

CELEBRATING ST. CHARLES EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S "MISSION IN THE MOUNTAINS"

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 11, 2014*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Charles Episcopal Church's "Mission in the Mountains" and to celebrate the service of seven high school participants in this effort. In June, the St. Charles Episcopal team traveled to poverty stricken areas of the Appalachian Mountains where they invested their time and energy rebuilding and repairing homes. This was the 13th year in a row members of the St. Charles community participated in a mission trip to Kentucky.

Liz Ryan, director of youth & children's development at the church, led the mission trip for the 13th time. She described the mission as life changing, saying "One of the things that we profess to in our religion is that we respect the dignity of every human being, when you go to someplace where the need is so evident, it changes your perspective on the world." Ryan believes that no two trips have ever been the same and that the students take home a new perspective on how to positively impact the world.

The students, Shannon Foran, Mandalee Manning, Rachel Peyton, Johanna Matthiesen, Ian Rhead, Avery Manning, and Grace Ditch, were trained in using power tools and equipment and a variety of tasks needed to complete the building and repair projects comprising the mission. They used these skills to

repaint walls, ceilings, homes, and build wheelchair ramps and fix leaky roofs.

Mr. Speaker, these hardworking young people could have been spending time at home, with friends, playing video games, or any of the other ways so many choose to spend their days. Instead, they showed leadership, compassion, and commitment to help build a better world. They chose to roll up their sleeves and get to work. They improved the lives of those less fortunate, and they set a terrific example for the rest of us.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in celebrating these "Mission in the Mountain" participants and their efforts and encouraging them to continue to lead by example.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EUGENE H. DIBBLE

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

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Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, about ten years ago I had the pleasure of going to the floor of the House of Representatives to congratulate and wish my good friend Mr. Eugene Dibble a happy 75th birthday.

Today, I am pleased to be here at Howard University Law School with you, his family, friends and associates to say farewell as he transitions on to another world of which we know so little.

But what we do know is that Mr. Eugene Dibble is a member of one of America's most distinguished families. Big Gene or Gentle

man Gene as he was fondly called by some of those who knew him, was indeed a man about the town. Pedigreed, intelligent, astute, wise civically socially and politically involved, and some would even say charmingly so!

Gene Dibble was a pioneer, one of the first African American stock brokers in Chicago. He told me that he owned five businesses at one time and had five children who worked in these businesses. Yes, he was advisor to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Muhammad Ali and to countless others. One evening after dinner at one of his favorite eating places, "the Jockey Club", he said to me that the most important aspects of his life were his family and heritage. He talked about you all whenever he was talking and that was practically all of the time. Gene was keenly aware of his world and always seeking, probing and analyzing and trying to figure out, always wanting to be in charge of his thoughts and actions.

It seems to me that the poet William Ernest Henley had Gene on his mind when he penned these words: "Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever Gods may be, for my unconquerable soul. In the fell clutch of circumstance, I have not winced nor cried aloud, Under the bludgeoning of chance, my head is bloody, but unbowed. Beyond this place of wrath and tears looms the horrors of the shade, and yet the menace of the years, finds and shall find me unafraid. It matters not how straight the gate, how charged with punishment the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul!"

And may the soul of Eugene H. Dibble rest in peace.