For the past 80 years, The Flint Journal has been located in their main building, which was designed by the noted architect, Albert Kahn. In 1954, an addition was completed where the printing of the paper has taken place for half a century. In October of 2002, the Flint Journal, as part of its commitment to continuing to provide superior newspaper coverage of world and local events, broke ground on a new multi-million dollar state-of-the-art Press and Distribution center. The center was completed in the early part of 2004 and is located in downtown Flint, Michigan. The Press and Distribution Center is a 75,000 square-foot, six-story facility designed by Dario Design of Framington, Massachusetts.

Symbols of past and present are represented in the new building's design. On the glass of the press hall, the main part of the Press and Distribution center, are 12 etched design elements from the old building. The designs are of printers' marks from the early days of mechanical printing; an eagle, symbolizing vigilance; a lantern, for knowledge; and a beehive, for industry. The design also includes figures that represent typesetting—a medieval craftsman with tweezers, setting type for a book, and for engraving, an old man etching symbols with a stylus. Charles Wollitz, an artist for the Journal, designed 26 artistic tiles for the building exterior to symbolize some of the communities served by the Journal.

The Flint Journal along with its experienced and dedicated staff is committed to bringing quality news stories to the people of Genesee County. I am confident that with the modernization of their printing and distribution center, they will be even more effective in delivering stories and editorials that will not only inform, but will also inspire the communities which they serve.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of Congress representing Flint, MI, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating the Flint Journal on the opening of their new Press and Distribution center and in wishing them the best in future success.

CONGRATULATING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, CA, on the occasion of celebrating 150 years of dedication and service to the needs of the community. The church is holding numerous anniversary events throughout 2004, culminating in the observance of the actual founding on December 19.

The First Presbyterian Church was founded during the Gold Rush in 1854 and is one of California's oldest Presbyterian churches. The first pastor, John Brodt, started out with 15 worshipers and together they organized the church in the gold mining camp of Columbia. The historic church of the 49ers is located in Tuolumne County and has been a landmark in the restored mining town of Columbia, which has been a California State Historic Park since 1945.

Over the years, the church has had many renowned pastors. Henry Palmer delivered a eulogy in 1866 to then recently assassinated President Abraham Lincoln to a crowd of over 1,000 worshipers. Pastor Hugh Furneaux was designated ''Shepherd of the Hill'' by regional newspaper editors because of his efforts to go to remote camps with his two donkeys to deliver inspirational messages.

Today, First Presbyterian Church is the only regular place of worship in Columbia offering weekly services. The church also offers a variety of other services to the community including: music ministry, youth ministry, adult bible study, preschool, parish nursing, small groups, Presbyterian women ministries, and interfaith social services.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, CA on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing First Presbyterian Church many more years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF REVEREND DR. GEORGE E. MCRAE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions of one of our community's most remarkable leaders, the Rev. Dr. George E. McRae, Pastor of Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. I know Rev. McRae well, because he is my Pastor.

On Friday, May 14, 2004, at the Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel in Miami, the members of our congregation will honor Rev. McRae, for his 15-year service to our church and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Historic milestones and countless awards characterize Rev. McRae's pastoral service, including his recent designation as President of the Florida General Baptist Convention. Yet perhaps the one achievement of his many achievements that says the most about his values and priorities is his establishment of a community-based non-profit organization called MOVERS, or Minorities Overcoming the Virus Through Education, Responsibility and Spirituality. MOVERS is designed to meet the needs of lower income people with few options who are afflicted with the HIV/AIDS virus and other sexually transmitted diseases, and their families. Over the years, Rev. McRae and his dedicated staff have taken few resources and done much good.

The 17th Congressional District of Florida is so honored to bear witness to the consecration of this Man of God to works of charity. The timeliness of his wisdom and the focus of his sensitivity guide us in committing ourselves to the well being of the less fortunate, the voiceless and the underrepresented. By establishing MOVERS, he has made it his mission to courageously stand by this mission of mercy, thus evoking his calling to bring to everyday life the Gospel's good news of healing and reconciliation.

Rev. McRae is a man of great faith who has come to define the role of the church in its stewardship over the voiceless and the disenfranchised members of society. It is something analogous to the role of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as he resiliently struggled through the harrowing challenges of racial equality and the demands for simple justice and equal opportunity for all.

The timeliness of his common sense and the courage of his conviction serve to strengthen and guide us at a time when our community needs someone to put in perspectives the agony and pain of people without resources or options who need help with problems that are much bigger than they can handle alone.

While Rev. McRae will be honored by the members of the Mt. Tabor congregation, this fitting but symbolic ceremony is but one small measure of the genuine respect and thanks that people in Miami feel for his contributions to our community. Our collective pride in sharing his friendship is only exceeded by our gratitude for all that he continues to do on our behalf. Indeed, this is the remarkable legacy for which we will honor Dr. McRae. We are fortunate to have a man of his compassion, intelligence, caring and energy, and I want to express to him the thanks and best wishes of everyone in our community.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ADAM M. ELLIOTT

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Adam Elliott has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Adam Elliott has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Adam Elliott has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Adam Elliott must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 548 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Adam Elliott as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOHN B. SMITH

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Col. John B, Smith upon his retirement after 30 years of outstanding service in the United States Army.

Colonel Smith has distinguished himself during his military service in challenging and diverse assignments. Throughout his remarkable career, he has been recognized and decorated for his ability to lead by example, encourage excellence from his peers and subordinates, and consistently produce outstanding results at all levels of command.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 2 years, Colonel Smith has served in the position of Chief of