

Officer Andy Reese, a reserve officer, was directing traffic during the Strawberry Festival on May 30, 1970 when an impatient driver sped past slow-moving traffic and hit Reese, killing him.

On June 7, 1980, Officer Donald Reed and three fellow officers entered a bar to serve a man with an arrest warrant. Reed was escorting him out the back door when the man drew and fired a semi-automatic handgun. Reed was struck in the chest and killed.

Officer Michael Rainford was conducting a routine traffic stop on a Garden Grove Freeway on-ramp while on patrol on November 7, 1980. He was killed by a drunk driver.

Master Officer Howard Dallies, Jr. pulled over a motorcyclist on March 9, 1993. As Dallies approached the motorcycle, the driver fired six shots at the officer, hitting him four times. He was rushed to the hospital, where he died from his wounds.

For the past three decades, the city of Garden Grove has honored the Fallen Five with a memorial service that brings together family, friends, and colleagues of the fallen officers, as well as community organizations and the public, to pay tribute to the lives and sacrifices of these men. This year, the theme of the Call to Duty Police Memorial is 'The Thin Blue Line,' a symbol of law enforcement solidarity.

These five brave men donned the uniform and badge for the Garden Grove Police Department and they all sacrificed their lives to keep their community safe. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these officers for their service.

IN RECOGNITION OF VA-10 UNITED STATES ARMY ENLISTEES

**HON. JENNIFER WEXTON**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2019*

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 24 high school seniors from Virginia's 10th Congressional District who plan to enlist in the United States Army after graduation. These students have excelled over the course of their high school careers and I congratulate them on their graduation and their future plans.

I commend these student leaders for their courageous decision to pursue a path to serve their country as a member of the United States Army. I rise to recognize the following students: Fabien Bellagamaba, Justin Cooper, Damon Ferrell, Alicia Grogman, Christian Johnston, Michael Jones, Mike Jones, Braden Kelley, Kirsten LaDestro, Airis Serrano Lara, Nicholas Liebl, Daniel Morfin, Isabella Odonnell, Jahkai Robinson, Aresa Rouse, Thomas Samborski, Jordyn Henry Sanders, Douglas Schouville, Jacob Smith, Rody Torres, Naph Tali Victor, Antonio Walbey, Branson Ward, and Tyshaun Wise.

The students were recognized at a ceremony conducted in Sterling, Virginia on May 16, 2019, by the Northern Virginia chapter of Our Community Salutes and the Blue Star Mothers of Northern Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and applauding these students and their families on their pursuits and wish them the best as they set forth to begin the process of learning to defend our

great nation and remember that we owe those who serve a debt of gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF NELSON CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of Nelson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Bainbridge, Georgia as the church's membership and leadership celebrate a remarkable 150 years. The congregation will celebrate this very significant anniversary on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at the church located at 640 Hall Street.

Tracing its roots back to the post-Civil War era, the church was founded in 1869 when a group of slaves set off from their landowners' church and boldly founded their own place of worship. The original church was located on Academy Street and was operated under the leadership of Rev. A. Monroe. During Rev. Monroe's tenure as pastor, the church grew not only in size and in faith, but also in membership, having included several founding members who were instrumental to the development of the church.

Since its founding, Nelson Chapel AME Church has endured several additions and renovations, all of which help tell the story of the church. In 1902, the church relocated to its current location on Hall Street to a property donated by the late Mr. Adam Nelson. The foundation of the church was laid under the esteemed leadership of the late Rev. N.L. Holmes and the building was constructed during the pastorate of the late Rev. George Smith. In the 1970s, under the tutelage of Rev. C. E. Shepherd, the congregation was motivated to construct a child development center to educate preschoolers about Christian principles and academic excellence. The center, which consisted of a fellowship hall, full kitchen, and a baptismal pool, was named for the late Dr. J.H. Griffin, M.D. and was managed for many years as the Dr. J.H. Griffin Educational Complex. In addition to the construction of the church and child development center, a parsonage was built at 818 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard for the comfort and living of the pastoral family.

This ardent community of believers has extended its circle to include more and more members as the years have gone by, though it has never lost its essential character. Today, the spirit and faith of its people are manifested through the current sanctuary, which includes an organ, carpeting, pulpit furniture, a modern sound system, the Carillon Tower Chimes, a paved parking lot, office space, and many other structural improvements. That same faith and spirit extend beyond the church doors, in the presence of members who give fully of themselves wherever they go.

Throughout the years, a number of pastors, deacons, and clerks have contributed to its legacy, which boasts more than 300 members, eight choirs, a 70-member Young People's Division (YPD), and many ministries to support

the surrounding community and congregation. Because of their dedicated efforts, Nelson Chapel AME Church is the lead church in the Thomasville/Bainbridge District of the South Georgia Annual Conference, Sixth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The story of Nelson Chapel AME Church, which recounts a long history of a group of believers coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship the Lord, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in God.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to Nelson Chapel AME Church in Bainbridge, Georgia for its congregation's enduring commitment to each other and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May their actions continue to inspire the community in courage, in dedication, and in faith.

HONORING THE MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 130TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2019*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join the congregation of the Macedonia Baptist Church of Ansonia, Connecticut in extending my heartfelt congratulations on the celebration of their 130th Anniversary. Throughout its history, the Church and its congregation have demonstrated a unique commitment to serve the community and ensure that the most vulnerable of our citizens could find comfort and resources in their time of need.

In 1889, with the help of local businessman Franklin Farrel, a group of local African-American residents banded together to organize and incorporate a mission which would soon become the Macedonia Baptist Church. In addition to helping the group organize and incorporate the mission, the Farrel family donated a beautiful stained glass window, which remains even today, as well as the bell for the belfry. Over the course of the last one hundred thirty years, the Macedonia Baptist Church has strengthened the bonds of faith and friendship and has become an iconic fixture in the community.

From its first Pastor, the Reverend Edward Johnson, who traveled from Yonkers and was so beloved that parishioners of all ages would meet him at the train station to escort him to church, to the Reverend Julian Taylor who served the ministry for more than four decades; and from the Reverend V. Loma St. Clair who expanded the reach of the Macedonia Baptist Church across the community, to today's leadership of Pastor Alfred Lee Smith, Jr., the spiritual guidance that has led the congregation over time has not only provided parishioners with nourishment of the soul but encouraged them to make a difference in the community as well.

The Macedonia Baptist Church has not only been a center for religious worship, but a vehicle through which their members could give