

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber on November 16, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on roll call vote 420.

REVEREND DR. WASHINGTON LEE LUNDY'S 50TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY AT EVENING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Dr. Washington Lee Lundy's 50th Pastoral Anniversary at Glen Terrace in Brooklyn, New York on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Since the founding of Evening Star Baptist Church in 1916, Reverend Dr. Washington Lundy has served as the second senior pastor in the church's 102-year history.

From an early age, Reverend Dr. Lundy was called to preach, initially at First Baptist Church in his hometown of McKinney, Virginia. After graduation from high school in 1954, he studied at Virginia Union University, in Richmond, VA. A year later, he moved to New York completing his studies at Manhattan Community College. Settling in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, he joined the congregation of Evening Star Baptist Church where first Senior Pastor Reverend Marcellus French Logan presided. There he met "the love of his life," Dorothy Fields, whom he married and raised two children with, Christopher Lee and Valerie Anita.

Upon the passing of Rev. Logan, Evening Star Baptist Church recognized Reverend Dr. Washington Lee Lundy as Senior Pastor on November 5, 1968. During his dedicated service to the congregation and surrounding com-

munity, he went on to pursue a Doctorate from Baltimore School of the Bible. In his 50 years of leadership at Evening Star, Reverend Dr. Lundy helped organize the Gates Avenue Block Association and established the Evening Star Baptist Church Scholarship Fund for students entering college and those returning to school for higher education. He also solidified the longevity of the church by settling the church's mortgage and founding the Eastern Baptist Association School of Religion and Evening Star Youth Ministry.

Reverend Dr. Lundy proudly represented Evening Star across the country and world. He served as Vice Moderator at Large of the Eastern Baptist Association (EBA) of New York, and then as Moderator of the EBA from 1988 to 1992. He was elected as Vice President at Large of the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention of New York, and then as its President for six years. He also served as Vice President of the National Baptist Convention USA—North East Region. More recently, in 2010 he was the host for the New York State Convention for the 20th Baptist World Congress in Hawaii. Globally, he has carried a message of hope and faith, traveling to various countries in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Australia.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of this great spiritual and community leader, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the Reverend Dr. Washington Lee Lundy on his 50th Pastoral Anniversary at Evening Star Baptist Church.

RECOGNIZING THE AWARDEES OF
THE 14TH ANNUAL FAIRFAX
COUNTY HISTORY CONFERENCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County History Commission on the occasion of the 14th Annual Fairfax County History Conference.

Since 1969, the Fairfax County History Commission has worked to identify, document,

record and preserve the historic past of our region. Few areas in the country are as rich in history as ours. Indeed, the history of this region is the history of our country. The History Conference provides an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and to recognize our neighbors who have made significant contributions to preserving and promoting our local history. Through the dedicated efforts of the History Commission and its many volunteers, we are assured that our history will not be lost and will be available for future generations.

This year, several of these dedicated individuals are being honored for their commitment to the preservation and education of history. I am proud to include in the RECORD their names:

Ms. Carolyn Cornwell Miller, for her efforts in collecting, preserving, researching and maintaining the history of the rural schools of Great Falls, Virginia.

Mr. Chuck Mauro, for his extensive body of work documenting the history of Fairfax County, including numerous books, plays, lectures and an award-winning movie, "The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill)."

Mr. Gregory P. Wilson, for his efforts serving our country and Fairfax County by preserving, researching and maintaining the history of this area—specifically regarding the contributions of his Quaker ancestors and the Civil War leaders they encountered.

Ms. Eloise Lorenze, for her efforts in preserving, researching and maintaining the history of the Greenway area of McLean, Virginia through commentaries, photographs and oral histories.

Dr. Patricia Farrell Donahue, for her exemplary work in preserving, researching, documenting, analyzing and presenting a complete and thorough review of the history of the Pimmit Hills area of Fairfax County.

I commend the Fairfax County History Commission for helping to ensure that the abundance of history that is available to our community will be preserved far into the future. I congratulate all of the honorees and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking each of them for the important work they do for the Northern Virginia Community.