

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GREATER HARLEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S BELOVED ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS PRODUCER AND PUBLIC SERVANT—DILLARD BOONE II

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 11, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I pay tribute to one of the most dynamic and influential members of the State of New York, Dillard T. Boone II, who has passed away recently. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable leader.

Mr. Boone was an accomplished senior executive with extensive experience in organizational management and business administration. He was an experienced project manager in both the public and private sectors. A resident of Mount Vernon, New York for 14 years and serving in City Government for 3 of those years, Mr. Boone serves his community through arts and culture and business. He is the principal producer of many of the city's cultural activities. He has worked with local businesses in producing special events, such as the two-day Katrina Relief Concert held in Mount Vernon.

He served as the Chairman of the A'Vatar Foundation of Westchester, a non-profit, multi-cultural arts organization, created to fill the gap of cultural difference. The organization has collaborated with the City of Mount Vernon's Department of Recreation over the past 11 years, in producing the Summer Breeze Concert Series, which has presented a series of concerts directed at the cultural diversity of the city. Jazz, & Gospel, Traditional & Italian Classics, Brazilian Fest, Klezmer Music, Dominican Fest, Caribbean, and world music have been the core direction that the organization has successfully maintained.

Previously a Harlem resident for 30 years and a member of St. Charles for more than 25 years, Mr. Boone began his professional career working for the City of New York. He first served as a supervisor for social services, then promoted to Deputy Director, the Office of Labor Relations for Human Resources Administration. Upon graduating from Cornell University with a Masters degree in Industrial Labor Relations, Mr. Boone was then appointed to Assistant Commissioner with the Agency for Child Development. There he supervised the technical department of engineers, architects, and building inspectors, as the project manager for major construction and renovation of 140 head start and day care facilities citywide.

After leaving city government he was appointed to District Manager, Community Board #10, Manhattan (Central Harlem) where he was the Administrator of the Community Board that represented over 150,000 Central Harlem

residents. Mr. Boone became manager of residential and commercial property as on-site manager at Concourse Village, (Bronx, NY), 2,000 units and 4 commercial spaces, then Rochdale Village, (Queens, NY), 6,000 units and 74 commercial spaces,

Mr. Boone then embarked upon his current professional career of arts and entertainment. He will be remembered as President of the International Entertainment Enterprises (IEE), a special events and production management company which specializes in the business of the arts and entertainment industry. He was the first manager of the renowned Boys Choir of Harlem. In addition, he was Concert Manager, for Dionne Warwick, the O'Jays, Nancy Wilson, Roberta Flack, Max Roach, Kool and the Gang, and many more acclaimed artists.

To list his numerous affiliations would exhaust the limits of this record, but I would be remiss not to acknowledge his significant and very productive years as a senior advisor to The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce. Chamber president, Lloyd Williams expressed, on behalf of the Chamber and HARLEM WEEK, Inc., profound sorrow to no longer have the mind, thoughts, direction, recommendations and the spirit of Dillard as a part of the annual planning and programs. Mr. Williams pledges to continue his extended family relationship with Dillard's children, two of whom are his "godchildren."

His was indeed a life of remarkable consequence and memorable production and he will truly be missed by so many who relied on his managerial skills and that magnificent voice and smiling face, and none more remorseful than his wife and five children.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th anniversary of the March On Washington, the Inaugural Ceremony of President Barack Obama, let us celebrate the life of our beloved Dillard Boone who dedicated his life to the black experience and African American culture.

### NAGORNO-KARABAKH

### HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 25th anniversary of a critical turning point in the political freedom of the Armenian people of Azerbaijan. Let us take this occasion to remember their struggle for self-determination and freedom.

In 1988, the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan petitioned to become part of Armenia. For the next 2 years, the Armenian population was the target of racially motivated pogroms. Hundreds of Armenians were murdered and more wounded during three violent attacks in Sumgait, Kirovabad, and Baku.

In 1991, Nagorno-Karabakh officially declared independence, becoming a democratic

state committed to freedom and respect for human rights. Despite dual blockades and threats from neighboring Azerbaijan, Nagorno Karabakh has held a series of democratic elections and continues to work hard to strengthen its economy. I stand with the people of Nagorno-Karabakh in this noble pursuit.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF PASTOR MCKINLEY JACKSON, SENIOR

### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Pastor McKinley Jackson Senior, a man dedicated to his family, church and friends. Pastor McKinley was a kind man who committed his life to serving others.

Pastor Jackson was a long-time resident of Fort Worth, Texas. Rev. Jackson was the Pastor of Samaria Missionary Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas for the last 33 years. Prior to that, he was Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Terrell, Texas and also led two other churches. He was a former Fort Worth City Councilman for District #5; lifetime NAACP member, and served in leadership within many local, state and national civic and religious organizations.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues please join me in honor and remembrance of Pastor McKinley Jackson, Senior whose kind spirit and dedicated service touched many lives. I offer my condolences and deepest sympathy to his wife, Eddie Ruth Jackson; sons, Ronnie Jackson, Michael Jackson, Jesse Jackson and Reverend William McKinley Jackson; daughters, Sharon Jackson and Alicia Jackson; adopted daughter, Angie Johnson; uncles; aunts; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great grandchildren and the Samaria Church Family. May his soul rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM OF REVEREND WILLIAM M. JAMES

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with great sorrow to announce the death of a Harlem legend, Reverend William M. James. Reverend James was considered by many the benevolent "Patron Saint" and Spiritual Crusader of Harlem. He passed away late last month at the age of 97. Over his time in the ministry, he dedicated more than 60 years of his life to improving the lives of the people of Harlem.

As a man of God, Reverend James spread the message of God, love, and peace throughout Harlem. For those who had the privilege of

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