

Secretary Salazar brought to Interior to improve inter-agency cooperation on addressing complex interstate and international water management issues across the West. Anne has prioritized the need for the West to respond to historic drought—focusing on the changing and increasing risks facing water supplies. Most recently, Anne led implementation of Minute 319 to the 1944 Treaty with Mexico—a historic agreement that guides future management of the Colorado River through 2017.

As she leaves Interior, the coordination between the federal government, Indian Tribes, states, and other constituencies are at their highest levels on the Colorado River, even during this time of record drought. On a personal level, both career and political appointees have praised Anne's dedication, energy, intellect and professionalism. The West is better off today as a result of Anne's contributions.

We thank Anne, and her family, Frank, Chris, and Beth, for their service to the American people. We wish Anne the best as she returns home to the land where life is written in water.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ACHIEVEMENT WEEK OF THE PI LAMBDA LAMBDA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th Achievement Week of the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The Chapter was chartered on Saturday, January 24, 2004 with dedication to support the local humanitarian activities of its 29 founding members. The Chapter includes the communities of Prince William County, the City of Manassas, the City of Manassas Park, and Stafford County.

The 10th Anniversary of the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter coincides with the national organization's 103rd Anniversary, which will occur November 17, 2014. The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded on the evening of Friday, November 17, 1911, by three Howard University undergraduate students, Edgar A. Love, Oscar J. Cooper, and Frank Coleman, with the assistance of their faculty adviser, Professor Ernest E. Just. Together they laid the foundation of an organization based on the core principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift. The fraternity name, Omega Psi Phi, was derived from the initials of the Greek phrase which translates to, "Friendship Is Essential To The Soul." For more than a century, the membership has upheld a strong tradition of fellowship and civic engagement.

Inspired by Carter G. Woodson at the 1920 Grand Conclave in Nashville, Tennessee, International Achievement Week is a mandated program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. designed to promote the study of African American life and history. At this year's Annual Achievement Week Banquet, the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter honors the 2014 Achievement Week Award recipients. Men and women of the community are honored for their char-

acter and actions, as they support Omega Psi Phi's founding principles. I congratulate the following individuals and am pleased to enter their names in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Citizen of the Year: Mr. Mike Futrell, State Delegate, 52nd District, Commonwealth of Virginia.

Founders' Award: Brother Lee J. Bennett, Jr.

Colonel Charles Young Award: Major (Brother) Shawn Langford.

Superior Service Award: Brother Kenneth West.

Omega Man of the Year: Brother Tony B. Bullock.

Essay Contest Winners:

1st Place: Jourdan Boutte, Saint Pope John Paul the Great Catholic High School.

2nd place: Desmond Gray, Forest Park High School.

3rd place: Kiara M. Walker, Patriot High School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in conveying our appreciation for a decade of civic service by the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. It is organizations like the Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter that define the character of our communities and give measure to our generosity of spirit.

A TRIBUTE TO JONATHAN P. HICKS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Jonathan P. Hicks, beloved brother, renowned lecturer, a distinguished scholar, an award-winning writer and journalist with more than 30 years of experience covering politics, business, industry and the role of people of color in the world of business. Simply put, Jonathan was a force of nature that is widely respected in literary and activist communities across the world and by people of all ages, races, and backgrounds.

For nearly 25 years, Jonathan worked for The New York Times, where he covered the politics of New York State and New York City. During that time, he developed a reputation as one of the foremost authorities on the inner workings of the political culture in New York City and New York State. He was a frequent guest on local radio and television news programs where he regularly offered political analysis and commentary. He was also the author of the Politics 5-B column for The Times' website. After leaving The Times, he worked as a senior fellow at the DuBois Center for Public Policy at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn.

Jonathan served as the host of Urban Focus, a weekly radio program that brings together politicians, policy makers, industry practitioners, scholars and expert analysts. Urban Focus explores a range of issues that affect under-served communities and communities of color from Crown Heights, Brooklyn, to Cape Town, South Africa. The discussions serve to both draw attention to problems and highlight solutions for issues of concern to these communities.

He was co-editor of the book, From Disaster to Diversity: What's Next For New York City's

Economy. It is a collection of essays by a number of prominent New Yorkers, published by the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy. Before passing away, Jonathan was editing the book, Black, Brown and Green: Ensuring A Role for People of Color In the Nation's Green Economy. It is to be a collection of essays, published by the DuBois Bunche Center.

Jonathan also served as the scriptwriter for "Back Door Channels: The Price of Peace," a documentary film which examines the behind-the-scenes events leading to the historic Camp David meeting between Egypt, Israel and the United States. The film was selected to open the 2009 Monte Carlo Television Festival.

Always willing to share his wealth of knowledge and experience, Jonathan was a guest lecturer at a number of colleges and universities, including the London School of Printing, Columbia University, Swarthmore College, Southern University and the University of Missouri. He has also been a member of the visiting faculty at the Maynard Institute Summer Program for Minority Journalists at the University of California at Berkeley and the Century Foundation's Century Institute Summer Program at Williams College. In addition, he was a recipient of The New York Times' Publishers Award and has also received the public service writing award from the New York Association of Black Journalists. Furthermore, he has received awards for excellence in journalism from the New York Chapter of the National Black MBA Association and from the Arizona Press Association. In 2009, Jonathan traveled to Liberia on a grant from the Ford Foundation to write articles and produce broadcasts about the redevelopment of the country following the 14-year civil war that ended in 2003. He was also charged with laying the groundwork for a training program for professional and aspiring journalists there. Upon his return, Jonathan and his wife, Christy DeBoe Hicks, launched the J. P. Hicks Family Mass Communications Scholarship, which seeks to support the next generation of journalists in Liberia. The scholarship provides assistance for aspiring journalists, covering cost of tuition, fees and books for a period of up to four semesters at the University of Liberia. It also provides for online, one-on-one mentorship with professional journalists. Furthermore, Jonathan was involved in a number of philanthropic issues. He served for four years as chairman of the Kappa Alpha Psi New York Foundation, a role in which he helped raise \$250,000 for scholarships for college-bound students in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating the life and career of a man who has devoted his life to promoting racial equality and the ideals this country was founded on. Jonathan P. Hicks remains a true American hero and quite simply a literary vanguard, and I suspect it will be a long wait before we ever see another of his kind.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND DR. ALFRED JONES, JR.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th Pastoral Anniversary of