

and well-protected environment, and that it is not necessary to threaten or damage the environment to meet the energy needs of Californians. Fred has been a strong advocate of energy conservation and efficiency programs, in addition to developing programs to encourage households to generate their own electricity with renewable energy. In March 2000, Fred's bond measure, Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act was passed. In drafting the Marine Life Management Act, Fred brought together sport and commercial fishermen, environmentalists, and scientists to address the question of how to be good stewards of our ocean resources.

Fred Keeley understands that the greatest of all of California's resources are its people, and that state, federal, and local governments should do all they can to invest in these people by investing in their education. The Central Coast is home to excellent institutions of higher education, many of which have formed partnerships with the research facilities located around the Monterey Bay. One of the ways Fred is helping college students and their communities is by addressing the need for student housing. Fred also works on behalf of younger students through his efforts to create a high school in Watsonville, and on behalf of our youngest students, through his efforts to improve availability of funding for the Healthy Start program.

Term limits will force Fred Keeley to leave the California State Assembly, and his talent and vision will be sorely missed. However, I know that he will continue an active contributor to the communities of Central Coast, as he did in his years as a Member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, and as my Chief of Staff when I served in the California State Assembly. I am proud to call Fred Keeley a friend, and happy to honor him for his commitment to public service.

HONORING SUSAN PETERS

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Susan Peters as she retires from over 37 years of educating children of elementary grade levels one through three. Susan has taught at Neil Armstrong Elementary School in Diamond Bar, California for 30 years and has been in the Pomona Unified School District for 33 years. She has even had the rare opportunity to teach the children of former students. Formerly, her first four years were in the State of Michigan.

In her years at Neil Armstrong, she took the lead role in organizing the school library and bringing it into the 21st century. Susan, with her team teacher Toby Kahan, has instituted the AR reading program and set it up on computers for the entire school. She has always been available to serve on many different committees, both school and district-wide. Susan holds a Masters Degree in Education specializing in reading.

Susan's departure will be a great loss to her school and to the children she teaches. She

has stated that from the time she was a small child she knew that she was to be a teacher, and she succeeded in that dream. This is a great and very dedicated educator whom I congratulate for her years of outstanding commitment to our children as she goes into retirement.

HONORING REVEREND DR. ZAN
WESLEY HOLMES, JR.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the career of one of Texas' most beloved and honored spiritual leaders, the Reverend Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr., who retires this month as Senior Pastor of St. Luke "Community" Methodist Church in Dallas. Reverend Holmes has been a friend and spiritual mentor to me—and to so many others in the world—throughout his decades of service to our community. This evening he is being honored for his extraordinary service with an Official Tribute orchestrated by the friends and family members he has touched over the years.

Reverend Holmes is a man of unshakable faith, great wisdom, and bountiful kindness. He has been a pillar of the Dallas community for more than 45 years, working tirelessly to stabilize and mobilize our neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for all North Texans. By giving of himself so generously, he has helped to strengthen our families and our spiritual faith, promoted justice and equality, and helped create economic opportunities that has made Dallas a more diverse city to live.

First and foremost, Reverend Holmes has been a spiritual beacon for the Dallas community. As a young man attending Huston-Tillotson College, he accepted his calling to the ministry and embarked on a path that has uplifted so many of us over the years. In 1956, Reverend Holmes moved to Dallas to attend Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology. He became a professor in the same department in 1974, inspiring generations of ministers since that time.

Throughout his pastoral career, Reverend Holmes has achieved many milestones. He helped found Hamilton Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. In 1968, Reverend Holmes rose to District Superintendent in the West Texas Conference of the United Methodist Conference when segregation called for a separate African-American governing body of the United Methodist Church. After the Methodist Conference integrated in 1970, Reverend Holmes' term as District Superintendent carried over into the unified conference and he proudly served on behalf of people of faith of all colors.

Shortly thereafter, Reverend Holmes was appointed Minister of St. Luke Methodist Church in East Dallas. He came at a time when the church only had 50 members, and through his leadership, the congregation has grown to more than 5,000 members. He brought to St. Luke the desire to build a city-wide congregation that embodied a strong commitment to community outreach. After his

installation as pastor, the word "Community" was added to the church's name at his insistence. In keeping with this sense of community, Reverend Holmes has brought many of his seminary students to St. Luke for their pastoral internship, making it a training ground for many well-known pastors who preach around the world today.

Beyond his work in the pulpit, Reverend Holmes has been a tireless leader in the fight for fairness and equality in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex. While becoming one of Dallas' true visionaries, his work has helped to strengthen the voices and representation of African-Americans, as well as Hispanic Americans in many sectors of our community.

When I first considered running for the Texas House of Representatives in 1972, Reverend Holmes stood by my side and encouraged me. His wise counsel helped me to make the decision to run in that first election, which launched my 30-year legislative career. Throughout my career, I have been privileged to rely on Reverend Holmes for support and advice as well as for his friendship.

He has also played a pivotal role in bringing up other Texas African-Americans into elected office, and has met the call to office himself. Reverend Holmes worked on the campaign for the first elected African-American Texas State Representative Joseph Lockridge. After Representative Lockridge was killed in an airplane crash, Reverend Holmes was asked to fill his unexpired term. Reverend Holmes then ran for election and served two full two-year terms as a Texas State Representative. As an elected official, Reverend Holmes fought to create single-member districts, which ensured that African American and Hispanic voters would have more representation. Many, many other African American political leaders have ascended to public service from his guidance and teaching.

On any given day, hundreds of people in the Metroplex leave their homes to participate in programs spearheaded by Reverend Holmes. Believing that the church must be involved in the education of our youth, Reverend Zan Holmes and his late wife of 43 years, Dorothy, created the Zan W. Holmes, Jr. Scholarship Program, which has raised more than half a million dollars to help send deserving young people to college. At the end of each grading period, Reverend Holmes has reviewed the report cards of the children in his congregation. One by one, students have lined up outside his office to speak to Reverend Holmes about their grades and the challenges they are facing. These are the kind of personal touches that we have come to know from Reverend Holmes—and one of the great qualities we will dearly miss.

Mr. Speaker, for all of these accomplishments, and for so many others that are too numerous to list here, I am proud to rise in honor of Reverend Dr. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. and to express my gratitude for his many years of selfless public service. He is truly a role model and leader in our global community, and though we will miss hearing his words of wisdom and faith coming from the pulpit each Sunday, we congratulate Reverend Holmes as he moves on to new spiritual journeys.