

1932, thus becoming the first black pilot to hold an air transport license.

Chief's constant companion was his dog, Yo Yo, a mongrel who shared his love for flying. Before his dog died, Anderson said, "He's smart. He can tell if a student is not flying right. If a student is doing all right, YoYo lies down. If the student makes a bad landing, Yo Yo won't fly with him again."

Chief Anderson was held in the highest regard by his peers. Two of Anderson's most famous students are Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., who became commander of the 99th Pursuit Squadron and later the first black Air Force general, and General Daniel "Chappie" James, the first black four-star general. During World War II, the 332nd Fighter Group, comprised of our all black squadrons, and under Colonel Davis' command flew more than 1,500 missions and destroyed 409 enemy aircraft. In more recent times, Air Force Colonel Guion L. Bluford led black aviators into space. Dr. Ronald McNair, a black American, died in flight aboard the orbiter Challenger. Today, there are countless thousands of military, commercial, and civilian black pilots—all of whom owe their presence in the cockpit and other aviation-related jobs to the undaunted character and perseverance of C. Alfred "Chief" Anderson.

Mr. Anderson's wife of 62 years, Gertrude, died just over a year ago. I invite my colleagues to join me as I offer condolences to his loving family, including his sons, Charles A. Anderson, Jr. of Chicago, and Alfred of Seattle; three grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. He will be greatly missed, however his legacy will live on as a source of inspiration for generations to come. I wish Charles Alfred "Chief" Anderson "high flight."

TRIBUTE TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 155, WATERTOWN, MA

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 1996*

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Knights of Columbus, Council 155, of Watertown, MA, who celebrate their centennial this year. I would like to recognize the Watertown Knights for their invaluable service to their community.

The chapter was first granted its charter by the Supreme Council on February 29, 1896. They met at various locations until 1923 when the council purchased the George H. Beynon Estate in Watertown. After 38 years on this site, in 1961, they replaced the building with their current structure which could easily accommodate the membership of 700 at the time.

There has been a local square dedicated to the proud members of the Knights of Columbus, many of whom served our country during World War I, and World War II as well as the Korean and Vietnam conflicts.

The council has been instrumental in encouraging community involvement, including youth activities such as baseball and a basketball tournament. They have also worked with the handicapped, sponsoring Special Olympics and their annual Tootsie Roll Drive for handi-

capped Children. The council also proudly sponsors many other charities too numerous to list, including Project Literacy and the Walk for Hunger.

Mr. Speaker, this is truly a great organization of service, dedication, and honor and so I ask my colleagues to join me in extending best wishes to the Knights of Columbus, Council 155, in Watertown, MA on this momentous centennial celebration.

IN SUPPORT OF DECENT WAGES FOR WORKING AMERICANS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 1996*

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, America needs to live up to its pledge of being one nation that will provide every American an opportunity to earn a decent living. In today's society there can be no advancement without a decent job and a decent wage. Under the leadership of the current Republican majority, the Congress has veered away from this pledge to working Americans who are most in need of fair pay for a job well done.

For months, Democrats have been pushing for a modest 90-cent increase in the minimum wage. When House Democrats called for a vote on a reasonable increase in the minimum wage on March 28, Republicans abused House procedures to stop a Democratic effort to increase the minimum wage.

For working Clevelanders, the proposed Democratic minimum wage increase could provide families as much as 7 months of groceries, a year of health care costs, 9 months of utility bills or 4 months of housing. Despite the fact that Republicans have pledged to fight an increase in the minimum wage I will continue to fight for the raise in pay Clevelanders deserve.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, we all should be aware of the fact that it's been 5 years since America's minimum wage workers got a raise. The minimum wage provides reasonable living for some of America's most productive citizens. The time has come for Members of Congress to take this one small step toward economic justice—raising the minimum wage.

THE CONGREGATION OF CHRIST CHURCH, LUTHERAN OF SAN FRANCISCO IS CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTALLATION OF PASTOR DAVID ROHRER

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 1996*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on the 25th anniversary of the installation of Pastor David Rohrer, to pay his tribute on his impressive and extremely productive tenure as pastor for Christ Church, Lutheran in my congressional district in San Francisco and to recognize his outstanding service to our community.

Pastor Rohrer was born January 10, 1937, in Richmond, CA. His commitment to the

Christian ministry has been nearly lifelong. He was ordained into the Lutheran Church ministry in June, 1961, and since that time has dedicated himself fully to his profession. Before his installation as senior pastor at Christ Church, Lutheran in San Francisco in 1970, he served as assistant pastor at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Sparks, NV.

Pastor Rohrer's commitment to his congregation and church bound him to the outside community. His religious leadership outside of Christ Church includes membership on the board of directors of the Sunny View Lutheran Home in Cupertino, CA, Pacific Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley, CA, and the Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries. He has served several terms as president of Sunny View Lutheran Home and is currently treasurer of the Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries. He was elected and served as dean of the San Francisco Conference, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for 1993-94.

Pastor Rohrer has not shied away from tackling the most controversial of issues throughout his illustrious career. His leadership in creating equal standing for gay and lesbian clergy has earned him nationwide recognition. The opposition from his parent church and hostility from his own congregation could not dissuade or intimidate Pastor Rohrer from his efforts.

The most telling mark of Pastor Rohrer's leadership and Christian compassion can be found in the individual relationships he has made with his congregation throughout the years. He has been a pastor to over 600 people, has baptized 172, and performed countless marriages. Pastor Rohrer has served his community for the greater part of his life and that is why it is especially befitting that on this day the community has come together to honor him as leader, a friend, and a fellow human committed to the betterment of society as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, when we celebrate the 25 years of a remarkable career, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Pastor David Rohrer for his admirable accomplishment and outstanding determination.

IN CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 23, 1996*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, Monday marked the 26th anniversary of Earth Day. As a member of the party of Teddy Roosevelt, the great Republican who enlarged our national parks and established our national wildlife refuges, I am pleased to recall the great environmental gains our country has made in cleaning up our rivers, streams, and lakes.

Our waterways are one of our Nation's most important resources. They are an important part of the surrounding ecosystem, providing an important source of income to surrounding communities and businesses, as well as providing potable drinking water for families and communities. Acknowledging this, I voted against the so-called Clean Water Act Amendments due to its lack of Federal protection of important water resources, and its rolling back of nearly a decade of invaluable water protection resources.