

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF
ATHERTON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Town of Atherton in San Mateo County, California as it celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

The Town, incorporated in 1923, was named after Faxon Atherton and his daughter-in-law, writer Gertrude Atherton. Faxon Atherton's home, Valparaiso, was built in the 1860s and was among the first of the great estates in San Mateo County. The Town grew as these properties were subdivided and Atherton is now home to some of the best and brightest minds in San Mateo County and the Silicon Valley. From this quiet bedroom community, the leaders of the economic engine that has driven California, emerge daily to fuel further growth.

Atherton is an educated, civic-minded community. Its residents are known for their leadership, serving on boards and civic organizations whose work is felt throughout the Bay Area and California. Atherton is also known for the philanthropic endeavors of its residents who give most generously of their resources to assist those issues that are near and dear to their hearts.

In the midst of wooded surroundings, Atherton boasts some of the finest educational institutions. Sacred Heart Preparatory, the Menlo School and Menlo College make their home in Atherton. The student population at the Town's eleven schools surpasses the number of residents. These schools are active in the community and educate the next generation of community leaders and Atherton residents.

The Town government is mindful of preserving a country atmosphere as urban growth continues in San Mateo County. The Town's General Plan specifically states that Atherton desires "to preserve its character as a scenic, rural, thickly wooded residential area, with abundant open space and with streets designed primarily as scenic routes rather than for speed of travel."

With its quiet tree lined streets and beautiful homes, Atherton is one of the jewels in the crown of the 14th Congressional District, a place I'm proud to call my home. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Atherton and commend its residents for their extraordinary achievements and contributions to our community and our country.

HONORING REVEREND W.D.
BROADWAY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

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Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, soon a remarkable man of faith will bid farewell after 13 years as CEO and executive director of INTERFAITH of The Woodlands, Texas. Our nation should take proud note of the inspiring life and the immeasurable contributions of the Rev. W.D. Broadway.

A graduate of Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas, Reverend Broadway earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Corpus Christi followed by bachelor and master of Divinity degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

After school Reverend Broadway was guided to the Texas communities of Rockport, Lancaster, Portland and The Woodlands, where in each he served as pastor of the Southern Baptist Church. With him were his most treasured blessings—wife Hugh Delle Manahan, daughter Jerene and son Mike.

It was through his extraordinary leadership of INTERFAITH of The Woodlands that I proudly became one of his many friends and admirers. Although no one word can hope to illustrate this bountiful life to date, on reflection Reverend W.D. Broadway is, above all, a builder:

A builder of spirit. In men and women, young and old alike, through the World of the Lord. As powerful and compelling in person as in the pulpit, Reverend Broadway frequently provided a crucial moral compass by smiling and announcing "I feel a sermon coming on * * *."

A builder of houses of worship. Under Reverend Broadway's stewardship fourteen building programs were launched in the churches he ministered. His hands and heart have been directed to serve as the fund raising consultant for another 67 churches—Methodist, Baptist, Nazarene and Presbyterian. Think a moment about that: What a remarkable seed Rev. Broadway has sown throughout this land, to so exalt the Lord by helping others attain their vision of constructing much-needed houses of faith.

He is a builder of hope. This I know first hand. During the terrible Texas economic recession during the late 1980's, many families found themselves without jobs, without a means to feed their children or to meet their mortgage payments. In some disheartening instances, both parents suddenly found themselves without work, shattering years of hard earned hopes and dreams.

Reverend Broadway and I worked together back then to create the Interfaith Training & Employment Project to help laid off workers find new jobs—to help them develop new skills and survive the emotional toll of financial uncertainty. Thankfully, the Private Industry Council of the Houston-Galveston Area Council supported the effort.

Since 1987, under this astute and caring leadership, ITEP has helped 24,112 people find new jobs and new hope. It has become one of the most successful job training partnerships in Texas. And it is due to the strength and vision of W.D. Broadway.

He is a builder of the community. When Reverend Broadway was named 1995 Citizen-of-the-Year for South Montgomery County, chamber of commerce Chairman Mike Karlins noted "of the churches, community groups and residents listed in INTERFAITH's annual directory, few have not benefitted from his encouragement, compassion and service to our community. He and his army of volunteers have welcomed thousands to our community, watching over our children as we work, helping families get through tough situations, providing assistance in finding jobs and enriching the lives of our senior citizens."

Mr. Karlins also observed that Rev. Broadway "is happiest and at his best when facing

the challenges of planting and nurturing the seeds of our religious infrastructure." In times of crisis, "his ability to marshal community resources was never more apparent than in the days following the devastating flood of the past year."

"Above all, he loves this community and those in it. As a result, we are all better for it."

Soon Rev. Broadway will walk out the door of his INTERFAITH office for the last time to begin a well-earned retirement. To his friends and co-workers it seems unthinkable: a day at INTERFAITH without the kind eyes and broad smile that distinguish the ruddy countenance of "W.D."

His wife of 47 years, Hugh Delle, remembers a long time neighbor in The Woodlands who once commented, "W.D., you have INTERFAITH in your head." Rev. Broadway quickly replied, "I like to think I have it in my heart."

Humble and at heart a servant of the Lord, W.D. will surely be embarrassed by this tribute—even more so if all of his amazing accomplishments, service to the community and national professional leadership positions were identified. In total or in part, his contributions are testament to a life dedicated to living the Gospel and forging the good works of the Lord here on earth.

Reverend W.D. Broadway is truly a builder—of love, inspiration, grace and compassion. As a community and as a nation, we are better for it.

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND LONG
BEACH—A TRUE PARTNERSHIP
FOR PROGRESS

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I am a resident of the city of Long Beach, CA. In 1974, then Mayor Wade asked a number of us to form an Economic Development Corporation in order to turn the city around.

The Economic Development Administration [EDA] provided an original grant of \$750,000 in the 1970's which was leveraged into a title IX grant of \$7.65 million.

This amount was later leveraged into more than \$200 million in private funding for the large urban renewal program which changed the face of downtown Long Beach in the 1970's and 1980's. The result was new hotels, new businesses, a major world trade center, an expanded convention facility.

EDA's help meant jobs.

EDA funds also contributed to roadway improvements to allow further renewal of the downtown and shoreline areas of Long Beach.

In the words of City Manager James Hankla and Jerry Miller, deputy city manager, the EDA has been the most responsive agency in the Federal Government in helping Long Beach address the impact of three major base closings through the Defense adjustment program.

EDA provided half of the funding—\$6 million—for the parking facilities critical to one of Long Beach's premier attractions, the recently opened Aquarium of the Pacific. This project has been a cornerstone of the city's recovery