents of Clear Creek County, Colorado, and the world through an eclectic mix of programming." The Goat encourages creative expression and believes in the importance of community.

The Goat is a commercial-free station that is funded by local business sponsors, fund-raisers, and an intergovernmental agreement with all the towns in Clear Creek County. In addition to playing diverse music, the station encourages civic engagement and community building. There are live broadcasts of local high school athletic events, public service announcements about community events, and a dedicated line for the Sheriff's Department to take over the broadcast in case of an emergency. The Goat informs and educates its audience, as exemplified by founder and General Manager Greg Markle and Mark Cucinella's show, "All Things Reconsidered."

The Goat's dedicated staff is also a long-tenured staff. Gary and Doc have been rocking Clear County for almost 18 years with their show "So Much Music, So Little Time." Many mountain residents have woken up to snowy mountain mornings with "Mornings with Mozart" (even though sometimes the show is played in the afternoon), put on their square dancing shoes during "Texas Tunes," been constantly surprised by "The Mystery Hour," and head-banged through Mikey and Jen Jen's metal show.

This radio station epitomizes not only what a community radio station could be, but also what a community radio station should be. With a laid-back vibe, an inclusive attitude, and a fun-loving spirit, 102.7 FM consistently has entertained, informed, and supported the Clear Creek community. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to 102.7 FM The Goat as it soon celebrates its 18th birthday.

#### TRIBUTE TO SANDY DEWALT

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor Deacon Sandy Dewalt