

Jeanne Oliver is an essential member of the executive management team for the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. Her position encompasses many roles including corporate communication, marketing and fund development. Jeanne is the center's Public Information Officer and is a part of its Political Action Network.

Jeanne is an expert in crisis management and presents nationally on crisis communication. Her commitment to aiding members of our community throughout times of crisis was instrumental in helping families after the Columbine shootings, the recent wildfires and the Aurora movie theater tragedy.

Through her concerted efforts to secure private donations and grants, Jeanne has helped the Jefferson Center better serve the mentally ill in our communities during these hard economic times. It is thanks to her commitment and outstanding leadership, the Jefferson Center for Mental Health's donations have grown substantially. Jeanne truly epitomizes every aspect of a selfless steward to the community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jeanne Oliver for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

#### TRIBUTE TO EDNA M. JOHNSON

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Edna Johnson, for her contribution to her community and dedication to my Brooklyn office.

Edna Johnson was born and raised in small steel mill town in Clairton, Pennsylvania, the youngest of nine children where her parents also raised four of their grandchildren. She studied music at the Hayes Schools of Music in Pittsburgh at a very young age. After graduating from Clairton High School she relocated to New York City where she lived in Manhattan for over 30 years. She joined Broadway United Church of Christ and served as Deacon, Trustee, and Steward. The church took it upon itself to pay her college expenses, which led her to Pace University in the evenings for seven years before receiving a BA in Political Science.

Edna previously worked as a Parent Organizer working with parents in the public schools. While living in Manhattan she became chairperson of the Tenant Association in Clinton Towers for five years. Edna also chaired the 79th Precinct Community Council for six years where she changed the attitudes of people in the community to work with the local police.

Edna served as Special Assistant to in my office serving the 10th Congressional District in Brooklyn. She is also a member of Community Board 3 and has received several citations for perfect attendance. In her first year on the board she was Chairperson of the Police, Fire and Safety Committee. Edna now Chairs the Health Hospital and Social Services Committee. She is currently in her third year as Chair of the Board of Directors for Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Co.

In recognition of her services she has received citations from me, City Councilwoman Robinson, The NYC Police Department, The 79th Precinct Council, The Brooklyn Job Corps, A.I.D.P. at P.S. 26, Hebron Baptist Church, Greater Cross Road Baptist Church, Bridge Street Development Corporation, The Bedford Stuyvesant Community Block Association and The National Night Out Committee.

Edna is a very active mother in the lives of children, D'Shawn & Fred, her son-in-law Mark, and two grandchildren, Markell and Kayla. She is Choir Director, Trustee, Chair of the Pastoi's Aide Committee and member at The Greater Cross Road Baptist Church. She is also an original member of Naomi Shelton and the Gospel Queens singing all over the United States and Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mrs. Edna Johnson for her commitment to our Brooklyn community.

#### TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT HENRY OBERMAN

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Henry Oberman of Clive, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Henry raised over one thousand dollars as he oversaw the installation of a meditation garden at Heartland Presbyterian Church. The work ethic Henry has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I am honored to represent Henry and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish him continued success in his future education and career.

#### CONGRATULATING JACK TAYLOR AND THE GRINNELL COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM

#### HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack Taylor and the Grinnell College basketball team. On Novem-

ber 20th, Taylor broke the NCAA single game scoring record by scoring 138 points in one game. The Grinnell Pioneers won by a final score of 179 to 104.

Taylor, a sophomore at Grinnell, broke the NCAA record by 25 points. The previous scoring record was set at 113 points back in 1954. Taylor attempted an astonishing 108 shots, an average of one shot every 20 seconds. Overall, Taylor made 52 out of his 108 scoring attempts. He also made 27 of his 71 3-point attempts. His record setting game drew praise from some of the NBA's biggest stars. Taylor was also interviewed on Sports Center, Good Morning America and the Today Show about the game. When asked about the game, Taylor said he was thankful to his teammates for their support and their willingness to give him the ball so he could try and break the record. Taylor said he would not have been able to break the record without their help.

Next year, I will have the honor and privilege to represent Grinnell College in the House of Representatives. I'm proud to have Grinnell College in my new district and I congratulate both Jack Taylor and the Pioneers basketball team on their record breaking victory last week.

#### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND RANDY LEE WARE

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 28, 2012*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor to Reverend Randy Lee Ware for his ongoing service to his community.

Reverend Ware is a native of Brooklyn, New York and now resides in Arverne, New York. He received his elementary education at P.S. 191 and high school education at Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn. He went on to continue his education at Staten Island Community College for two years. In May 1990 he completed his B.A. degree in Liberal Arts and Psychology from the College of New Rochelle and in May 2011 he received his Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary. Reverend Ware has been accepted to the doctoral programs at the New York Theological Seminary.

Reverend Ware joined Berean Missionary Baptist Church in 1977 and was baptized under the leadership of the late Dr. Hylton L. James. He entered the ministry at Berean in 1983 under the leadership of Reverend Gus Roman. On April 12, 1992, under the leadership of Dr. Arlee Griffin Jr., he was ordained. He was an associate minister at Berean Missionary Baptist Church and was involved in the Christian Education Department, taught the Young Adult Sunday School class and taught at the Berean Bible Institute. He served two years as the interim minister at Kenilworth Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

In October 2004, Pastor Ware was appointed 2nd Vice President of the Congress of Christian Education for the New York Progressive Baptist State Convention, Inc. In August 2005, Pastor Ware preached at the Progressive National Baptist Conference's Ministers Seminar in Detroit, Michigan. In October 2011, Pastor Ware became the President of the New