

Bishop Calvin Wallace Woods, Sr. was born on September 13, 1933 in Birmingham, Alabama. At the age of twelve, he entered Parker High School where he developed a talent for shoe repair and tailoring and a gift for public speaking.

Bishop Calvin Woods graduated from Parker High School in 1950 and went on to earn a B.S. degree in social science and B.D., B.R.E., M.B.S and D.D. degrees from the Universal Baptist Institute, the Universal Baptist Seminary and Birmingham-Easonian Baptist Bible College.

In 1960, Bishop Calvin Woods became pastor of East End Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. During the 1960's, he was a resolute advocate for the boycott of Birmingham's segregated city bus system. He was sentenced to prison for six months and fined for his leadership in the Birmingham Bus Boycotts. Despite this setback, Bishop Calvin Woods continued his steadfast commitment to the Movement. In 1963, he was arrested and beaten by Birmingham's police for participating in public protests. Again, his dedication to fighting segregation and intolerance in the Deep South did not waver. Bishop Calvin Woods was heavily involved in the 1965 protest of Birmingham's voter registration procedures. He served as the strategy chairman for the protest of the shootings of five black protesters at a Birmingham supermarket.

Today, Bishop Calvin Woods continues to be a guiding light for the city of Birmingham and the state of Alabama. He remains an outspoken advocate for justice speaking out most recently against the verdict in the Trayvon Martin case and the Supreme Court's decision striking down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act. I am inspired by the words he spoke at a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony in 2012 for the 6 Birmingham youth killed on September 15, 1963. "In a sense we've crossed a stream," he said, "but still there are mighty oceans of adversity that lie ahead."

As a direct benefactor of their life's work and sacrifices, it is my honor to recognize the contributions of brothers Rev. Abraham Lincoln Woods, Jr. and Bishop Calvin W. Woods on the floor of the United States House of Representatives. Their contributions have inspired generations. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we acknowledge these trailblazers and their influence on the progress we have made. The City of Birmingham, the State of Alabama and this entire nation have benefited from their sacrifices and tenacious pursuit of justice. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Rev. Abraham Lincoln Woods, Jr. and Bishop Calvin W. Woods.

HONORING ANITA BLEDSOE-COVINGTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary Black History honoree, Mrs. Anita Bledsoe-Covington.

Raised in Grenada County, MS, Mrs. Anita Bledsoe-Covington is known within the community for her entrepreneurship and an active

member of the community. Born 9th out of 11 children of the late Icy Bell and Willie Sykes, the family had made strides of their own. Her mother, Ms. Icy Bell, was the head cook of a prestigious and all white restaurant, Monte Cristo, of Grenada, MS from 1963 until the year she passed 1973. Ms. Juanita Sykes, Mrs. Bledsoe-Covington's twin sister, marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he made his way through the south in 1967. And for her courage and civil defiance, she was arrested and jailed for this act.

With her three children, Mrs. Bledsoe-Covington moved to Yalobusha County in 1973. This move would be the first of many for Mrs. Anita Bledsoe-Covington. In 1978, she became the first black female delegate for the Mississippi Democratic Convention in Jackson, MS, as a representative for Yalobusha County.

During 1982 Mrs. Bledsoe-Covington opened Nita's Beauty Salon making her a staple in serving her community as a business woman. The salon earned Mrs. Anita numerous accolades as a beautician and entrepreneur. By 1986, she was the first black chairman of the Title I program for the Coffeeville School District as an active parent. As the 90's rolled in, Mrs. Anita was elected the first female Trustee of Coffeeville School Board District from 1991 through 1998. She also was hired as the first black female city clerk for the town of Oakland, MS in 1991.

During this time, the beginning of her career as a teacher with the Institution of Community Service head start program. Although she had already started her career as an early childhood school teacher, Mrs Bledsoe-Covington graduated from Coahoma Community College with an associate in early childhood education in 2003.

By 2005, in the same field, she earned her B.S. from Mississippi Valley State University. Coming full circle, 2010, Can's Chapel CME Church honored Mrs. Bledsoe-Covington as an unsung hero for Succeeding against the Odds during their Black History program. In 2012, she has obtained the Dean and President Certificate from the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Now married at the age of 60 and with 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild later, when asked if it was her agenda to create Black History, her response was, "I've always accepted challenge and I guess maybe I did! I wanted to see if I could make a difference."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Anita Bledsoe-Covington for her quest in being a part of making history.

“GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY”

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the thousands of dentists and volunteers who participate in the "Give Kids A Smile Day." Each February, Illinois dentists donate more than \$1 million in much-needed dental care to children. Many families cannot afford to provide their children with regular dental care. This can not only result in potentially serious health problems but is also likely to serve as an impediment to

economic success. The unfortunate truth is that individuals with unhealthy looking teeth are less likely to be hired than those with better oral health. Furthermore, an inability to obtain dental care can adversely affect children before they even enter the job market—dental pain can affect both sleep patterns and school performance. Inadequate dental care is not a cosmetic concern; it has a real impact on a person's economic mobility and success.

I commend the American Dental Association for its tireless efforts to raise awareness and develop solutions so more people can receive dental care. Since the ADA's "Give Kids A Smile" program was founded twelve years ago in St. Louis, it has grown to become the world's largest oral health charitable program—encouraging parents, health professionals and policymakers to address the year-round need for oral health care for all children. Each year, thousands of the nation's dentists, dental team members and community volunteers provide free oral health care services to children from low-income families.

This February in Illinois, over 2,000 dental care professionals volunteered for "Give Kids A Smile Day," reaching upwards of 17,000 kids. Dentists in Illinois have demonstrated their commitment to giving back to the community. In June 2014, the Illinois State Dental Society and its Foundation will hold the third "Illinois Mission of Mercy" in Peoria, Illinois. The Mission of Mercy is a free, two-day dental clinic during which over 950 volunteers see 1,000 patients each day and provide over \$1 million in much-needed oral health care.

I would like to thank all the dental professionals who have volunteered their time this year to provide screenings, treatments and education to children throughout the United States. I urge my colleagues to support the ADA's efforts to improve the lives and expand opportunities for our nation's children.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
JOE INFAUSTO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Infausto as he retires after 43 years of public service as a police reserve officer. Joe's commitment and dedication to serving his community deserves to be commended.

Joe began his career in law enforcement in 1970 with the Clovis Police Department Auxiliary Unit. In 1977, he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminology from California State University, Fresno. That same year, Joe was transferred to the Fresno Police Department Reserve Unit where he served for 36 years.

As a reserve officer, Joe was a citizen volunteer who donated his time and energy to help make Fresno a better place. Throughout his law enforcement career, Joe received numerous commendations for his service and professionalism, including achieving the rank of Lieutenant in 1999.

Joe's dedication to the security of his community was not only exemplified through his service but also through the establishment of his small business, BESTEC Security in 1983.

BESTEC Security provided state of the art security systems and equipment to individuals and families throughout the Central Valley for 23 years. Joe sold the business in 2006 and continued to serve as a Fresno Police Department Reserve Officer.

Prior to leaving the Reserve Unit, Joe was assigned to the Mounted Unit, where he continued to carry out his duty to protect and serve the citizens of Fresno while on horseback.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joe Infausto as he celebrates his retirement from the Fresno Police Reserve Unit.

CONGRATULATING JON REEDY ON BEING THE NSSGA'S 2013 SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jon Reedy of Irving, Texas, on receiving the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association's (NSSGA) 2013 James M. Christie Safety and Health Professional of the Year award.

The award, established in 1987, gives national attention to an individual who contributes outstanding efforts to his or her company regarding healthy work practices. Mr. Reedy, Director of Environment, Safety, and Health for the South Region & Hanson Building Products, Lehigh Hanson, Inc., has been a strong advocate for a safe work environment and brought proactive changes to daily procedures, particularly in mining. His tireless efforts have led to many man-hours without workplace injuries among several facilities as well as reductions in compensation costs. He is a great asset to not only the company but the community as well. NSSGA President and CEO Michael Johnson stated that "Jon's diligent work to boost safety and health performance is a great example of the aggregate industry's commitment to worker wellness celebrated by the Christie Award."

Jon Reedy's receipt of this honor evidences his hard work and dedication to not only his company but his workers and community. Keeping a safe and healthy work environment is beneficial to all parties involved. It is an honor to represent such a distinguished and hardworking constituent in Congress and I look forward to seeing the results of that success in the form of safer workplaces in North Texas.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Jon Reedy on his award.

HONORING CATHERINE MILLER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Civil

Rights Activist, Mrs. Catherine Miller who is a resident of Friars Points, Mississippi.

Mrs. Miller was born in the historical Taborian Hospital in Mound Bayou, Mississippi and resided with her parents the late James Lee Nolan, Sr. and Juanita Grandberry Johnson and her sixteen siblings in Friars Point, Mississippi. At the age of five her family moved to Memphis, Tennessee and after three years the family relocated to Friars Point to run their farm.

Mrs. Miller was educated in the Memphis City School District, Friars Point Elementary School, and graduated from Coahoma Agricultural High School and Coahoma Junior College. She furthered her education at Alcorn State College and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from LeMoyné College in Memphis, Tennessee, and continued her studies at Walden University towards a Master Degree in Non-Profit Management.

In the early 1970's Mrs. Miller participated in boycotting stores in Friars Point where people were being treated unjustly and got involved with activities which highlighted change for equality. She became a member of the Young Democratic Organization, and worked and campaigned in several Coahoma County Board of Supervisors Elections where her interest in politics evolved.

Mrs. Miller lives by the motto, "action speaks louder than words". In 1982 she entered the political arena and ran unsuccessfully for the position of Town Clerk for the Town of Friars Point, but that did not deter her because she was determined to be the town clerk. In October, 1986 she was elected Friars Point Town Clerk. After being in this position for about two years, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance making the Town Clerk's position an appointed position instead of an elected position. During this time Mrs. Miller stated that she would never run for another elected office because her mother was totally against her being involved in politics. She was employed in the appointed position as town clerk for over 20 years.

In February, 2009 Mrs. Miller left the Town of Friars Point Town Clerk's position and was hired as the Administrative Assistant to the newly elected Coahoma County Sheriff Charles Jones. A lot of things had changed in her life, with the passing away of her mother, she decided that she would no longer sit back and just talk about how she was not pleased with the leadership or the conditions of the town where she lives.

After soul searching and much prayer about the situations Mrs. Miller decided to enter the political arena, once again, in March, 2009 to seek the position of Mayor and was unsuccessful. Over the next four years she continued to show an interest in becoming Mayor of the Town of Friars Point, to see, make changes and improvements in the town. In March 2013 she threw her bid in to run for the position of Mayor of the Town of Friars Point. On June 4, 2013 her dream became a reality. She was elected the first African-American woman to become Mayor of the Town of Friars Point in over 120 years in history of being incorporated as a town.

Mrs. Miller's former position as the Town Clerk of Friars Point afforded her a wealth of knowledge and experience to assist her in the position of Mayor. In serving as Mayor she welcomes the challenges with the help of her constituents and the Board of Aldermen to move the Town of Friars Point forward.

Mrs. Miller is married to Arthur Lee Miller, Jr and they have five children: Danielle, Domonique, Rosalind, Chantauna, Arthur, III; seven grandchildren: Cameron, Hollis, Arveon, Lauren, Itlay, Asia, London and one grandson, Carson. She is a member of the First Community Church in Dubbs, Mississippi under the leadership of Pastor Rodney Hibbler.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Civil Rights Activist, Mrs. Catherine Miller Williams, for her dedication to change and equal rights.

HONORING THE TORNADO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF MENIFEE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims and the surviving families of Menifee County on this second anniversary of the devastating EF3 tornado that ravaged eastern Kentucky.

On March 3, 2012, Kentuckians were devastated by the worst storms in almost 25 years, affecting at least 27 counties. The storms were responsible for injuring over 300 people and taking the lives of 20 of our loved ones in the Commonwealth.

Today, I would like for us to especially remember three of those individuals from Menifee County: Beverly Bowman, Vershal Brown and Anita Smith. May their memories continue to live in our hearts forever.

I would also like to recognize the resilience of the residents of Menifee County as well as many of the surrounding counties that have, without question, suffered much.

The Bible promises us in Psalm 147:3 that "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." The people of Frenchburg and communities across the Commonwealth have renewed this hope and promise of healing. This catastrophic event has reminded us that when tragedy strikes, it strikes in the hearts of us all.

It is a testament to the character and compassion of Kentuckians that individuals from all across the Commonwealth were willing to step in and help so that the victims of these storms did not have to carry the burdens alone.

In the face of adversity, communities find a way to come together. Over the last two years, the citizens of Menifee have banded together, leaned on each other and come out of this tragedy stronger than ever.

OBAMACARE AND HISPANICS

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 28, 2014

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the White House has declared this week National Latino Enrollment Week, just five weeks short of the delayed deadline for purchasing insurance.

Healthcare.gov was a mess at its rollout, but the Hispanic website was even less functional.

Once it finally opened for business, the text was riddled with basic grammar errors, as if