

After returning to Vicksburg in 1970, Louise worked in the Vicksburg School System as a Substitute Teacher. Later, she began working at Sears in sales and training as coordinator. She retired after 21 years of service.

Louise is a member of Mount Calvary M.B. Church. She has been a member of the Vicksburg Homecoming Benevolent Club since 1986. Louise has served as assistant treasurer, treasurer, and financial secretary for the club. She has a heart to serve as needed. She loves life, reading, traveling and having fun.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Louise Stewart for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF REVEREND JOSEPHUS
EGGELLETON, JR.**

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend and longtime Broward County politician, Reverend Josephus Eggelletion, Jr.

Joe was born on April 23, 1949, in Miami, Florida, to a family that, though of humble means, was rich in love for one another and their community. He graduated from Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale and completed his undergraduate studies at Florida A&M University, before starting a life dedicated to public service and his community.

As one of Broward County's longest-serving black elected officials, his political career began in 1990 on the Lauderdale Lakes City Council, where he filled the vacancy of the late Sol Rossman. Joe went on to become Broward County's first African American mayor. He then served in Florida's House of Representatives from 1992 through 1998. His political career continued when he was elected to the Broward County Commission, where he served until 2009.

After a long battle with prostate cancer, Joe died on November 21, 2018 at the age of 69. He will be remembered as a caring friend and committed public servant whose career spanned more than 20 years.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Joe's wife, Carolyn and his entire family. While he is no longer with us, his spirit and loving memory will always live on, and he will be dearly missed.

**FAITH, FAMILY, PHILANTHROPY,
AND FOOTBALL: REMEMBERING
BOB MCNAIR**

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Houstonians will never forget October 6, 1999, when the NFL announced that the 32nd NFL franchise had been awarded to American businessman, Robert C. McNair. This adopted

Texan will forever be remembered as the man that brought professional football back to Houston.

McNair grew up in Forest City, North Carolina, and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1958. He and his wife, Janice, moved to Houston two years later. McNair founded Cogen Technologies, which became the largest privately owned cogeneration company in the world. He then sold the bulk of it to Enron in 1999 for \$1.1 billion with an eye toward becoming a National Football League owner.

During his nearly two decades as an NFL owner, McNair left a lasting mark on the city of Houston. His leadership and determination brought the NFL back to Houston, built a spectacular stadium, and was instrumental in bringing two Super Bowls to Houston.

Football was not the only good thing McNair gave to Houston. Throughout his life, McNair and his charitable foundations gave more than \$500 million to a countless number of scientific, literary, educational, and faith-based organizations. McNair chaired the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation and the Houston Texans Foundation for more than 25 years. Ten years before he became known to most of us and before he was awarded the Texans franchise, McNair and his wife started the Robert and Janice McNair Educational Foundation to ensure all students in his hometown who so desired, would have the opportunity to attend college. Thousands of individuals have now received a better education; changing their lives because of McNair's selfless character.

McNair passed away on Friday, November 23, 2018 at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, Janice; two sons, Cal and Cary; two daughters, Ruth and Melissa, 15 grandchildren, and two great grandsons. McNair was once asked by the NFL Network how he would like to be remembered. He replied "I'd like to think that I'd be remembered as an honorable man, as a good Christian man, and that I always did things in a first-class manner and treated people honestly. I think that would be a good legacy."

Mr. Speaker, Bob McNair lived his life always revolving around four main values: Faith, Family, Philanthropy, and Football. May we all strive to live a life well lived around those kind of values, and to leave a positive impact like Bob McNair.

And that's just the way it is.

**HONORING PHOENIX PROJECT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION, INC.**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dynamic non-profit organization, Phoenix Project Community Development Foundation, Inc.

Phoenix Project Community Development Foundation, Inc. (PPCDF, Inc.) is a development corporation headquartered at 997 Main Street in Fayette, Mississippi. The name of this organization was derived from the myth of the Phoenix bird, which fell to Earth and burned to ashes yet rose from the ashes to at-

tain greater heights. This is the "Phoenix Vision" for Southwest Mississippi.

This organization was founded in 1995 by Walter Huston, Executive Director and Volley Davis, Deputy Director.

PPCDF, Inc. serves the residents and citizens of Southwest Mississippi by aiding in community and economic development matters such as: Workforce Development, Community Leadership Programs, Grant Writing and Community Education Programs. PPCDF, Inc. also aids individuals, government entities, nonprofits, churches and fraternal organizations. The focus for this organization is to devise strategies that: reduce pervasive poverty, alleviate high systemic unemployment; elevate educational achievement for youth and adults and to raise the standard of living for all residents of Southwest Mississippi.

PPCDF, Inc. received the "Making Things Better Award" at the 2003 Low-Income Customer Summit, in New Orleans, Louisiana sponsored by ENTERGY Corporation and in 2001 this organization conducted "Leadership Jefferson", a nine-month community leadership development program for citizens of Jefferson County, Mississippi.

PPCDF, Inc. also operated "Phoenix AOP" (Adolescent Opportunity Program) a program for adolescent offenders ages 12 to 17. This program assisted participants in: Character Building, Leadership, Academic and Social Skills and operated from 2008 until April 2016 in Claiborne, Jefferson and Pearl River Counties.

In Fiscal Year, 2016–2017, PPCDF, Inc. entered into a partnering agreement with Families First of MS, offering an afterschool tutoring for youth's in grades 1 through 12, which included: ACT Prep and On-Line Diploma Program for Dropouts and Adult Learners. Also, other services are: Workforce Readiness, Youth Development, Financial Literacy, and Parenting classes.

The mission to reduce poverty, high unemployment, and elevate educational achievement gaps will be met while teaching students Alternative Life and Workforce Readiness Skills. Phoenix Project Community Development Foundation, Inc. is also a designated ACT WORKKEYS Assessment Site.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this great organization, Phoenix Project Community Development Foundation, Inc., that is serving and giving back to the community in Fayette, MS and the surrounding areas.

HONORING AWILDA RIVERA

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Awilda Rivera, who is a Senior Congressional Assistant and Caseworker in my district office and is retiring after more than 30 years of service. She has been a key part of my team for almost the entirety of my time in Congress, and my staff and I will sorely miss her.

Awilda began her work on behalf of Bronxites in 1988, with my predecessor, Congressman Robert Garcia. She later joined my staff, and has been with my office for more