

call him a dedicated public servant, American and friend. To conclude, Madam Speaker I want to thank Randon for his service to the Inland Empire—his dedication, insight and passion will be greatly missed. I wish him the very best in his new position with the Department of Transportation.

HONORING ARCHBISHOP MARY
FLOYD PALMER

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer, affectionately known as Bishop Mary. On March 16, 2019, Bishop Mary was installed as the first woman Presiding Prelate of the Philadelphia Council of Clergy, Inc.

The Philadelphia Council of Clergy, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 as an ecumenical group of multi-cultural faith-based leaders who desire to alleviate suffering, overcome oppression and foster justice and peace, not only in Philadelphia but in all communities nationwide.

Bishop Mary is the eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. Melvin and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Floyd. Bishop Mary is a graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls and has obtained a Doctor of Ministry. In July 2009, Bishop Mary was ordained and consecrated to the Episcopal Office of Bishop in Atlanta, Georgia. In May 2011, Bishop Mary was selected by the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women to receive their prestigious "Woman of the Year in Ministry" award.

In 2006, Bishop Mary entered full-time ministry as a Motivational Speaker. She is passionate about prison ministries and she serves as a volunteer instructor teaching a weekly Reality Life Skills Class for male inmates since 1988. In October 2011, she became Founder and Pastor of The Samaritan Temple, a place where hope exists. Bishop Mary serves as the Corresponding Secretary for the National Congress of Black Women, Philadelphia Chapter and actively serves in several capacities on several committees.

On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I am pleased to offer my sincere congratulations to Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer in achieving this historic appointment as the first woman Presiding Prelate of the Philadelphia Council of Clergy, Inc.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL
CHERINGTON

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Dr. Michael Cherington for his 85th birthday.

Dr. Michael Cherington of Castle Rock, Colorado was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1934. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and later attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. As such, he was destined to continue his career on the East

Coast until a mentor directed him to take a year for residency. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Colorado Springs with his first wife, and that same year, he was drafted into the United States Army.

While in Colorado, Dr. Cherington opened his own private practice in neurology and he taught at the University of Colorado Medical School. He served his community very well in both capacities while helping thousands of patients across the state. He most notably cared for patients with varying degrees of neurological damage from lightning strikes. As a matter of fact, towards the end of his practice, he wrote an article about lightning strikes and the injuries they can cause, and it was published in "SportsMedicine."

Later, he became known as "The Lightning Doctor" after publishing many articles about lightning injuries and how to avoid such injuries. This eventually led to the creation of the Lightning Data Center in Denver, which brought together many lightning experts across several different areas of expertise and discipline. As "The Lightning Doctor," he was featured on many local television stations, as well as, ABC's 20/20, National Geographic, and Unsolved Mysteries.

To this day, Dr. Cherington still lives happily in Colorado, almost sixty years later. In his spare time, he greatly enjoys spending time with his wife Nancy, his children, and nine grandchildren. I would like to thank Dr. Cherington for all his contributions and wish him a very Happy Birthday.

CONGRATULATING INDIANA HIGH
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE
YEAR BRUCE D. JENNINGS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bruce D. Jennings on being named the 2018 Indiana High School Principal of the Year.

Annually since 1992, the Indiana Association of School Principals has recognized outstanding principals across our great state of Indiana. In his 12 years as principal at Bremen High School, Mr. Jennings has truly been an extraordinary educator, and it is clear this high honor is well-deserved. However, his impact goes far beyond the walls of Bremen High School.

In addition to his role as principal, Mr. Jennings has served his community in compassionate and philanthropic ways that have helped to advance educational opportunities for the next generation. As a member and advisor of organizations like the Marshall County Community Foundation, the Bremen Dollars for Scholars Organization, and Indiana University's Educational Leadership Program, Mr. Jennings works hard to build a bright future for Hoosier students and lead by example for educators across the country. His record of leadership and dedication reflects positively on Bremen High School and the northern Indiana community, and I am grateful for his innovative ideas that promote creativity, confidence, and discovery.

Mr. Jennings' ability to connect with students and teachers and share his passion for

learning empowers everyone at Bremen High School to reach the next level of success. He is a true inspiration and valuable role model to us all, and I have no doubt Bremen students are well-equipped for whatever their futures may hold.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Bruce Jennings for all he has done to educate, guide, and support his students and faculty. It is a privilege to represent principals like Mr. Jennings who help make our schools vibrant and our students' futures bright.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE OLD
MCKENDREE CHAPEL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Old McKendree Chapel in Jackson, Missouri on the occasion of its bicentennial. The Old McKendree Chapel was built in 1819 and held their first services on September 14th, a year and a half before Missouri was granted statehood.

The chapel was constructed by Methodist pioneers, who had been meeting at the site since 1809. It was named for the circuit-riding preacher, William McKendree, who visited the congregation in 1818. McKendree went on to become the first native-born bishop of the Methodist Church in the United States. The chapel was actively used until 1888. By the 1920s, the chapel was in disrepair and faced the threat of demolition.

Through the efforts of Rev. William Stewart, then pastor of New McKendree Church in Jackson, the historic chapel was saved. Restoration was completed in 1933 and the McKendree Chapel Memorial Association was founded to preserve the landmark for the enjoyment of future generations.

Today the chapel continues to serve as a holy place in the community. It is a national Methodist shrine visited by families from across the country each year.

For its contributions to the Jackson community and its place in Missouri history, it is my great pleasure to celebrate the Old McKendree Chapel today before the U.S. House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 9, 2019 during roll call no. 515, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1420, Energy Efficient Government Technology Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 516, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 1768, Diesel Emissions Reduction Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."