

of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DANTE J. ZAMBRINI

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dante J. Zambrini, former superintendent of Canfield Schools and interim vice president of Eastern Gateway Community College.

Dante was born April 12, 1954, in Youngstown, Ohio. He was the son of Joseph A. and Ann (Peters) Zambrini. The son of an immigrant father, Dante was very proud of his Italian heritage and spoke fluent Italian.

A graduate of Ursuline High School, he later earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education and Administration from Youngstown State University, and devoted his life to education in our Valley. He served as superintendent of Canfield Schools, retiring in 2012, and then assumed the position of interim vice president of Eastern Gateway Community College.

Dante is remembered as a wonderful man who always put his students' needs before his own. In every position he served during his career, he was respected by all and served as a fine example of educational excellence.

Professionally, he was a member of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, Mahoning County Association of Elementary School Administrators, Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, and served as the director of the Associated Schools Employees Credit Union and Phi Delta Kappa.

Always active in the community, Mr. Zambrini was a member of the Rotary Club of Canfield where he served as president from 2010 to 2011, vice president from 2009 to 2010, and was a three-time recipient of the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

He was a member of the Canfield Historical Society, where he served two terms as a director, Friends of Riverside Gardens, Canfield Community Club, lifetime member of the Youngstown State University Alumni Association, served as a trustee of the James and Coralie Centofanti Foundation and served on the Canfield steering committee for the new Canfield Library.

Dante is survived by his cousins, Dominic (Georgette) Peters, Thomas (Lucy) Peters, Eugene (Diane) Marra, Frank (Karen) Marra, James Peters, Donna (Walt) Chmielewski, Norma (Gerald) Vrabel, Patty (Thomas) Halas, Jean (Gerald) Vrabel, Debbie Rose, Annie Marra, Michael (Stacey) Durkin, Tim (Jill) Durkin and others including Polly Marsh; and his neighbor and dear friend, Joyce (Loran) Brooks, whom he considered a second mother.

There is no doubt that the fabric of the Mahoning Valley community was strengthened by Dante's lifelong work in education, and his steady commitment to community service. His influence will be missed, but I join with the rest of Northeast Ohio in grateful thanks for his many years of contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING SIMMONS COLLEGE ON BECOMING OUR NATION'S 107TH HBCU

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and congratulate Simmons College of Kentucky on officially becoming recognized as our nation's 107th Historically Black College and University. One hundred and fifty years ago, members of twelve Black Baptist Churches met in Louisville to discuss the need for a school that would allow Black students to pursue a college degree. After years of planning and consideration, they decided that this school should be located at the corner of 8th and Kentucky in Louisville, where they purchased four acres of land and continued working to make their dream a reality. Originally founded as the Kentucky Normal Theological Institute, it was under the leadership of Dr. W.J. Simmons that the school became a full university, growing in both size and opportunity, and would eventually be renamed in his honor.

Today, Simmons College continues to make a positive impact in our city and throughout Kentucky. The faith that inspired this institution to persevere throughout the years is now stronger than ever, and the hundreds of students who are currently enrolled are continuing the school's proud tradition as the birthplace of Black higher education in Louisville. As the school's motto so accurately states, Simmons College has been "dedicated to educational excellence since 1879," and I extend my most sincere congratulations to their President, Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, his students, and the entire Simmons community. Go Simmons Nation.

IN HONOR OF DOLORES EATON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life, legacy, and work of Dolores Eaton; who was a well known resident of Harlem. Dolores was not only a beloved Mother and Grandmother but she was also an artist, activist, and a longtime community figure.

It is well known to those in good spirit that sunrises are filled with color and beauty; they light up and bring warmth to the land. There cannot be a more accurate description of Dolores Eaton that captures the life she lived.

Dolores was born in Harlem, New York to Mrs. Rovena Hodge and Edward Rubin. Dolores, who was an only child, was raised with her two first cousins Mattie and Madeline and was lovingly nurtured by her Aunt Naomi and Cousin Lottie. True to the old custom of Black Families who supported their transitioning family members from the south to the north; they all lived together in Harlem. The family roots hailed from Sumter, South Carolina, which is not only the birthplace of this magnificent family but is also unfortunately known as the home of the Ku Klux Klan, and where the Civil War began.

Dolores was baptized at Mount Zion Lutheran Church under the leadership of the founders, Pastor and Mrs. Clemence Sabourin. She also attended the church's famous School on the Hill, which sits across from the historic Convent Avenue Baptist Church. After graduating from elementary school, Dolores was accepted into the then prestigious George Washington High School. There Dolores studied dance, drama and the cello. In 1955, Dolores joined the Penthouse Dance and Drama Theater, located at 21 West 145th Street, which at the time was under the leadership of Sheldon B. Hoskins, to follow her dream to pursue a career in theater.

Dolores was smitten by a tall handsome man, Donald H. Eaton, Jr., mechanical engineer. They were married in 1957 at Mount Zion Lutheran Church. Their beautiful wedding was catered by the famous Katz's delicatessen. They began to raise their family at the Colonial Park Houses, now known as the Ralph J. Rangel Houses. The Eaton's became very well known in Harlem and beyond. The couple gave birth to Donald H. Eaton, III in 1957 and then to Geoffrey Eric Eaton in 1958.

After Geoffrey was born, Dolores began her own career at Mutual of New York Life Insurance (MONY) in mid-town Manhattan. Dolores was not only very smart but a truly beautiful woman as well, and so she also began a career in modeling. Dolores's beloved mother, Rovena was a seamstress at a coat factory on Delancey Street. Rovena was a gifted artist with a pair of scissors, a threaded needle and sewing machine. She hand-made all of Dolores's attractive business suits and attire. Dolores was easily always the apple in every man's eyes.

As you can imagine, raising two active boys was no easy task, especially during the early days of the Black Revolution up North and the Civil Rights Movement down South. But, nonetheless, Dolores's perseverance, dedication, and strong maternal instincts gave well deserved success: her eldest son Donald is an outstanding musician, a tenured percussion teacher at the renowned Harlem School of the Arts, a member of The Last Poets, arranger and composer for Arthur Mitchell's Dance Theatre of Harlem and Yoruba philosopher. Her youngest son Geoffrey is my top aide, President of the NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch, and chair of the Uptown Dance Academy, while serving on the executive board of Harlem Arts Alliance.

After retiring from MONY, Dolores served as district director for the late Harlem Assemblywoman, the Honorable Geraldine Daniels; where she worked hard to help to make history by electing the first African American Mayor of New York City, the Honorable David Dinkins. In 1990 she helped to make history again, by working hard to bring South Africa's first black president, Hon. Nelson Mandela to African Square on W. 125th Street during HARLEM WEEK. In 1994 she joined the staff of the first elected public advocate, the Honorable Mark Green. Dolores continued to serve public advocate Green, and public advocate Betsy Gotbaum as Director of Ombudsman Services until Dee's retirement in 2009. Dolores served as vice president of the Harlem Canaan House Tenant's Association, where, along with her son, Geoffrey and Cristal Johnson she advocated for and worked with management and it's residents to keep the building affordable and functioning at the