

The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program encourages high school students around the country to better understand the history and principles of our Nation's constitutional government focusing on the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. After extensive preparation in their respective schools, students compete in a challenging 3-day competition that includes a simulated congressional hearing. During the competition the students are judged on their oral presentations, their knowledge of constitutional principles, and their ability to apply them to historical and contemporary issues. The program is the most extensive of its kind.

I am extremely proud of the students from East Kentwood who made numerous sacrifices to represent our district and State in this competition. Advancing to the national finals and being recognized as one of the top schools in this competition is no easy task. These students made a commitment to succeed and followed through on their goals. The students who studied long hours to reach the finals were: Katie Bacon, Ryan Brubaker, Dan Bush, Brad Busse, Brian Busse, Nathaniel Cartier, Jamie Cassis, Stacy Corsaut, Michelle David, John Defouw, B.J. Desmond, Brian Dishinger, Ryan Eavey, Chris Frazier, Andrea Hudson, Mark Hulbert, Rachel Katonak, Winnie Lee, Kurt Leland, Chris Magnuson, Emily Peterson, and Beth Zoller.

The students are not the only ones who give their all for this competition. They are fortunate to be under the tutelage of their teacher, Deb Snow, who goes above and beyond the call of duty of preparing students for this competition. Under her leadership, East Kentwood has enjoyed frequent success in the We The People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. Her dedication and passion for teaching should serve as an example for other teachers to follow. Congressional district coordinator Donald Fink and State coordinator Linda Start also play important roles in East Kentwood's success. Their guidance and planning efforts were extremely beneficial in helping the team advance to the national finals.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to take this time to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of this team. The valuable lessons learned through competition and teamwork will help prepare these students for the challenges that lie ahead in their adult years. I want to thank the students and teacher Deb Snow for serving as excellent representatives of the Third District. Again, my deepest congratulations and my wishes for continued success in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES G.
McCLUSKEY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 1996

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Dr. James G. McCluskey for his 37 years of service as pastor of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church in Knoxville, TN. His leadership and service has truly blessed Wallace Memorial Baptist Church.

Today Wallace Memorial is one of the largest churches in the east Tennessee area with over 3,000 members. It is devoted to its mis-

sions outreach which was inspired by Dr. Bill Wallace, after whom the church was named.

Dr. McCluskey joined Wallace Memorial as its pastor in 1959 when there were approximately 45 members. At that point, he had held several different high level positions with many agencies and ministries. He had served as the president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Tennessee Baptist Pastor's Conference, the Tennessee Baptist Youth Evangelistic Conference, the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, and senior teacher for Evangelism Explosion International. Additionally, he had traveled to several foreign countries on mission work.

Most importantly, his love for Christ and his mission to share that love with others has guided Wallace Memorial as the church's membership and programs have grown over the years.

Dr. McCluskey has said that the inspiration of his own growth has been "a wonderful wife and family who sustained and were encouraged. She has been the most stabilizing and encouraging. The church will miss her more than they miss me."

Several church members are sad to see the McCluskey family leave. Theresa Wilson described it best when saying:

For the 14 years that I've been a member of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church and have known Jim and Lib, their ministry has been an example of putting Christ first and self last. Their leadership has always been full of energy and enthusiasm for the Lord and his church. We will sorely miss Jim and Lib and we are thankful for their years of service.

Rev. Jim McCluskey recently told the Knoxville News Sentinel: "The Church is not built on me, but on Christ. The best is yet to be. Move onward, upward and forward and give new leadership the same following they gave me."

I request that a copy of the article that recently appeared in the Knoxville News Sentinel be placed in the RECORD at this point so that I can call it to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

MOVE ONWARD, UPWARD

(By Bill Maples)

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church at 701 Merchant Drive is a huge edifice. Its auditorium seats hundreds. It has a reputation for its far-reaching mission outreach and for its Christmas and Easter programs. It has 3,162 members.

But its members are feeling a painful sense of loss this weekend. Dr. James G. McCluskey, its pastor for 37 years, is preaching his last sermon on Sunday. He is retiring.

"There are other things I want to do but not in a full-time pastorate," he says. He mentions consulting, teaching, substitute preaching.

Then, too, there are children and grandchildren he and wife, Elizabeth, want to visit more, and some traveling they want to do.

Dr. Roy T. Edgemon, director of discipleship and family in the development division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will serve as interim pastor.

The church is having a reception at the church Sunday, April 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited.

It has been a colorful voyage. Wallace Memorial has grown from 45 members when it was founded in 1952 to more than 3,000 members today. What made it grow so rapidly?

"Wallace Memorial was well-born," McCluskey says. "It was started by Arling-

ton Baptist Church in a growing community. It has had good lay leaders and good followers."

Asked what has been the strength of his own growth, McCluskey says, "A wonderful wife and family who sustained and were encouraging. She has been the most stabilizing and encouraging. The church will miss her more than they will miss me."

Before they were married April 2, 1953, she was Elizabeth Ann Peters of Knoxville. Known to members as "Lib," she is a consultant in working with children with the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee and Southern Baptist Conventions. She has been a trustee with East Tennessee Baptist Hospital since 1989 and is president of the advisory board of the Carson-Newman College of Nursing. The couple has four children and eight grandchildren. One son and one son-in-law are ministers.

Jim McCluskey, as he prefers to be called, grew up in Chattanooga and earned his bachelor's degree from Carson-Newman in 1952. He went on to earn the master of divinity and master of religious education degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary. He has held two other pastorates, in Squiresville and Lawrenceburg, Ky. He came to Wallace Memorial in 1959.

He has held various high-level board and advisory positions with at least two dozen ministries and agencies during his career, including president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; denominational speaker at the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference, Tennessee Baptist Youth Evangelistic Conference, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly; and senior clinic teacher for Evangelism Explosion International. He has traveled to several foreign countries on mission work.

Wallace Memorial has always emphasized mission work. It has sent forth 42 persons from among its members as spiritual leaders—ministers, ministers of music, teachers and laypeople involved in spiritual missions.

It has sent more than 101 mission teams to foreign and American locations on mission and mercy trips. These included emergency disaster teams sent to hurricane locations. Its annual mission giving is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One impetus for this enthusiasm is the inspiration for the church's name—Bill Wallace, a native of Knoxville who died a Christian missionary martyr in China in 1951. When his body was returned to the U.S., he was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. The funeral was held at Wallace Memorial. A room containing Wallace's memorabilia has been set aside by the church.

Many members have come forward with a farewell word for the McCluskeys. Typical is that of Theresa Wilson: "For the 14 years that I've been a member at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church and have known Jim and Lib, their ministry has been an example of putting Christ first and self last. Their leadership has always been full of energy and enthusiasm for the Lord and his church."

"Jim and Lib have truly made Wallace Memorial feel like a large family through their loving and caring attitudes. Wallace Memorial as a church family has been truly honored to have been under the leadership of Jim McCluskey as our senior pastor for the past 37 years. We will sorely miss Jim and Lib and we are thankful for their years of service."

What message does Jim McCluskey leave with the church? "That the church is not built on me, but on Christ. The best is yet to be. Move onward, upward and forward and give new leadership the same following they gave me."

What message would he give to a starting church? "Focus on meeting people's needs."

What message would he give a starting preacher? "Spend as much time preparing yourself as you do preparing a sermon."

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 191

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 1996

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce this resolution (H. Con. Res. 191) to provide that long delayed recognition to persons considered to be members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army Veterans and members of the Special Philippine Scouts—by reason of service with the Allied Armed Forces during World War II.

We must correct the grave injustice that has befallen this brave group of veterans, since their valiant service, on behalf of the United States, during the Second World War.

On July 26, 1941, President Roosevelt issued a military order, pursuant to the Philippines Independence Act of 1934, calling members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army into the service of the United States Forces of the Far East, under the command of Lt. Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

For almost 4 years, over 100,000 Filipinos, of the Philippine Commonwealth Army fought alongside the Allies to reclaim the Philippine Islands from Japan. Regrettably, in return, Congress enacted the Rescission Act of 1946. This measure denied the members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army the honor of being recognized as veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

A second group, the Special Philippine Scouts called "New Scouts" who enlisted in the United States Armed Forces after October 6, 1945, primarily to perform occupation duty in the Pacific, have also never received official recognition.

I believe it is time to correct this injustice and to provide the official recognition long overdue for members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army and the Special Philippine Scouts that they valiantly earned for their service to the United States and the Allied cause during World War II.

These members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army and the Special Philippine Scouts served just as courageously and made the same sacrifices as their American counterparts during the Pacific war. Their contribution helped disrupt the initial Japanese offensive timetable in 1942, at a point when the Japanese were expanding almost unchecked throughout the western Pacific.

This delay in the Japanese plans bought valuable time for scattered allied forces to regroup, reorganize, and prepare for checking the Japanese in the Coral Sea and at Midway.

During the next 2 years, Filipino "Scout" units, operating from rural bases, tied down precious Japanese resources and manpower through guerilla warfare tactics.

In 1944, Filipino Forces provided valuable assistance in the liberation of the Philippine Islands which in turn became an important base for taking the war to the Japanese homeland. Without the assistance of Filipino units and guerrilla forces, the liberation of the Philippine

Islands would have taken much longer and been far costlier than it actually was.

I urge my colleagues to carefully review this resolution that corrects this grave injustice and provides recognition to members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army and the members of the Special Philippine Scouts.

The full text of the bill (H. Con. Res. 191) is included at this point in the RECORD.

H. CON. RES. 191

Whereas the Commonwealth of the Philippines was strategically located and thus vital to the defense of the United States during World War II;

Whereas the military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines were called into the United States Armed Forces during World War II by Executive order and were put under the command of General Douglas MacArthur;

Whereas the participation of the military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines in the battles of Bataan and Corregidor and in other smaller skirmishes delayed and disrupted the initial Japanese effort to conquer the Western Pacific;

Whereas that delay and disruption allowed the United States the vital time to prepare the forces which were needed to drive the Japanese from the Western Pacific and to defeat Japan;

Whereas after the recovery of the Philippine Islands from Japan, the United States was able to use the strategically located Commonwealth of the Philippines as a base from which to launch the final efforts to defeat Japan;

Whereas every American deserves to know the important contribution that the military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines made to the outcome of World War II; and

Whereas the Filipino World War II veterans deserve recognition and honor for their important contribution to the outcome of World War II: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That the Congress recognizes and honors the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II.

IN HONOR OF MANUEL AND MARIA
MARIN: AN AMERICAN SUCCESS
STORY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Manuel and Maria Marin, a classic American success story. Mr. and Mrs. Marin will be honored at a reception this Saturday at the Sheraton Meadowlands in East Rutherford, NJ.

America is a land of immigrants, and this family exemplifies the immigrant success story. Manuel and Maria arrived in the United States with only the clothes on their backs and a few personal possessions in May 1980. They were searching for a better way of life and an escape from the Communist dictatorship of Cuba. Despite their bad fortune, the Marins dedicated themselves to creating a new life in their adopted homeland. Through their sweat and determination, they were able to scrape up enough funds to open up a grocery store in West New York, NJ, in 1986.

In 10 short years, the Marins' one grocery store has blossomed into a chain of supermarkets throughout New Jersey and Florida. Their success has made them role models for the Hispanic community and the community at large.

Manuel's and Maria's fine character is not only evident in their business success, but also in their devotion to their family and community. In addition to raising two children, Yanina and Yaddiel, the Marins have worked to reunite their family by bringing members over from Cuba. Manuel is very active in the Latin American Kiwanis Club and participates in their many charitable activities. He also provides financial support to other businessmen through Banco Uno, which he founded.

I am very grateful for the Marin family's contributions to the Hispanic community, New Jersey, and our Nation. Their success is proof that, indeed, we are a land of great opportunity for all those willing to seize it. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great family.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN P. CLARK

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 20, 1996

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Stephen P. Clark, a man who dedicated his life to serving the public for more than four decades. He served as mayor of the city of Miami from 1967 to 1970 and again from 1993 to 1996. In between he served as mayor of metropolitan Dade County.

In 1970, he resigned as mayor of Miami to win the office of mayor of Dade County. With the exception of 2 years, he held that post until 1993. Once in office he helped transform Dade County from a sleepy tourist oriented county into the growing metropolis it is today. Under his guidance Dade County has become an initial center for banking, business, and the arts in the United States.

As mayor of Dade County, Mr. Clark spurred county improvement projects such as a modern transit system, a cultural center, and a main library. He was instrumental in establishing community wide, public-private efforts, to create jobs and economic assistance. He initiated the Housing Finance Authority, which provides low-cost mortgages for new homeowners. Furthermore, he constantly worked to improve living conditions, create job-training programs for the youth, and facilitate effective community relations amongst Miami's depressed areas.

In 1993, 23 years after resigning from office, Stephen Clark was again elected to serve Miami as their mayor. He initiated measures to save the city millions of dollars while improving and expanding public services such as the fire and police. He worked to improve communication and enhance ties with the community. Under his direction, the city joined forces with Fannie Mae to create an affordable housing plan which provides nearly 70,000 Miami-Dade families with housing opportunities. In 1994, he hosted the Pan American Summit of Hemispheric Presidents, which was attended by 34 heads of state from democratic countries of the Western Hemisphere.

In a time when cities across this Nation have seen shrinking budgets while ever increasing challenges mounted, Stephen Clark