

crime in Plymouth dropped an amazing 67.6 percent, Weymouth 40.2 percent.

And in case anyone suspects that all towns and cities had the same results, look at Fall River, where the decline was modest, at 4.4 percent, and at Lowell, where crime rose 44.5 percent.

What is going on here? Is this news for New Bedford as good as it seems?

Perhaps it is. While it is not safe to make sweeping conclusions based on one year's statistics, something obviously went right in New Bedford last year. It goes against the reputation of this city to learn that there were just three murders here last year; that's fewer than some small towns experience. And it is far cry from such places as gang-infested Gary, Indiana, the per capita murder capital of the country, which can barely keep count.

New Bedford Police Chief Richard Benoit's view is that community policing—more uniformed officers working in concert with neighborhood associations—are making a dramatic difference. "You can put as many undercover officers out there but you wouldn't be having the same effect on someone who sees a uniformed officer," he told our reporter.

That strikes us as common sense, and it ought to be remembered by those in the state Legislature and in Congress who believe that the most effective way to fight crime is to endlessly build new prisons while starving the grassroots policing and community-building activities that prevent crime from occurring in the first place.

It used to be that liberals were routinely mocked for being for all the "soft" community programs intended to build character and keep young lives from going the wrong way. Now, the majority in Congress has set its sights on much the same objective, couching it in terms of such things as traditional "family values" and the old social structures in which people watched out for each other.

It would pay these lawmakers to keep an eye on New Bedford and other places, where such things are being tried with apparent success. It is not that this community has suddenly become an oasis of calm in a crime-ridden America. Heaven knows we still have our problems with drugs and violence. It just pays to remember that it could be far worse, it has been far worse, and our own experience can be our guide.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY AWARDEES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 1995

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize two constituents from the Second Congressional District in Mississippi. The Rev. Benjamin Ashford, Jr., pastor of Raspberry Chapel United Methodist Church, and Ms. Ada Brown, a retired teacher in Indianola, MI, were recently in Washington to receive the "Make a Difference Day Award" from the USA weekend magazine. These two constituents are to be honored for their diligence and determination in making a difference in their community. Reverend Ashford and Ms. Brown have devoted much time and effort to eliminating teenage pregnancy as well as encouraging teen mothers to continue their studies and graduate from high school. Instead of merely preaching sexual abstinence,

Reverend Ashford and Ms. Brown use interactive instruction to provide young people with the skills needed to be assertive in saying "no."

Mr. Speaker, these are the types of leaders, though there are many, who so often go unrecognized. I take extreme pleasure in recognizing Reverend Ashford and Ms. Brown.

DR. HADEN MCKAY RETIRES AS MAYOR OF HUMBLE, TX, AFTER DECADES OF SERVICE

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for most of us who call Humble, TX, home, and who voted in city elections on May 6, it was unprecedented: For the first time in our adult lives, Dr. Haden E. McKay was not on the ballot for mayor. At 87 years young, Mayor McKay had decided that the rigors of balancing a medical practice and leading a city of 14,000 people simply did not allow him enough time with Lillian, his wife of 54 years.

I could easily take up an hour or tow of the House's time listing honors that have been accorded Mayor McKay, citing his amazing catalog of medical society memberships, and reading Dr. McKay's truly impressive civic accomplishments. But for those of us who know him and respect him, that simply wouldn't do this great man justice.

Haden McKay is more—far more—than a list of medical society honors and civic memberships. Since he began his medical practice in Humble in 1938, Dr. McKay has been a guiding force in my hometown. Dr. McKay has seen Humble grow from a small town with board walks and dirt streets to a modern community that is home to Houston Intercontinental Airport and a wide variety of other businesses and industries. Dr. McKay has done more than observe such changes; he, more than any other single individual, is responsible for bringing about that transformation.

Mr. Speaker, Haden McKay has served his community as a medical professional as well as public official for well over half a century. And in an interview with the Houston Chronicle in 1991, he explained that he chose a career in doctoring for the same reason he chose to enter public service: to help people. I dare say there aren't too many people in Humble whose lives haven't been touched directly and significantly by Dr. McKay. During his medical career, he's brought more than 4,000 babies into this world. And even those he didn't deliver have been helped through Dr. McKay's successful efforts to responsibly guide Humble through changing times and toward a better future for all of its people.

Haden McKay has helped others as a caring doctor, as a courageous member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, and as a concerned public servant. He has enjoyed well-deserved success in each of those areas. His medical practice provided accessible health care to an entire community. At the time of his discharge from the Army, he held the rank of major. And during his years as city council member and mayor, Humble has grown larger without losing the high quality of life we have always enjoyed in Humble.

Mr. McKay may no longer hold the title of "Mayor of Humble," but he will forever be known as "Mr. Humble" to his friends and neighbors. While we all wish Humble's new mayor, Wilson Archer, the very best of luck as he begins his first term as mayor, we all know that he has some very, very big boots to fill.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to salute a man who I respect almost as a second father. I know you and all of my colleagues join with me in wishing Dr. McKay and his wife, Lillian, many, many years of the same good health and happiness they have given to so many of us in Humble, TX, throughout their lives.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND WILLIAM T. KENNEDY, JR.

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 8, 1995

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the outstanding contributions of the Reverend William T. Kennedy, Jr., to his community during his 25 years of service to the people of Philadelphia.

As a minister, educator, writer and lecturer, Dr. Kennedy has greatly influenced the lives of the many people who have been fortunate enough to know and work with him during his remarkable career.

Dr. Kennedy received a bachelor of science degree from the District of Columbia University in 1953 and went on to earn a bachelor of divinity studies from Drew Theological Seminary in 1956. He furthered his education, as well as his spiritual growth, by enrolling in Wesley Theological Seminary where he earned a master of divinity degree in 1963 and a master of sacred theology degree in 1964. In 1981 he was awarded the doctor of divinity degree from Livingstone College.

During his 25-year ministry, Dr. Kennedy has served as the pastor of Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church for 12 years, pastor of Tioga United Methodist Church for 3 years, and pastor of the Grace United Methodist Church for the past 10 years.

He shared his knowledge and experience by teaching others not only through his ministry, but also in academic environments. His academic experience includes: professor of ethics at Waterbury Hospital School of Nursing, associate professor of sociology and religion at Eastern College, adjunct professor of preaching at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, associate professor or preaching and practical theology at Yale Divinity School, professor of preaching at Lutheran Theological Seminary's Urban Institute, and adjunct professor of preaching at Drew Theological Seminary. In addition to teaching he has authored several publications and lectured on subjects including, "The Genius of Black Preaching" and the "The Black Preacher and Social Issues."

In addition to these accomplishments, Dr. Kennedy still found time to serve as a community leader in several church councils, community based committees, and the NAACP.

For these accomplishments, and most importantly, for the positive effects that these accomplishments have had on the people of Philadelphia, I would like to recognize and thank the Reverend William Kennedy, Jr.