

For 35 years, Captain Jennings has served the Concord Police Department and surrounding community. His hard work has improved the safety of the city as well as bettered the overall quality of life for all members of the community. I am proud to commend him today for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to the people of the city of Concord.

THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2004*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is my esteemed privilege to honor the city of Northampton, MA, and its residents as they celebrate the 350th anniversary of its European settlement in 2004. This occasion presents a wonderful opportunity for this community rich in history to reflect on its achievements, to celebrate its quality of life, and to join in ensuring this legacy for future generations.

Northampton was founded in 1654 on lands previously known as "Nonotuck" or "Norwottuck." This fertile Connecticut River Valley has been inhabited for more than 10,000 years by native peoples who began their agricultural industry. The fur trade was later established in the 1630s, upon the arrival of the Europeans. Once beavers grew scarce, the Pocumtuck and Mohican leaders began transferring lands to pay off debts to traders. Northampton became an established trade and marketing center in the 18th century.

Present day citizens of Northampton are proud to follow in the footsteps of an esteemed heritage. Famous Northampton native Jonathan Edwards sparked the religious revival of the Great Awakening in the 1740s with his enthused ministry. This historic city produced heroes such as General Seth Pomeroy of the Revolutionary War who was a delegate from Northampton to the First and Second Provincial Congresses, a major general in the Massachusetts Militia and fought at Bunker Hill. There was much economic unrest following the Revolutionary War that led to Daniel Shay leading his rebellion before the Constitutional Convention. Caleb Strong, who was a delegate to the Convention, became Massachusetts' first senator and an 11-term governor.

The dawn of the 19th century welcomed new economic opportunities. The New Haven canal promised to be profitable, however, the beginning of the American Railroad system and the shareholders failure to recoup their investments prevented this from thriving. Northampton provided an enriching environment for many industries, including education, with the foundation of the Northampton Association of Education and Industry. This association combined a radical abolitionism with a communally owned and operated silk mill, including members such as Sojourner Truth, William Lloyd Garrison, and Frederick Douglas in its inner circle.

Northampton continues to thrive in education. George Bancroft established the Round Hill School in 1823. Author George Washington Cable founded the Home Culture

Clubs in 1884. The Hill Institute created one of the first kindergartens in the United States. The prestigious Smith College was founded here in 1871, and the North Hampton Law School claims such alumni as Franklin Pierce.

Probably one of the most famous natives is former President Calvin Coolidge, who took office in 1923. Described by Jenny Lind as the "paradise of America," she was one of many who were drawn to the beauty of Northampton. Other famous visitors over the centuries include famous poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, Marquis de La Fayette, and Henry James who chose Northampton as the setting of his first novel. Artist Thomas Cole captured its beauty in art and called the city "picturesque." Also poet Sylvia Plath found inspiration in Northampton. Sylvester Graham, a diet and health food enthusiast, hails from Northampton as well and is the inventor of the Graham cracker. Also Lydia Maria Child, an abolitionist, poet and writer, was born in Medford in 1802.

Northampton prides itself on its long and distinguished past, and its claim as one of the oldest cities in the United States. With such prominent and influential figures dotting its rich history, it is evident as to why Northampton is such a thriving and vivacious city today.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING NATIONAL MORTGAGE BROKER DAY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas mortgage brokers originate two out of three residential home loans in the United States;

Whereas mortgage brokers have played a key role over the last 30 years in helping to raise the nation's homeownership rate to an historically high level of over 68 percent;

Whereas mortgage brokers are an integral component of the national housing market that has played a critical role in bolstering the American economy;

Whereas mortgage brokers are typically family-owned, small businesses employing 360,000 Americans at 44,000 firms with deep roots in their local communities;

Whereas mortgage brokers work every day to provide home financing options and resources to Americans in under-served low-to-moderate income and minority communities;

Whereas mortgage brokers help millions of Americans realize the dream of homeownership each year;

Therefore, I join with my colleagues in urging that June 7, 2004 be designated "National Mortgage Broker Day", as a tribute to the mortgage broker industry, which for more than 30 years has provided new homeownership and financing opportunities for millions of American families enabling them to build equity that can be passed on to future generations.

IN MEMORY OF REV. TRACY  
CARROLL

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 11, 2004*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I have the regrettable duty to inform the House of the death of Rev. Tracy Allen Carroll of Camdenton, MO.

Reverend Carroll was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, and was raised in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was baptized at the Park Avenue Christian Church. He attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene, OR, where he met Colleen Troxell, whom he married in 1980. In Eugene, Reverend Carroll was ordained at the Allison Park Christian Church after earning his Masters of Divinity from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX, in 1988.

Reverend Carroll served many communities in Oregon and Texas, and arrived in Missouri to minister to the people of Cape Girardeau and Camdenton. He also spent a year in Tokyo, Japan, and served as chaplain at the Edna Galdney Maternity Home and Adoption Agency in Fort Worth, TX.

Reverend Carroll's compassion extended beyond the doors of his congregation. Benefiting from his many philanthropic activities in the Camdenton area were the LAMB House, Camdenton Manor, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, Missouri Mental Health Association, Helping Hands Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and the Salvation Army. He was also the volunteer mediator for the Missouri Bar Association, a position he filled from the program's inception in 1991.

As you no doubt recall, on January 29, 2003, Reverend Carroll served as Guest Chaplain for the House of Representatives. I know we all found wisdom and guidance in his words that day.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Carroll will be missed. His care and compassion touched many people, probably more than he ever knew. His life of service is an example to us all. I know my fellow Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his wife, Colleen; his son, Nathaniel; his daughter, Tabitha; and the rest of his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MILITARY IMPACTED SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND STAFF FOR THEIR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION OF MILITARY CHILDREN

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 598, a bill recognizing the valuable contributions of military impacted schools, teachers, administration, and staff to the education of military children.

Approximately 750,000 children of Active Duty Armed Forces members attend public or