

a beacon of light in its community and has positively impacted generations of families in eastern North Carolina for a century and a half.

The Middle Eastern District of the Original Free Will Baptist Church is one steeped in family, fellowship, and faith. Founded in 1868, two years after the U.S. Congress passed the 13th Amendment to abolish slavery, Brothers Daniel Davis, R.C. Jackson, T.H. Harrison, J.M. Barfield, and Reverend C.C. Forbes led the verification of the founding principles upon which the Middle Eastern District was rooted. In the early years, the Middle Eastern Conference was small, but that did not deter its leaders' devotion to spreading the word of God. The oldest components of the Middle Eastern Conference are the Bible Church School, the Women Home Mission, the Sunshine Band, and the Usher's Convention.

Mr. Speaker, much of the Middle Eastern District's growth over the years can be attributed to the dedication and vision of its leadership. In the early 1950's, Reverend D.W. Dupree became Moderator, with Rev. G.W. Little serving as Vice Moderator. In 1957, Reverend K.L. Smith, who succeeded Reverend G.W. Little as Vice Moderator and would later become Moderator, organized the Young People Christian League (YPCL) Convention. Brother L.N. Forbes (now Bishop L.N. Forbes) was elected President of the YPCL Convention.

In 1968, my personal friend, Elder L.N. Forbes, became Moderator and Elder Bernard Newsome served as Vice Moderator. The title "Moderator" was then changed to "Bishop." Under Bishop L.N. Forbes' leadership, the Middle Eastern District of the Original Free Will Baptist Church continued to prosper and serve its community. In order to accommodate the rapidly growing attendance, the Conference meetings were moved to the Auditorium of Charles H. Darden Middle School in Wilson, North Carolina. As the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Forbes spearheaded the construction of the L.N. Forbes Tabernacle in Wilson, North Carolina, which was dedicated in 1975. The Choir Convention was organized in 1983, recommended by Sister Sallie Dupree. In 1984, Brother Haywood Waters became the Editor of the quarterly Original Free Will Baptist news publication. In 1985, Bishop Forbes established the L.P. Manning Scholarship, which supported the educational pursuits of countless young people through the years. Bishop Forbes was the longest serving leader of the Middle Eastern District.

Mr. Speaker, by the grace of God, the Middle Eastern District of the Original Free Will Baptist Church has been standing strong for 150 long years. Her outstanding leadership and devoted members have created significant growth in its membership and ministry, as well as, its continued outreach in the Wilson community and beyond. The Middle Eastern District's faithfulness and good deeds will ensure that it continues to experience God's blessings for years to come.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, I commemorate the 150th anniversary of Middle Eastern District of the Original Free Will Baptist Church and extend my best wishes to its leadership and members (many of whom are dear friends) on this auspicious occasion.

ALEX GALOR EARNS RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Alex Galor of Sugar Land, TX for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can earn.

Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout. This honor requires years of effort to develop the necessary leadership, service and outdoor skills. To earn it, Alex developed and provided leadership to others in a service project. For his project, Alex worked with his synagogue to design, plan and build a genizah, which is a place to hold outdated and unused prayer books and other sacred texts. He also raised funds and organized volunteers to build the project and plant a garden surrounding it. His dedication to our community has prepared him to be a leader in his future career. The leadership skills he has learned through Boy Scouts are already benefiting our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Alex for becoming an Eagle Scout. We are proud of his continued success and thank him for his dedication to making our community a better place.

RECOGNIZING SGT. PHILLIP
WAYNE BELL

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I ran into my longtime friend Wayne Bell at Barnes Barber Shop in Knoxville recently and decided that I wanted my colleagues and others to learn of his great service to our City, State, and Nation.

Sgt. Phillip Wayne Bell is a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. While the importance of his military service cannot be downplayed, he is especially known for his 53 1/2 years of service to the Knoxville Police Department. In fact, he is the longest serving officer in the City of Knoxville and the State of Tennessee.

Wayne began as a patrol officer and moved to supervising the parking ticket division before moving to the court under the honorable Judge Rosson. He also supervised all of the crossing guards for the city of Knoxville for decades.

The average person can go through life not knowing many police officers, but in Knoxville over the past several decades, the one police officer, who was probably the most known to the general public, other than maybe the Chief of Police, was Sgt. Wayne Bell in his role as the original "Eye in the Sky."

The Eye in the Sky program in which Sgt. Bell delivered traffic reports from a helicopter was an innovative joint effort between the Knoxville Police Department and radio stations WNOX and WIVK. This type of collaboration between a private business and government was a novelty when it started and remains a rarity today.

Sgt. Bell earned numerous proclamations and awards for his traffic reports but he is also credited with unraveling traffic snarls, catching criminals and assisting in the betterment of our community. In one especially notable instance, he even landed the copter in the middle of the interstate to stop a chase and saved countless lives in the process.

Knoxville is located at the junction of two of the longest Interstates in the Nation, I-75/I-40. Unfortunately, the original I-75/I-40 interchange at one time was also the biggest traffic bottleneck in the region. It was Sgt. Wayne Bell in his traffic reports who bestowed the nickname "Malfunction Junction" on this interchange.

The interchange and the traffic jams it created are so legendary that there was even a song called "Malfunction Junction" that frequently played on local radio in the 1980s. Even though this interchange has since been reconstructed and improved in recent decades, most people in the Knoxville area still refer to it as "Malfunction Junction."

Sgt. Bell entertained radio listeners for years and he was especially good at cutting up with then-WIVK morning OJ "Claude the Cat" and his cast of characters. Although the radio station eventually changed from a helicopter to a plane, Sgt. Bell continued for a total of over 20 years with the station.

Sgt. Bell's service to the community extends well beyond his professional life. He is a life member and past master of Burlington Masonic Lodge. He is a member of the Eastern Star as well as a life member and past Monarch of Zelmar Grotto and the past president of Southeastern Grotto Association. He is a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite. He is a life member of Shriners Hospitals for Children and Kerbel Shriners where he served as Treasurer, Recorder and Potentate. He is a member of the Order of the "Q" and past director of the Royal Order of Jesters.

As a Shriner and a Mason for over 50 years, Sgt. Bell literally helped hundreds of children and families get the medical and burn assistance they needed through the Shriners Hospital and Burns Institutes. If he received a call in the middle of the night of a burned child three states away, by the time the phone was hung up that child was on a plane on the way to wherever they needed to be for their care. When he first began as a Mason and Shriner he entertained children for years as was "Danny the Clown." While Potentate of Kerbel Temple during the annual Shrine Circus, Sgt. Bell entered the ring every show riding an elephant.

Wayne is especially remembered for the patriotic programs that he has performed for over 60 years with his wife Mary. The two entertained and educated children and adults with a program to help understand and appreciate our Flag and Country. During the 1970's, Sgt. Bell performed this patriotic program during the dedication of the bells at the International Peace Garden on the border of North Dakota and Manitoba, with representatives from both Canada and the United States in attendance.

I have personally worked with Sgt. Bell for over 20 years when he has represented KPD as an escort and chaperone for the annual AAA Safety Patrol trip to Washington, D.C. The Safety Patrol trip is a tradition that goes back over 60 years in which middle school students come to our Nation's Capital for a

whirlwind weekend tour to learn about our history and government. At its highpoint, this annual trip consisted of over 40 busses of students, chaperones and guides.

East Tennessee is one of the few regions in the Nation that still participates in this tradition. My own first personal visit to Washington, D.C. occurred on this trip when I was in sixth grade, long before my father was elected to Congress. The high point of the trip is a visit to the Capitol Building in which I give a tour and talk in the House Chamber and complete it with a group picture on the front steps.

Most everyone in local law enforcement today in Knox County and Knoxville City including UT Police know Sgt. Bell because he was just a guy who reached out and helped anyone and everyone he could. He is the true definition of a humanitarian and community leader. Even when he was in charge of security for two major companies while a policeman, and as a Shriner, he included others by giving them the opportunity for extra work, community service. Whatever was needed to make Knoxville a better community, he did it.

Wayne is the father of two boys, Mark and Dan. He also has three grandchildren, Kristopher, Jonathan and Brandon along with a deceased grandchild Peyton. His wife of 54 years, Mary, is retired from KUB and has put up with Wayne all this time despite him never ever slowing down.

The Nation is a better place today because of the life Wayne Bell has led. He has touched thousands in good and positive ways, and I wanted to honor him by this recognition.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS SCHUELKE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Doris Schuelke of Bedford, Iowa for being honored as the Lioness of the Year by the Bedford Iowa Lioness Club.

Doris has led an active life for the past 90 years. She has sung with the Community Singers, was a 4-H leader with her five children, volunteered with Greater Community Hospital Auxiliary, and works with her church. In addition to being a member of the Bedford Lioness group, she was also in the Clearfield Lions group, and the Red Hatters.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Doris demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and sharing them with her community. Her efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her and Iowans like her, in the United States Congress. I know that all my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Doris Schuelke for her award and wish her nothing but continued success.

HONORING TEJPAL "JAY" MAHIL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MADERA COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Mr. Tejpal "Jay" Mahil, outgoing President of the Madera County Farm Bureau. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Jay for his hard work and dedication to Madera County agriculture throughout his career and his term as President.

Jay, a native of Madera County, attended California State University, Fresno, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Business in 1999. He was the first in his family to attend college and earn a degree.

Jay is a fourth-generation farmer who grows almonds, pistachios and wine grapes throughout the Central Valley. Throughout his career, he has been associated with Creekside Farms, Creekside Land Company and the Madera Well Drilling Company.

In 2007 Jay joined the Madera County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. In 2015, he was appointed President of the Board, where he advocated for and promoted the agricultural communities throughout the county.

In addition to Jay's dedication to promoting the importance of agriculture, he has also become deeply involved in the community. In 2015, Jay was appointed to the University Advisory Board at California State University, Fresno, consulting on matters involving university development and improvement. He is also a member of the San Joaquin Valley Winegrower Association and a member of the Madera Sunrise Rotary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Tejpal "Jay" Mahil for his contributions to the agricultural community during his tenure as President of the Madera County Farm Bureau. I ask that you join me in wishing Jay and his family continued success and prosperity.

CONSTITUENT COMMENTS ON SOBER LIVING HOME PROBLEMS

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise again regarding the hearing held by the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on September 28, 2018 on the issue of sober living homes. At that hearing, I had the privilege of testifying in support of my bill, H.R. 5724, to restore local oversight over sober living homes. As part of my testimony, I submitted to the Subcommittee letters from many of my constituents about problems with sober living homes caused by current federal law preventing appropriate local oversight. For the benefit of my colleagues and the American people, I include in the RECORD the seventh group of these constituent letters below:

I am a proud Southern California native, educated in our fine public elementary

schools, and hold degrees from the University of Southern California. After living in and working in most of the nation's major metropolitan cities, I was fortunate to find my slice of paradise in Huntington Beach 30 years ago. Living in the downtown area has been a wonderful place full of life, activity, and best of all a close-knit neighborhood family. In downtown, our homes, due to the very close proximity to the Pacific Ocean, are extremely close—it is akin to living in a sliver of land separated giant condominium complex. My house, the oldest in my neighborhood is unique for many reasons, one reason that has only recently become an unbearable issue is that all of our rooms are directly within 6-8' from the rooms of the SLH next door. Therefore, my teenage daughter's bedroom is within 6 to 8' of the SLH kitchen, eating area and side outdoor patio. In essence, we hear everything—conversations, fights, fits, paramedics speaking to the hospital when there is an overdose, slamming doors at all hours of the day and night, sexual positions and experiences of the "clients," each and every way known to smoke, snort, inject, drink, any and all substances and the last time used (usually within that day). I could sum up the last 25 years of living in my neighborhood in one sentence—a wonderful place to live. Unfortunately, with the disaster that has been forced upon us by greed and inaction, I can no longer sum it up as wonderful, but quite the opposite. I will try to keep this as succinct as possible, but the only real way to keep it succinct is for all of you to come and live in my house for a day—it's as far away from wonderful now as I can reasonably imagine.

So, I write this as a fed-up homeowner, parent who can no longer feel safe for my daughter, active community member who has no answers because our city leadership is hog-tied by bureaucracy, and as an elected school board trustee for the Huntington Beach City School District who sees the impact to our district. So, I see this issue from many different perspectives.

In summary:

Homeowner/resident/parent/human:

My house has been relegated nearly worthless. I tried to sell and only received very low offers because no person in their right mind wants to live in my situation. No one needs to disclose next door is a SLH, there are throngs of men and women loitering both front, back, across the street, all over the street smoking, using foul language, and usually at least monthly there is an overdose, so we often wake up to sirens and the conversations regarding the entire incident. This has become so bad that my daughter now is living primarily out of the house because she is afraid to walk in the front door, won't be home alone, cannot sleep or study from the smoke and noise, she's been cat-called walking home from school, had unimaginable things said to her right in front of me and when I have confronted these people, I was told to "be careful bitch, we'll burn your house down with you in it." So now my daughter is too afraid to sleep here at night because she has nightmares of being burned in the house alive. I've paid hundreds of dollars in vet bills because they toss their cigarette butts into my side yard, and if I can't get to them fast enough my dog has eaten them and become toxic to her (dog is only 9 lbs). My trash bins are filled and spilled over with the most disgusting trash—we now have rats. Our sidewalks are littered with hundreds of cigarettes and trash and when I have asked these people or their visitors to please put the trash in a trash can not the street, my car was keyed. I've had both the front and back of my car destroyed from these folks driving out of state cars DUI and crashing into my parked car. When