

his legacy by chronicling some of his most notable accomplishments.

From an early age, Judge Keith excelled in and out of the classroom. He graduated from Northwestern High School in Detroit, where he ran track. He went on to become the first in his family to earn a college degree when he graduated from West Virginia State College in 1943. After serving in the U.S. Army for three years, he continued his education and earned his law degree from Howard University Law School in 1949.

In 1967, Judge Keith became the second African American to sit on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan after being appointed by President Lyndon Johnson. He served as a Judge for the Eastern District from 1967 to 1977, and was named Chief Judge in 1975.

During the decade he served the District Court, Judge Keith delivered a series of key civil rights rulings including: *Davis v. School District of the City of Pontiac* (1970) (school desegregation); *Stamps v. Detroit Edison Co.* (1973) and *Baker v. City of Detroit* (1979) (employment discrimination and affirmative action); and *Garrett v. City of Hamtramck* (1971) and *Zuch v. Hussey* (1975) (housing discrimination).

He was unanimously affirmed by the United States Supreme Court in the landmark civil liberties case *U.S. v. Sinclair* (1971), known as the "Keith decision," which found that wiretap surveillance absent a court order in domestic security cases to be unconstitutional, contributing to the passage of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed Judge Keith to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, where he served for 18 years until he took senior status in 1995. During the 1980's, he chaired the Sixth Circuit and Judicial Conference Committees commemorating the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

In the wake of post-September 11 civil liberty challenges, Circuit Judge Keith, ruled in *Detroit Free Press v. Ashcroft* (2002) that the absolute closure of deportation hearings in "9–11 special interest" cases was unconstitutional, thereby ensuring openness in government proceedings.

Judge Keith is widely revered, having received numerous honors and awards, including: the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's highest award, the Springarn Medal, in 1974; the American Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award in 1997; the Edward J. Devitt Award for Distinguished Service to Justice in 1998, presented by a panel comprised of a United States Supreme Court Justice, a federal circuit court judge, and a federal district court judge; and honorary degrees from Harvard University, Yale University, Georgetown University, the University of Michigan, Tuskegee University, and over thirty other institutions.

Throughout his career, Judge Keith has consistently stood as a defender of the Constitution and civil rights of all people.

On the occasion of the Washington premiere of the documentary *Walk With Me: The Trials of Damon J. Keith*, I applaud his many accomplishments. I am glad that Judge Keith's story is being shared and that many more people will have the opportunity to learn of his contributions to our Nation.

ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 150TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 150th anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Strasbourg, Illinois.

On April 15, 1866, even before the formation of the Village of Strasbourg, worshipers came together to form St. Paul's. The congregation at first had no building in which to worship, and so the first members would meet in each other's homes or in public schools. But it would not be long before the first church was constructed, and in 1954 the current church was built, which to this day offers Sunday services.

The parishioners of St. Paul's feel devoted to their parish and to each other, as generations have worshipped together as members of an extended family. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church has a long tradition of community involvement and care, and for 150 years it has been serving the spiritual and emotional needs of its members and the community.

St. Paul's celebrated its 150th anniversary with a special service and an appearance from the Concordia Seminary Touring Choir of St. Louis, and its celebration will continue with special events scheduled for later this summer. I look forward to the continued success of St. Paul's, and I extend my best wishes as it celebrates its 150th anniversary.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on May 10, 2016, on Roll Call Number 180 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4957, To designate the Federal Building located at 99 New York Avenue, N.E., in the District of Columbia as the "Ariel Rios Federal Building," I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4957.

On May 10, 2016, on Roll Call Number 181 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 5052, Opioid Program Evaluation Act, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 5052.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CHARLES RAGLAND

### HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Ragland of Palm

Beach County who passed away in August after a courageous fight with brain cancer.

Charles Ragland was a beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran, a dedicated public servant and inspiration to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Following his graduation from the University of Miami in 1965, Charles joined the United States Army and attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA. After receiving a commission as a Lieutenant, Mr. Ragland completed Jungle Warfare School in Panama before serving two years in Vietnam as a member of the First Cavalry Division.

Mr. Ragland served honorably and courageously while in Vietnam, receiving a number of commendations for his service. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart, the Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Bronze Star with Valor and an additional Bronze Star.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army in 1969, Charles began what would be a long and successful career in finance. He began working as the National Coordinator of State Finance Chairman for President Gerald Ford's 1976 Election Campaign. After leaving the campaign, Charles worked with Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Cancer Foundation in Miami and the American Red Cross—Palm Beach County Chapter before finding his true calling as an Investment Director with Wells Fargo Advisors.

Alongside his prominent financial career, Mr. Ragland continued to selflessly serve his community. He served as the President of Kiwanis of Palm Beach as well as chairing the board of Pine Crest School at Boca Raton. Most notably, Charles was the Founding Board Chairman of Operation Homefront—Florida. His exemplary dedication to his community and to helping veterans in need through this organization earned him the prestigious Wachovia Way award in 2008 and the 2010 Wells Fargo Volunteer of the Year award.

On October 29, 2010, Mr. Ragland was diagnosed with a stage four Glioblastoma. This highly malignant form of brain tumor is unfortunately difficult to treat as it reproduces quickly and is made up of a multitude of different cell types which do not all respond to treatment in the same way. Charles outlasted Glioblastoma's median survival rate of 14 months, fighting off the disease for nearly five years until his passing on August 2, 2015.

Mr. Ragland will be sorely missed but his memory will live on through all of the lives he impacted. While we all are deeply saddened by his passing, I hope that Mr. Ragland's fight may raise awareness for this deadly disease so that others might beat this cancer in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I speak for all of Palm Beach County in saying that we are grateful for Mr. Ragland's service and I know that he will live on in the memory of his family and friends. Charles Ragland was a soldier, a skilled businessman and dedicated pillar in his community, who lived his life in a way that we should all strive to live our own. Charles will be truly missed.