

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bryce J. Parker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall votes Nos. 48–50, I am not recorded because I was absent from the U.S. House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

On rollcall No. 48. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

On rollcall No. 49. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

On rollcall No. 50. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

A TRIBUTE TO EASTON C. WRIGHT,
POSTMASTER OF MILWAUKEE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Easton C. Wright, a Milwaukee native and veteran having served 10 years in the U.S. Navy as a Seabees in the Navy's Construction Battalion. Mr. Easton will be installed as Postmaster of Milwaukee on March 8, 2013. Mr. Wright is the only African American and the 38th person to earn this distinction since the Milwaukee Post Office was established in 1835.

Postmaster Wright began his career with the United States Postal Service 18 years ago as a letter carrier in Milwaukee. He is now a senior executive with the United States Postal Service having served in many postal positions, including Manager of Operations of Program Support in the Greater Indiana District and as Officer in Charge in Detroit. As Milwaukee Postmaster, he oversees more than 1,500 employees and 760 city delivery routes. Postmaster Wright is responsible for mail delivery, retail sales and other customer service operations at the Milwaukee, West Allis, Wauwatosa, Bay View, Glendale, Shorewood, West Milwaukee and Brown Deer post offices.

Throughout his career with the Postal Service, Postmaster Wright has reached out to veterans and members of the African American community. For over 14 years, Mr. Wright has worked with other veterans to establish a non-profit organization called Veteran's Community Outreach, Inc., which provides mentoring, tutoring, clothing and scholarships to at-risk youth. He served for many years as a member of the Milwaukee Diversity Team to provide an inclusive Postal Service environment. For his efforts he received both local and national recognition, including the prestigious National Postal Diversity Award and the Milwaukee Times 2011 Black Excellence Award as a Community Leader.

Postmaster Wright also served as a mentor to students and other postal employees. Early

in his postal career he participated in a community partnership program working at the Lafollette Elementary School in Milwaukee, mentoring students and working with their parents. He developed and implemented a program to encourage parents to take the postal employment exam and offered prospective candidates on-going classes on how to improve exam scores as well as interviewing skills. The classes proved successful and were expanded throughout the community which led to meaningful employment for hundreds of people. Mr. Wright continued to serve as a mentor to many of these new employees.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Postmaster Wright. He continues to be a mentor to veterans and postal employees. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District, the state of Wisconsin and the nation have benefited tremendously from his dedicated service. For these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Postmaster Wright.

HONORING MINISTER JAMES
KEVIN MURRAY

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Minister James Kevin Murray, who passed away on February 18, 2013. James was born on April 21, 1961 to James David and Darlene Murray. James began preaching at an early age and preached his first gospel meeting in Jasper, Texas at the age of 13. He was an active member of the Figueroa church and was involved with the youth ministry, bus ministry, and the Figueroa Angelic Chorus.

At Figueroa Church of Christ, James met and later married the love of his life, Linda Earls. They were married June 20, 1987, and had three beautiful children. After marrying, they joined the Alondra Church of Christ where James served as minister for the past 27 years.

James developed his passion for public service and education through his years in school. After graduating from Manual Arts High School, James received his Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from UCLA. He then obtained his Masters in Education Administration from Cal State Dominguez Hills. James pursued his love for education and his commitment to our young people by serving as an Assistant Principal and Counselor in several school districts, including Los Angeles, Compton, Santa Monica, and Lynwood. For the past eight years, James served as the National Youth Conference Director.

James enjoyed preaching the Word of God, spending time with his family and friends, enjoying intriguing conversations brimming with humor, basketball, running marathons, politics, technology, and watching his favorite team, the Los Angeles Lakers.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, David, Jason and Jessica; his mother, Darlene; his sisters, Cheryl and Janice; his brothers, Rodney, Kenny, Antoney, Orlando; and a host of family and friends. He will truly be missed.

HONORING KATHARINE CARNEY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, after more than 32 years of dedicated service to the Department of the Navy's Office of General Counsel, Katharine Carney has decided to retire on April 1, 2013. Ms. Carney began her federal service in March 1981, as an Attorney-Advisor at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Headquarters. Her duties included representing the Command's position on contract matters to Naval authorities, other Federal agencies, and the construction industry; drafting contract clauses and contracting officer final decisions; and advising on legal matters involving the Buy American statute, termination; for default, claims, protests, and source selection procedures.

From January 1984 to July 1987, Ms. Carney was the primary legal advisor on the London staff for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe and other commands in the U.K. and Europe, advising on contracts, international agreements, real estate, ethics, fiscal and labor law. She was an attorney in the Naval Sea Systems Command shipbuilding section until May 1991, where she advised on contract and fiscal law matters from pre-award to contract close-out. She then became the Marine Corps Systems Command Deputy Counsel, supervising three other attorneys and two support staff, and serving as counsel to the Direct Reporting Program Manager for the Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle Program. In these roles, she advised on procurement, ethics, civilian personnel, Freedom of Information Act, and fiscal law matters.

In May 1993, Ms. Carney began her current position as an Associate Counsel in the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Research, Development, and Acquisition (OAGC(RD&A)). As part of the Navy Senior Acquisition Executive's legal staff, she advises on procurement, ethics, and fiscal law matters. For her nearly twenty years at OAGC(RD&A), she has been the primary legal advisor on all Navy shipbuilding programs. Her duties have also included drafting Navy Secretariat policy and guidance to implement statutes; reviewing legislative proposals; and representing the Navy's legal position before governmental entities such as GAO, the Maritime Administration, the Office of Government Ethics, and Congress. Ms. Carney is a subject matter expert on Government ethics and standards of conduct laws, and serves as the Program Manager of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RD&A) ethics program.

Ms. Carney has provided noteworthy service throughout her tenure. She has been firmly committed to a strong ethics program and ethical culture, serving for over two years with distinction as the OAGC(RD&A) representative on the Secretariat Executive Steering Group, implementing one of the Secretary of the Navy's Strategic Objectives. She has consistently placed an emphasis on cooperative efforts within the Navy and Federal agencies, leading to more efficient and consistent operations. Ms. Carney's exceptional cooperation and teamwork skills are not confined to her Federal colleagues—she has also established